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PROGRESS REPORT FROM UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (UEC) – PART II

This is the second in a series of reports to the BSL community from the Underground Electric Committee, an advisory group of interested property owners who have been studying this issue for over a year. The objective of these reports is to provide property owners with the facts needed to reach an informed decision concerning underground electric delivery. To review the first report in this series “**Facts We Should All Know**” go to www.bsipoa.org click on Notifications, and open Notification 2008-10a. Also, if you wish to comment on these reports – or on the overall subject of underground electric delivery – please e-mail your remarks to undergroundelectric@yahoo.com

What are the Benefits of Underground Electric Delivery?

1. Aesthetically, the “look” of the entire community will be enhanced - **No Poles, No Wires**
2. Traditionally, communities with underground utilities reflect increased property values
3. A new home in BSL will save \$377 in electric hook up fees (\$216 vs. \$593)
4. Power outages will be less frequent and of shorter duration
5. To avoid corrosion and breakage, underground primary electric wire is coated with silicone, enclosed in selected PVC conduit and placed 36 inches below ground level
6. Switch boxes located in greenbelt areas allow for redirection of current so large sections of the community are not disrupted due to problems at an individual site
7. Community safety will be improved for at least three reasons:
 - a. no power poles or charged wires to fall on homes or streets during a weather event or traffic accident.
 - b. decorative street lighting will make our roads safer for drivers, bike riders, and particularly pedestrians and pet walkers
 - c. BSL will be less attractive to criminals who rely on darkness to hide their activities

Are there any Negatives?

Initially, the Committee identified two issues that could negatively impact the installation of underground electric in BSL:

- The first of these issues, financing, has been extensively researched, the favorable result of which will be the subject of the next progress report.
- The second issue is best described as a remote possibility. If BSL experiences an unlikely flood surge in which water rises high enough to inundate elevated transformers and switchboxes, power restoration time could be extended.

No other significant negatives were identified.

***The Underground Electric Committee appreciates the opportunity to share its findings with the entire BSL community. Please watch for our next report:
Cost and Payment Plans***

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