

PSC No: 19 - Electricity
Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
Initial Effective Date: June 1, 2003

Leaf No. 61
Revision: 0
Superseding Revision:

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** (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.

(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) **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.

(6) **Applicant Trenching in Subdivisions.**

The applicant may provide for any trenching within the subdivision boundaries, subject to its meeting the Company's specifications. Any such cost reductions that the Company realizes as the result of applicant trenching will be applied against the applicant's portion of any charges in excess of any allowances, any cost savings may then be refunded to the applicant to the extent that the applicant trenching has reduced the Company's cost of installation. The per foot credit for trench used for electric installations only shall be the figure listed under Rule 3.J.(2)(a). Where the trench within the subdivision will be shared by other utilities (joint trenching) the per foot credit shall be determined by dividing the per foot credit by the number of utilities sharing the trench. If there is any delay or rework occasioned by incomplete or inadequate applicant trenching, the Company may charge the customer any costs and expenses incurred as a result.

ISSUED BY: James A. Lahtinen, Vice President Rates and Regulatory Economics, Rochester, New York