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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 (Cont'd)

(d) Environmental Effects

When the Company or applicant believes the installation of overhead lines would be more environmentally desirable than underground facilities, the Company or applicant may petition the Public Service Commission to allow overhead lines, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

- (i) Service to a residential subdivision may be supplied overhead if no governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has required undergrounding and the Company can provide service to the entire residential subdivision under the following circumstances:
- By extending its facilities no more than 600 feet in a cul-de-sac where a position of the street within the residential subdivision is served by overhead facilities within or at the entrance of the cul-de-sac; or
 - By connecting an area between existing overhead facilities for a distance of 1,200 feet, or less.
- (ii) If no governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has required undergrounding, service to a residential subdivision may be supplied overhead by installing service laterals to new applicants from existing overhead lines.

Where the Company constructs overhead lines because of reasons in paragraph (i) it shall report such overhead construction to the Commission quarterly along with a description of the project. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if the necessary facilities are proposed to be in a VSR, refer to the procedures set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 99.2 shall apply.

(e) Cul-de-sac

Overhead facilities may be installed when no more than 600 feet of overhead extension is required to serve a cul-de-sac where a portion of the street within the subdivision is served by overhead facilities within or at the entrance to the cul-de-sac, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(f) Connection of Existing Overhead Lines

Overhead facilities may be installed when existing overhead distribution lines can be connected by no more than 1,200 feet of extension, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

(g) One-pole Extension

Where a one-pole extension, including but not limited to road crossing pole extensions, would enable an existing overhead distribution line to be connected to a proposed distribution line in a residential subdivision, such extension may be installed overhead, rather than underground; provided, however, that if the necessary facilities are proposed to be in a VSR refer to the procedures set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 99.2 shall apply.

(h) Service Laterals

Overhead service laterals may be installed in new subdivisions from existing overhead distribution lines, if a governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so has not required that underground facilities be installed.

In unusual circumstances when the application of these rules appears impracticable or unjust to either party or discriminatory to other customers, the applicant or the Company may refer the matter to the Public Service Commission for a special ruling or for approval of special conditions mutually agreed upon prior to commencing construction.

In cases 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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