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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PART II - RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 6. EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISTRIBUTION PROVIDER FACILITIES (Cont'd)

##### **L. INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES IN VISUALLY SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE (VSR) AREAS**

All new lines in Visually Significant Resource (VSR) Areas will be evaluated in accordance with 16 NYCRR Part 99 to determine whether underground or overhead construction is appropriate, provided that the Distribution Provider has not expended up to its maximum obligation as set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 99.2.

This section applies to new construction on public and private land in VSRs, where a qualified agency:

- (i) has no statutory authority to require the underground construction of a particular distribution or service line; and
- (ii) has supplied to the Distribution Provider and to the Commission, and the Commission has accepted and approved, a map(s) of the particular VSR, at a scale appropriate to such VSR, showing its boundaries in sufficient detail to permit the Distribution Provider to comply with the requirements of this Rule, and should be accompanied by a textual description where clarification of the VSR boundaries is desirable.

If it is determined after the report and assessment required by 16 NYCRR 99.2(b) and (j) that an extension will be installed underground within a VSR, the Distribution Provider will be responsible for that portion of the costs and expenses of both the distribution line extension and service line that exceeds the amount that the Distribution Customer would have been required to pay for the installation of comparable overhead facilities.

Where any telephone company has been permitted to install a distribution or feeder facility necessary to furnish permanent telephone service overhead in a particular VSR, the Distribution Provider may install a distribution or service line necessary to furnish permanent electric service overhead using the poles which were used for the telephone facility.

VSR(s) located in the Distribution Provider's Control Area are set forth on the statement titled "Statement of Visually Significant Resource Areas" filed with the Public Service Commission. Such statement shall be filed with the PSC whenever changes are warranted pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 99.

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