

Decision No. 89636 NOV 9 1978

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)
own motion into Mandatory Require-)
ments for Underground Extensions.)

Case No. 8993

ORDER REOPENING PROCEEDING

On November 4, 1969, in Decision No. 76394 (Case 8209) the Commission found that electric- and telephone-line extensions to new residential subdivisions should be undergrounded.

On May 5, 1970, in Decision No. 77187 (Case No. 8993), the Commission ordered that such extensions be undergrounded, unless a deviation from that requirement was authorized by the Commission.

On July 24, 1973, in Decision No. 81620 (Case No. 8993), the Commission specified the circumstances under which exemptions would be authorized. One such exemption provides for those residential subdivisions and real estate developments for which (1) a master plan, preliminary map, or tentative map was filed with the appropriate local authorities pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act on or prior to May 5, 1970 and (2) an agreement for overhead service was entered into with the utility on or prior to May 5, 1972.

Now, although eight years have passed since the deadline for qualifying for this exemption, some seventeen contracts, representing approximately 5000 individual lots, remain eligible. Therefore, in light of the lingering nature of this exemption, and because of the goal of the Commission to have all distribution facilities eventually undergrounded,

IT IS ORDERED that Case No. 8993 be hereby reopened for the limited and sole purpose of determining whether the exemption from the requirement of mandatory undergrounding ordered by the Commission on July 24, 1973, in Decision No. 81620, providing for those residential subdivisions and real estate developments for which (1) a master plan, preliminary map, or tentative map was filed with the

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appropriate local authorities pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act on or prior to May 5, 1970 and (2) an agreement for overhead service was entered into with the utility on or prior to May 5, 1972, should be terminated.

A public hearing in this investigation shall be held on February 28, 1979, at 10 a.m. at the Commission Courtroom, State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

The Executive Director shall cause a certified copy of this order to be mailed to all respondents and interested parties in Case No. 8993.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of NOVEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President

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Commissioners