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City to underground residential service lines using existing rate structure

WINTER PARK, FL (June 23, 2022) At the June 22 City Commission meeting, the Commission approved the undergrounding of residential service lines as part of its existing undergrounding schedule of planned projects. This decision was made due to the Electric Utility Department and its customers already experiencing sharp increases in fuel costs, lengthy lead time for materials to be supplied, and the general effects of inflation.



Prior to this decision, undergrounding service lines were at the responsibility of the homeowner. Now, when crews are already in an area scheduled to complete undergrounding projects, electric operations will proceed with undergrounding residential service lines. This plan will provide the utility the efficiency of completing the undergrounding of primary and residential lines in these areas at the same time.

This plan, however, will lengthen the overall time to complete the undergrounding of all overhead lines in city. At the end of May 2022, the utility has completed 72% of undergrounding while 35.7 miles of overhead lines remain. The revised expected completion date for the overall undergrounding has been adjusted from 2026 to 2030 in response to the supply delays as well.

For more information about the Electric Utility Department and its undergrounding efforts, please access cityofwinterpark.org/undergrounding.

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