

## OKLAHOMA CLIMATOLOGICAL SURVEY FEES FOR SERVICE

*Effective 1 May 2008*

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<b>Photocopies</b>	\$0.25 per page
<b>Facsimile</b>	\$1.00 per page for long-distance telephone connections
<b>Staff Services</b>	\$50 per hour for research, data analysis, producing special products, and acquisition of climate data from non-traditional sources (for example, data extraction from CD-ROM) \$100 per hour for scientific / expert analysis requiring advanced knowledge of meteorology and/or climatology
<b>Letter of Authenticity Or Affidavit</b>	\$40 (special certification needs may incur additional charges)
<b>Rush Order</b>	\$30 in addition to other applicable fees
<b>Service Fee Exemption</b>	If the costs of data and/or services, including fees for “rush orders”, are less than \$20 (\$15 for out-of-state customers), costs will be waived.

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### **DATA EXTRACTION:**

*Applies only to internal archives. Products downloaded from websites and printed or e-mailed do not need to follow this fee structure.*

<b>Mesonet Data</b>	See attached summary of Mesonet Steering Committee policy.
<b>Cooperative Observer:</b>	\$5 per station (any time period) Annual subscription \$15 for one station; \$5 each additional station
<b>Hourly NWS Data:</b>	\$1 per day (\$20 maximum for one year) \$5 each additional year \$5 each additional station
<b>WSR-88D:</b>	\$40 per radar per UTC day for data files \$10 per image (printed or digital)

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*Any or all fees may be reduced or waived for Oklahoma governmental or educational purposes.*

*Rush order fees apply only to those requests that are placed ahead of existing orders.*

*Fees are subject to change without notice.*

## **FEES FOR ARCHIVED DATA FROM THE OKLAHOMA MESONETWORK:**

*Last Update: 27 August 2003*

### *Selected Stations (\$20 minimum)*

	<u>per observation</u>	<u>per day</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>per year</u>
• Daily / Monthly			\$1.00	\$10.00
• Hourly	\$0.01	\$0.24	\$7.00	\$84.00
• 30-minute	\$0.01	\$0.40	\$10.00	\$120.00
• 15-minute	\$0.01	\$0.60	\$15.00	\$180.00
• 5-minute	\$0.01	\$0.85	\$25.00	\$300.00

### *Whole Network (\$20 minimum)*

	<u>per file</u>	<u>per day</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>per year</u>
• Daily / Monthly		\$5	\$50	\$600
• Hourly	\$0.50	\$10	\$300	\$3,600
• 30-minute	\$0.50	\$20	\$500	\$6,000
• 15-minute	\$0.50	\$30	\$750	\$9,000
• 5-minute	\$0.50	\$40	\$1,000	\$12,000

*Mesonet Climatological Data*      \$1 per page (station-month)  
Annual subscription \$15; \$10 each additional station

*Model / Archived Files*      \$1 per file (\$20 minimum)

*Summarized Data*      \$1 per day of data included in summary (\$20 minimum)

*Annual data CD*      \$1,000 per year (whole network, 5-minute data)  
\* not available for current or prior year

***Data for multiple stations are prorated according to the number of stations requested, up to the whole-network fee.***

***Fees apply to all standard variables or any subset of those variables measured by the Mesonet; fees will not be prorated on a per-variable basis.***

***Redistribution of Mesonet data purchased under this policy is prohibited. Mesonet Data (observations) are subject to additional charges for limited redistribution privileges.***

***Mesonet data downloaded from a public website are not subject to this pricing policy.***

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## RATIONALE FOR FEE STRUCTURE

1. Presently, there is a lack of consistency in charging for data and/or climate services. When somebody requests data, it is not clear what, or even if, the customer should be charged a data and/or service fee.
2. The American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) is trying to increase the capabilities of state offices. As part of this effort, the AASC has entered into an agreement with the Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) and the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) to provide assistance and services to qualifying state offices. The agreement is referred to as the AASC Recognized State Climate Office (ARSCO).
3. As part of establishing an ARSCO, the AASC encourages the development of a fee structure:
  - "ARSCOs are encouraged to charge fees for services in order to cover the cost of filling the user's requests."
  - "NCDC and RCCs will provide assistance to the ARSCOs, if requested, in establishing fair and equitable pricing guidelines for climate services to be consistent with the NCDC and the RCC price guidelines."
4. A state office need not conform to these guidelines, but the guidelines should be a basis for establishing a fee structure. The document I prepared uses the Southern Regional Climate Center's policy as a basis (attached), tailored to the services provided by OCS.
5. The policy is a policy – not a binding legal document. OCS must maintain latitude to charge or waive fees as it sees fit. Exclusions should apply to state entities, including educational institutions, and perhaps could extend to all Oklahoma taxpayers.
6. However, the fee structure should be sufficient to operate the climate services portion of OCS *without reliance upon the Mesonet for support*. At a minimum, this entails paying a data-entry operator, a student-computer operator, some staff time for a Staff Climatologist and Administrative Assistant, and any supplies and resources necessary for these individuals to do their tasks.
7. No billing should be done for cases where it would cost more for OCS personnel to process the payment than would be recovered from the customer. This means either set a minimum fee applied to all mail-out services or waive fees for which costs fall below a certain level. Consideration should be given to how much small-item invoices might contribute (projections) to the OCS M&O budget.
8. The resulting policy should be publishable and defensible. Once established, it should be posted on the OCS web site and in the OCS front office.