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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)

(5) 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 under Rule 3.J.(2)(a), 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

When the developer is not primarily engaged in the construction of dwelling units within the subdivision and there is no governmental authority requiring undergrounding; and either (1) five years have elapsed from the sale of the first lot to the first applicant for service and there is no indication there will be any other applicants within six months or (2) five years have elapsed from the time of final approval of the subdivision and less than 25 percent of the lots have been sold in the subdivision or any section thereof except where 10 percent or more were sold within the last two years, overhead distribution facilities may be installed. Where overhead distribution would be permissible under (1) or (2) except that less than five years have elapsed and the Company has reason to believe the subdivision will not be developed sufficiently soon to permit orderly utilization of underground lines, the Company 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

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