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POLICY - UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICE -RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

A. APPLICABILITY

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- 1. Extensions of new electric distribution lines within a new residential subdivision, necessary to furnish permanent electric service to all buildings within the subdivision, shall be made underground when requested by an applicant, subject to the following terms and conditions.
- 2. This policy applies only to residential subdivisions falling within the definitions set out herein.

B. DEFINITIONS

THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND TERMS, WHEN USED HEREIN, SHALL HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED:

- 1. Applicant Any person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental agency controlling or responsible for the development of a new residential subdivision and applying for underground electric service in such subdivision.
- 2. <u>Building</u> Any permanent structure, within a subdivision, designed for single family occupancy, individually metered and containing only one (1) individual dwelling unit.
- 3. <u>Multiple Occupancy Building</u> Any permanent structure, within a subdivision, designed for two (2) or more dwelling units, each individually metered.
- 4. <u>Subdivision</u> A tract of land which is divided into ten (10) or more contiguous building lots or upon which two (2) or more separate dwelling units are to be located. Nothing in these definitions or terms shall be so interpreted to require the Cooperative to extend service to portions of the subdivision not under active development.
- 5. <u>Distribution lines or System</u> Electric service facilities consisting of primary conductors, transformers, and necessary equipment and appurtenances for the furnishing of electric power at primary voltage.
- Builder Contractor or other agent Lifs not the applicant, who will construct the single or multiple occupancy dwelling units to be erected on the building lots.

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- 7. Owner Any person, partnership, association, corporation, governmental agency, other than the applicant, who may purchase a building lot or lots within a subdivision for the purpose of erecting single or multiple occupancy dwelling units.
- 8. <u>Cooperative</u> Specifically Owen County R.E.C.C., an electric cooperative incorporated in Kentucky with main office at Owenton, Kentucky 40359.

C. RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS

- 1. The electric cooperative will construct, own, operate and maintain primary distribution lines only along easements, public streets, roads and highways which are by legal right accessible to the cooperative's equipment and which the cooperative has the legal right to occupy, and on public lands and private property across which rights of way and easements satisfactory to the cooperative may be obtained without cost or condemnation by the utility.
- 2. Rights of way easements suitable to the cooperative for the underground distribution facilities must be furnished by the applicant in reasonable time to meet service requirements. The cooperative may require that the applicant make the area in which the underground distribution facilities are to be located accessible to the cooperative equipment, remove all obstructions from this area, stake to show lot corners or control points along the cable route as specified by the cooperative, grade to within four (4) inches of final grade, and maintain clearing and grading during construction by the cooperative, all at no cost to the cooperative. The cooperative may require that suitable land rights be granted to it obligating the applicant and subsequent builders and owners to provide continuing access to the cooperative for operation, maintenance, or replacement of its facilities and to prevent any enroachment in the cooperative's easement or substantial changes in grade or elevation. Shrubs, trees and grass requiring protection from the cooperative's equipment during installation and maintenanc of underground facilities will be the responsibility of the applicant or owner who will also be reponsible for reseeding the trench cover where required.

D. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Where appropriate contractual arrangements have been made, the Cooperative will install within the subdivision an underground primary electric distribution system of sufficient capacity and using suitable materials which, in its judgement, will assure that consumers will receive reasonably safe and adequate electric service for the forseeable future.

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- 2. The applicant, builder, or owner shall, in accordance with applicable code requirements, furnish, install, own and maintain the underground service cables from the transformer to the building entrance and meter. The Cooperative will connect the service cable to its distribution system and supply and install the KWH meter when the consumers wiring is ready.
- 3. All primary conductors installed by the Cooperative within the Subdivision will be underground. Equipment or appurtenances such as transformers, pedestals, switching equipment or meter cabinets may be installed above ground.
- 4. Electric service to all single or multiple occupancy dwelling units shall be single phase with a separate meter for each dwelling unit.
- 5. The Cooperative reserves the right to determine the route of all underground primary electric lines and to install the number of primary conductors it determines is necessary for balanced loading, reserve capacity or emergency service.
- 6. The Cooperative shall determine the number of meters to be served from each transformer and how they shall be grouped.
- 7. The Cooperative shall determine the point at which the underground system begins and which will normally be at the boundary of the Subidivision. Overhead lines within the Subdivision shall be by mutual agreement between the applicant and the Cooperative. Underground lines exterior to the Subdivision may be installed by agreement with the Cooperative provided the applicant agrees to obtain all necessary easements and pay the difference in cost between overhead and underground construction.
- 8. The developer shall furnish the required number of plat drawings, including a mylar or other reproducible copy, approved by governmental authorities having jurisdiction. These drawings shall indicate the location of all proposed driveways, parking areas, building openings and sewer, water, gas and telephone facilities.
- 9. Prior to the start of construction, the cooperative will develop an underground system design showing the approximate route of all underground cable, and location of all transformers, pedestals, and switching cabinets. After approval by the applicant any changes or additions requested by the applicant requiring additional engineering or construction costs shall be borne by the applicant. The applicant shall also pay the cost of any repairs or replacement to the distribution system resulting from the negligent acts of the applicant, his agents, workmen or contractors.

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- 10. When the Cooperative starts construction, the area shall be clear of all other construction forces and completion of construction shall not be interrupted by other activities.
 - 11. A non-refundable payment shall be made by the Applicant equal to the difference between the cost of providing underground facilities and that of providing overhead facilities. The payment to be made by the Applicant shall be determined from the Average Cost Differential filed herewith as Exhibit A, which Average Cost Differential shall be updated annually as required by order dated February 2, 1973, of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky in Administrative Case No. 146. (Three (3) wire secondary and service conductor runs shall be considered as one conductor, i.e. triplex.) The average cost differential per lot, as stated, is representative of construction in soil free of rock, shale or other impairments which increase cost of construction.
 - 12. The Applicant shall furnish and install all conduit and crossovers required by the Cooperative, including all areas where paving is installed prior to the installation of the Cooperative's distribution facilities, and be responsible for installing and maintaining these crossovers in accordance with the Cooperative's specifications and location plans until the underground electric line is completed. A Cooperative inspector must approve all crossovers before the trenches are backfilled; and the Applicant shall stake each end of every crossover with a stake marked "ELEC.". The Cooperative shall determine where conduit and crossovers are required.
- E. CHARGES Applicant shall agree to pay the Cooperative:
 - 1. Single Family \$1.95 per foot.
 - 2. Multiple Occupancy dwelling units No charge to owner or applicant.
 - 3. Where rock, shale, or other impairments are anticipated or encountered in construction, the actual increased cost of trenching and backfilling shall be borne by the Applicant.
 - 4. The underground system for a single dwelling unit will normally be in front or back lot line. A multiple dwelling unit will have cable routed close to the building and the transformer placed at a convenient location immediately adjacent to the building.

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EXHIBIT A

AVERAGE UNDERGROUND COST DIFFERENTIAL

(Filed in compliance with Appendix to the Order of the Public Service Commission in Administrative Case No. 146, dated February 2, 1973.)

Estimated cost	: of Underground per foot	\$2.75
Estimated cost	c of Overhead per foot	\$.80
Estimated cost	: Differential per foot	\$1.95

