

Underwater Services

Underwater electric power lines can be used to provide electric service to properties that are located across the water, with no road access, and no on land power lines available. Underwater services require an approved permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (applied for by Lake Country Power). Underwater power lines can only be constructed between July 1 and September 15.

Lake Country Power requests the following information be included with your underwater application.

- Completed New Service Application
- Completed Membership Agreement
- An easement giving Lake Country Power permission to install and maintain underwater cable and cabinets on the shore of your property.
- \$2,750 Engineering Fee (of which \$2,550 is non-refundable)
- A complete legal description.
 - A complete legal description can be found on your deed or is available from the county recorders office.
- A site sketch or survey of the property.
- Developments require a utility corridor recorded on the plat.

Underwater Service Information

Lake Country Power does not approve or deny permits for underwater installations; this decision is made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Underwater permits take 3 to 6 months for approval, because construction dates are so limited Lake Country Power can not guarantee same year installation for applications received after April 15. The best time to apply for underwater electric service is between January and March.

All developers are encouraged to contact Lake Country Power before the application is made to discuss special requirements required by Lake Country Power and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Service restoration to an island in the spring and fall during unsafe ice conditions creates additional challenges for the restoration crews. If the transformer or the underwater cable feeding your new home should fail, restoration could take an extended period of time.

Lake Country Power does not guarantee regular and uninterrupted supply of energy and in case the supply of energy is interrupted or defective, the Cooperative shall not be liable for any damages resulting therefrom.

When planning your project, you may want to consider system monitoring, backup generation and backup heating systems to protect your home in the event electric service is interrupted for a long period of time.

If you have any questions or concerns about applying for an underwater electric service please contact us at 1-800-421-9959.