

Rule No. 20

REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES

REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES - CONDITIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1. ACTIVE RULE 20A PROJECT
An Active Rule 20A project is a project with a signed resolution that the Company has designated as either active or on hold.
 2. ON HOLD RULE 20A PROJECT
An On Hold Rule 20A Project is a project that was initiated but has stopped for an indeterminate amount of time due to the community possessing insufficient work credits to fund the entire project.
 3. INACTIVE COMMUNITY
An Inactive Community is one that has not:
 - a. Formally adopted an undergrounding district ordinance which expires at completion of work within the district boundaries;
 - b. Started or completed construction of an undergrounding conversion project since 2011; or
 - c. Received Rule 20A allocations from the utility for only 5 years or fewer due to recent incorporation.
 4. EXPIRED RULE 20A WORK CREDIT
Any Rule 20A work credit that has not been allocated to a community with an Active Rule 20A Project by June 8, 2025, shall be deemed expired. Any Rule 20A work credit that has not been deducted from a community's work credit balance by December 31, 2033, shall be deemed expired.
 5. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (ESJ) COMMUNITY CENSUS TRACT(S)
An ESJ Community census tract is a census tract that meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. Scores in the top twenty-five percent (25%) of CalEnviroScreen 4.0, along with those that score within the highest five percent (5%) of CalEnviroScreen 4.0's Pollution Burden but do not receive an overall CalEnviroScreen score;
 - b. Located in any federally-recognized tribal lands; or
 - c. Where aggregated household incomes are less than eighty percent (80%) of area or state median income.
 6. UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY
Any city, unincorporated county, or tribal jurisdiction that has not completed a Rule 20A project since 2004.
- A. The Company will, at its expense, replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along public streets and roads, and on public lands and private property across which rights-of-way satisfactory to the Company have been obtained, or may be obtained without cost or condemnation, by the Company, provided that:
1. The governing body of the city or county in which such electric facilities are and will be located has:
 - a. Determined, after consultation with the Company and after holding public hearings on the subject, that such undergrounding is in the general public interest for one or more of the following reasons:

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A. 2. c. Work credits may be donated intra-county, either from the county government to cities and towns within the county, or from a city or town to its county government, and pooling of work credits amongst two or more adjoining municipalities for a project with community benefit for the adjoining municipalities. Where there are work credits, the Company has the right to set, as determined by its capability, reasonable limits on the rate of performance of the work to be financed by the work credits.

A. 3. The undergrounding extends for a minimum distance of one block or 600 feet, whichever is the lesser.

Upon request of the governing body, the Company will pay for no more than 100 feet of each Customer's underground electric service lateral occasioned by the undergrounding. The governing body may establish a smaller footage allowance, or may limit the amount of money to be expended on a single Customer's electric service, or the total amount to be expended on all electric service installations in a particular project.

B. In circumstances other than those covered by A above, the Company will replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along public streets and roads or other locations mutually agreed upon when requested by an Applicant or Applicants when all of the following conditions are met:

1. a. All property owners served from the overhead facilities to be removed first agree in writing to have the wiring changes made on their premises so that service may be furnished from the underground distribution system in accordance with the Company's rules and that the Company may discontinue its overhead service upon completion of the underground facilities; or

b. Suitable legislation is in effect requiring such necessary wiring changes to be made and authorizing the Company to discontinue its overhead service.

2. The Applicant has:

a. Furnished and installed the pads and vaults for transformers and associated equipment, conduits, ducts, boxes, pole bases and performed other work related to structures and substructures including breaking of pavement, trenching, backfilling, and repaving required in connection with the installation of the underground system, all in accordance with the Company's specifications, or, in lieu thereof, paid the Company to do so;

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- B. 2. b. Transferred ownership of such facilities, in good condition, to the Company; and
 - c. Paid a nonrefundable sum equal to the excess, if any, of the estimated costs, exclusive of transformers, meters, and services, of completing the underground system and building a new equivalent overhead system.
- 3. The area to be undergrounded includes both sides of a street for at least one block or 600 feet, whichever is the lesser, and all existing overhead communication and electric distribution facilities within the area will be removed.
- C. In circumstances other than those covered by B.2.a or B.2.b above, when mutually agreed upon by the Company and Applicant, overhead electric facilities may be replaced with underground electric facilities, provided the Applicant requesting the change pays, in advance, a nonrefundable sum equal to the estimated cost of the underground facilities less the estimated net salvage value and depreciation of the replaced overhead facilities. Underground service will be installed and maintained as provided in the Company's rules applicable thereto.
- D. The term "underground electric system" means an electric system with all wires installed underground, except those wires in surface mounted equipment enclosures.

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