

REPORT ON PROPOSED CUT-OFF CHARGES

September 23, 2010

Cut-off Description

A “cut-off” is the cutting off of a service connection pipe at or near the main. This is required when a property is redeveloped and old services to it will no longer be used.

For services under 3-inch (copper), the work requires merely closing the corporation stop at the main and cutting the pipe just out from the stop.

For services 3-inch and larger (cast and ductile iron), the work requires cutting the pipe, disassembling one side of a mechanical joint tee or valve and installing a mechanical joint plug.

Background

Cut-off charges used to be contained in the Legislative Code. A recent Code change removed them from the Code and established that they be approved by city council resolution based on recommendation of the Board of Water Commissioners following a public hearing.

The charges below were recommended by the Board at its September 14, 2010 meeting and are now the subject of a public hearing scheduled for November 3, 2010.

Excavation by others		
Under 3-inch	No Charge	
3-inch through 8-inch	\$600.00	\$700.00
Over 8-inch	Actual Cost	
Excavation by SPRWS		
All sizes	Actual Cost	

The current charge of \$600 for 3-inch through 8-inch cut offs excavated by others was established in 2005. The Board has recommended that it be raised to \$700 to better reflect the current average cost of \$705.