

May 20, 2013

To: City of Norman c/o City Clerk  
Norman City Hall  
PO Box 370  
201 W. Gray  
Norman, Oklahoma 73070



Re: Cascade Addition application for permit to use the dedicated public utility easements

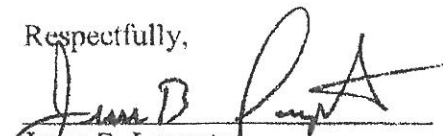
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, the Cascade Addition Home Owners Association ("CHOA") has petitioned the City for a permit to drill under the streets and through the existing public utility easements at certain location in the neighborhood to install, own and maintain water irrigation lines. Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") provides electric service in this addition and has installed, owns, operates and maintains an underground electric distribution system within the dedicated public utility easements throughout the subdivision. OG&E appreciates the opportunity to provide you with the Company's thoughts and concerns regarding the present request.

First and foremost, for OG&E, this is a safety issue. In any subdivision with underground utilities there can be any combination of electric, natural gas, water, telephone and cable all occupying the confined and dedicated utility easement. Caution and care must be taken to avoid injuries to persons and utility property when working in and around these easements. Secondly, as the use of the public utility easements is strictly controlled by municipal ordinances and other applicable law, any use of the dedicated public utility easement granted to CHOA must be conditioned upon its strict adherence to all applicable regulations. In addition to any such regulations, OG&E recommends that the following criteria also be satisfied. In order to help assure a safe crossing the minimum depth of five feet below grade should be maintained. Next the CHOA should be required to put in place and maintain general liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 to insure against damage to public utility property. Finally, the CHOA should be required to comply with all requirements, policies, procedures, and ordinances of the City of Norman, all construction codes and relevant safety procedures for working around public utility facilities, including specifically but not limited to the CALL OKIE statutory provisions.

The Company appreciates the opportunity to share its concerns regarding this request by the CHOA.

Respectfully,

  
Jesse B. Langston  
Vice President, Retail Energy