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

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thereafter operate, maintain and, when necessary, replace such lines at its own cost. Subsequent to installation of underground distribution electric lines and conduit (as applicable) in a residential subdivision the Company will not install permanent overhead electric circuits, including street lighting circuits therein.

(3) <u>Contribution By the Applicant</u>

(a) The applicant shall contribute to the Company the charges set forth on the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution for lines and conduit (as applicable) required to provide electric service to a residential subdivision. The contribution may be in the form of i) a non-refundable contribution, for the applicant's share of costs for installation in excess of the footage allowances provided under General Information Section 5.B(1), and/or ii) a refundable deposit, as described in General Information Section 5.C(4).

When the Company requires a refundable deposit, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of such deposit up to 100 ft. of single-phase distribution line per dwelling unit planned to be constructed in the residential subdivision. The refundable deposit will be computed based on the cost per foot of trench as set forth on the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution. If during the five-year period commencing with the date the Company is first ready to provide service, more homes are constructed in the residential subdivision than included in the original application, the Company will recompute the contribution required. The amount of excess contribution will be refunded to the applicant without interest.

- (b) The cost per foot of trench, as set forth on the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution, and non-refundable and/or refundable deposits per dwelling unit shall be subject to change annually based on the most recent five-year average of the Company's experienced annual average cost of all underground lines and conduit (as applicable) installed in subdivisions during a calendar year. Actual conduit costs (as applicable) will be included in the five-year annual average cost of all underground lines as incurred. An average of actual conduit costs will be used as proxy in the calculation until five years of actual costs have been incurred. Such annual cost information will be filed with the Public Service Commission prior to May 1, to become effective July 1, of each year. Each revised cost shall be applicable to underground installations contracted for after the effective date thereof.
- (c) A non-residing applicant for underground service to a residential subdivision has the option to provide the utility distribution trench and receive reimbursement, as set forth on the Statement of Underground Residential Distribution Contribution, through a refund, or applicant may elect to have the Company provide the distribution trench. For any excavation work done by the applicant, the Company may charge a non-refundable fee to inspect the applicant's work for the main distribution line and ensure compliance with corporation specifications. The applicant is solely responsible for providing the utility service trench to the dwelling unit and does not receive a refund for trenching for the service

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