

Hibiscus Island

Above Ground to Underground Conversion Program

Step 1:

Each resident must engage an electrician to make a site visit to provide the required FPL sketch for above-ground to under-ground conversion, or in some cases a currently existing underground service whose service pick up point must be adjusted to the new street location.

We have been working with OCE Electricians who were recommended by our neighbor, Brad Meltzer, the President of Plaza Construction, a well-respected builder. That said, each resident should feel free to hire whomever they wish as long as they are certified.

OCE Electricians Contact info as follows:

Carlos Garcia (786) 209-5658; cgarcia@ocefl.com

Lou Zacier (954) 761-6757; lxavier@ocefl.com

Step 2:

In order to proceed with the conversion of the service from overhead to underground each resident (with the assistance of their electrician) must complete the two enclosed FPL forms: **System Application Product “SAP” Form** (customer information form) and the **Underground Sketch Form**. These forms will provide FPL with the required measurements including the distance between the new street pick up point to the house meter and the other necessary information required to make the proper calculations and to issue the conversion invoice. Homeowners who are already underground will not be responsible to pay FPL a conversion fee.

Once completed, the forms need to be emailed to FPL: Carlos.Henao@fpl.com

Step 3:

In addition, FPL will need each homeowner’s “riser diagram” electrical plan. The riser diagram is the diagram that determines how the meter is set up (the existing meter and the new one, if required).

Step 4:

If OCE Group is utilized, they are requesting an initial deposit of \$ 1,000.00 (the deposit will be applied towards their final invoice).

The deposit will cover at minimum the following: Initial site inspection by their electrical engineer and the completion of the electrical drawings required by FPL and the City of Miami Beach. OCE will also provide a complete proposal price for all work required for the conversion including all materials, trenching and conduit installation.

Step 5:

The 2 required FPL forms are delivered to Carlos Henao: Carlos.Henao@fpl.com

The homeowner and/or the homeowner's electrician applies for a City of Miami Beach permit for the work to be completed.

City of Miami Beach Permit Department: (305) 673-7610, Ext: 26344 *(We will try to provide a more specific contact name going forward and will advise.)*

Step 6:

Depending of the specifics, FPL will issue an overheard to underground conversion invoice to the homeowner, which will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. This fee is for FPL work and is not associated with the work completed by the private electrician you engage.

Homeowners who are already underground will not incur a FPL a conversion fee.

Step 7:

Once FPL has been paid, the homeowner's electricians will be able to pick up the appropriate materials from FPL, which shall be installed by electricians.

Step 8:

After the conduit is installed by the homeowner's electrician, the City of Miami Beach will make final inspection. The approved inspection documents are then sent to FPL so FPL can schedule its final inspection.

Step 9:

FPL will schedule an appointment for the actual underground conversion as FPL is responsible for the pulling of all wires and making all connections both at the homeowner's meter and the street service pick up point. Basically, anything to do with actual "wires" to/from the home will be the responsibility of FPL.

SPECIAL NOTE: For dry lot homes that are currently already underground from the home to the current service point (typically in the 12' right of way behind/besides your house) and need to relocate their underground service pick up point to the new location at the street in front of your home, FPL is currently researching our contract as the original understanding was that FPL would handle these relocations as part of the project. We will keep you advised based upon FPL's feedback.