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GENERAL INFORMATION

3. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FACILITIES TO SERVE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

J. UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS (Cont'd)

(10) Exceptions to the General Rule

The installation of overhead distribution facilities may be allowed under the following circumstances:

(a) Large Lots

When the average trench footage per dwelling unit planned within a subdivision exceeds 200 feet, and the developer does not request nor has a governmental authority with jurisdiction to do so required that underground facilities be installed, overhead lines may be installed.

(b) Excessive Cost

Where the trench cost per foot would be greater than twice the filed cost per foot shown in the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution (URD Statement), the Company or applicant may petition the Public Service Commission to allow overhead lines or grant other appropriate relief, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(c) Slow Development of a Subdivision

The Company may install overhead distribution lines in a residential subdivision or section thereof otherwise required to have underground distribution lines when;

- (i) The developer of the residential subdivision is not primarily engaged in the construction of dwelling units within the subdivision;
- (ii) No governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has required underground service; and
- (iii) Either:
 - 1) Five years have elapsed from the sale of the first lot within the residential subdivision to the first application for installation and the Company has no indication that there shall be any other new applicants in the residential subdivision within six months, or
 - 2) Five years have elapsed from the time of final approval of the residential subdivision and less than 25% of the lots have been sold in the subdivision, or any section thereof except where 10% or more of the lots in the residential subdivision or any section thereof have been sold within the last two years.

In case where overhead installation would be permissible in accordance with conditions (iii), except that less than five years have elapsed and the Company has reason to believe that the residential subdivision shall not be developed sufficiently soon to permit the orderly utilization of underground lines installed to serve the initial applicant(s), the Company may petition the Commission to allow overhead installation. Such petition shall set forth the relevant economic, engineering, or environmental factors.

The petition shall be granted or denied based on those factors.

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