



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4909.173 Water-works company replacement of water service line.

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(A) As used in this section and section 4909.174 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Customer-owned water service line" means the water service line connected to the water-works company's water service line at the curb of a customer's property.

(2) "Water-works company" means an entity defined under division (G) of section 4905.03 of the Revised Code that is a public utility under section 4905.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) A water-works company may do any of the following:

(1) Replace lead customer-owned water service lines concurrently with a scheduled utility main replacement project, an emergency replacement, or company-initiated lead water service line replacement program;

(2) Replace lead customer-owned water service lines when mandated or ordered to replace such lines by law or a state or federal regulatory agency;

(3) Replace customer-owned water service lines of other composition when mandated or ordered to replace such lines by law or a state or federal regulatory agency.

(C) If a water-works company replaces customer-owned water service lines under this section, then the company shall include the cost of the replacement of the water service lines, including the cost of replacement of both company side and customer-owned water service lines and the cost to evaluate customer-owned water service lines of unknown composition, in the valuation report of the property of the company as required under division (B)(9) of section 4909.042 the Revised Code or division (B)(6) of section 4909.05 of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, for inclusion in a rate case under this chapter.



(D) The water service customer who is responsible for the customer-owned water service line that was replaced under this section shall hold legal title to the replaced water service line.
