## NEW CONSTRUCTION HANDBOOK





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## Black Hills Energy

## **New Commercial Customer Packet**

Thank you for contacting Black Hills Energy about your power needs. This packet contains valuable information to help you acquire needed electrical services. Below is an index to the packet.

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#### Responsibilities for New Commercial Service - BHE/Customer

#### **BHE Responsibility**

- A. BHE will supply
  - a. Primary Conductors
    - i. Either overhead or underground
    - ii. Located on Right-of-Way(s) or utility easement.
    - b. Secondary conductors from overhead transformer to point of attachment
    - c. Transformer
    - d. Meter
- B. Installation of the above

#### **Customer Responsibility**

- A. Initial Information
  - a. Service Size (voltage, amperage, phase)
  - b. Type of load (gas heat, electric heat, total electric home, demand controller, seasonal, commercial, etc)
  - c. Location of service
- B. Signed Court House copy of following for each parcel crossed. Owner of record may need to sign an easement
  - a. Warranty Deed <u>and</u> Certified Plat (showing book and page)

#### OR

- b. Contract for Deed
- c. Pay any applicable fees before construction
- C. Sign and return the Electric Service Extension contract
- D. Wiring affidavit sent to Statea. Affidavit sticker to be mounted on service
- E. Trench, Conduit and Backfill (for underground cable)
  - a. Proper sized conduit per BHE specifications
  - b. Proper bedding per BHE specifications
  - c. Backfill over bedding
- F. All tree trimming per BHE specifications
- G. Meter base, CT enclosures, meter pedestals, transitions cabinets, and conductors from meter to main panel
- H. Install transformer pad
- I. Furnish and install secondary conductors from underground transformer customer owned facilities
- J. Completion of Grade Agreement



## Responsibilities for New Commercial Service Property Documents

Before Black Hills Energy can extend our power lines to your new commercial service we need to have permission to build on your property and possibly your neighbor's property. The permission would be either in the form of an already existing "easement" or a signed "Easement".

#### **Existing Utility Easement**

A <u>utility easement</u> gives a utility the right to place their equipment on your property within the easement. There may be an existing easement on or near your property. The easement may be located along roads, along lot lines or as other defined areas. Easements come in the form of drawn easements or described (written) easements. If your property is in a "platted" development, existing utility easements may be shown or noted on a document known as a <u>plat</u>. The official plat is located at your county court house in the **Register of Deeds**.

If your property has not been platted it is known as "described" property. Easements for described property may also be in the form of drawn easements or as described (written) easements.

Easements on both described and platted properties may be shown or noted either on a drawn or described (written) "exhibit". This document may be filed as a "miscellaneous document".

If it is unknown whether a utility easement exists on your property a search may need to be done in the Register of Deeds.

#### Signed Easement

If a utility easement does not exist, an Easement needs to be produced and signed. An Easement gives a utility the right to place their equipment on your property. The Easement document may be produced using copies of existing plats or described property as found in the **Register of Deeds**. Any Easement needs to be signed by the owner of the property. In the case of a <u>Contract for Deed</u> the Easement needs to be signed by the person(s) selling the property and the person(s) purchasing the property through the contract. BHE will provide the needed Easement form for you to use to either execute an Easement or obtain one from neighboring property owners that the power line will need to cross.

In order for Black Hills Energy to know who owns the property our power lines will cross to serve you, a deed is also needed from the Register of Deeds. A deed can be in the form of a Warranty Deed, a Quitclaim Deed or a Contract for Deed. Any of these show who the owner or owners are of platted or described real estate.

#### Warranty Deed

This document names the current owner(s) and who the property was purchased from. The Warranty Deed also describes exactly what property is owned. The official Warranty Deed is located at your county courthouse in the **Register of Deeds**.

#### **Quitclaim Deed**

This document names the current owner(s) and who the property was purchased from. The Quitclaim Deed also describes exactly what property is owned. The official Quitclaim Deed is located at your county courthouse in the **Register of Deeds**.

#### **Contract for Deed**

This document names the current owner(s) and who is currently purchasing the property. The Contract for Deed also describes exactly what property is owned. The official Contract for Deed is located at your county courthouse in the **Register of Deeds**.

It is the responsibility of the person requesting new electrical service to gather the required documents from the county courthouse. For every separate piece of real estate crossed by the new electric extension a copy of the deed,

as described above, needs to be supplied to BHE. If the real estate noted on the deed copy has been platted then another document, a plat (copy of), is also required from the courthouse.

There are two ways for you to gather the documents needed for Black Hills Energy to extend our power lines to your new service.

#### Do it Yourself

The first way is for you to go to the courthouse to find and purchase copies of the Deed(s) and/or Plat(s). This may take the least out-of-pocket money but may also take the most time.

#### Hire it done

The second way is for you to hire someone skilled in this occupation to go to the courthouse to find and purchase copies of the Deed(s) and/or Plat(s) for you. This may be the quickest way but will cost you more. The following companies, among others, can assist you in gathering these documents:

#### Companies and Individuals able to do title, deed, and easement searches

#### BUTTE COUNTY

Belle Butte Title Co 713 6th Ave Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605) 892-3949

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Black Hills Land Title Co 2011 N Main St Spearfish, SD 57783 (605) 642-7304

#### BLACK HILLS LAND TITLE CO 83 Sherman St.

Deadwood, SD 57732 (605) 578-2376

#### CUSTER COUNTY

Custer Title Co 322 Mt Rushmore Rd Custer, SD 57730 (605) 673-4838, talk to Joyce

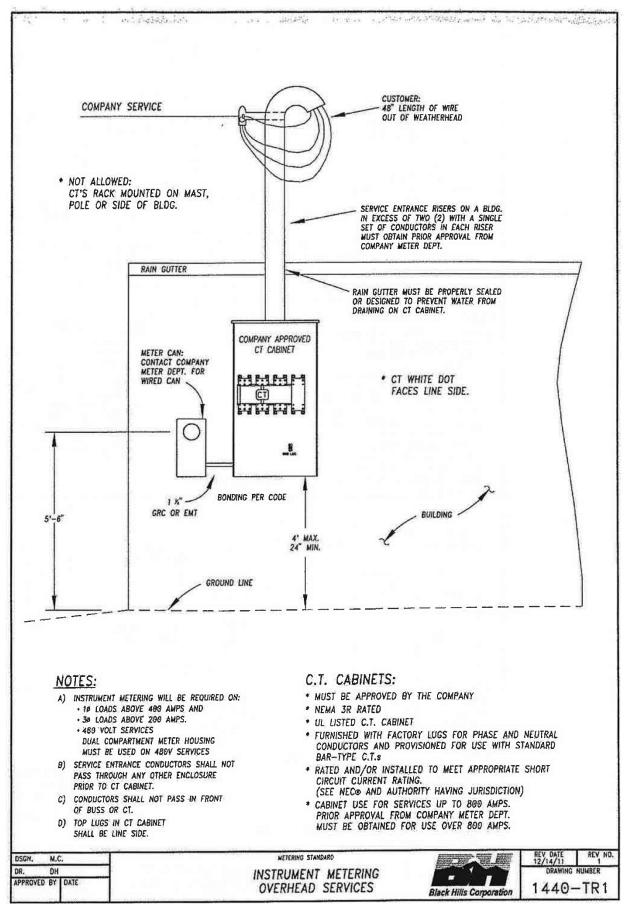
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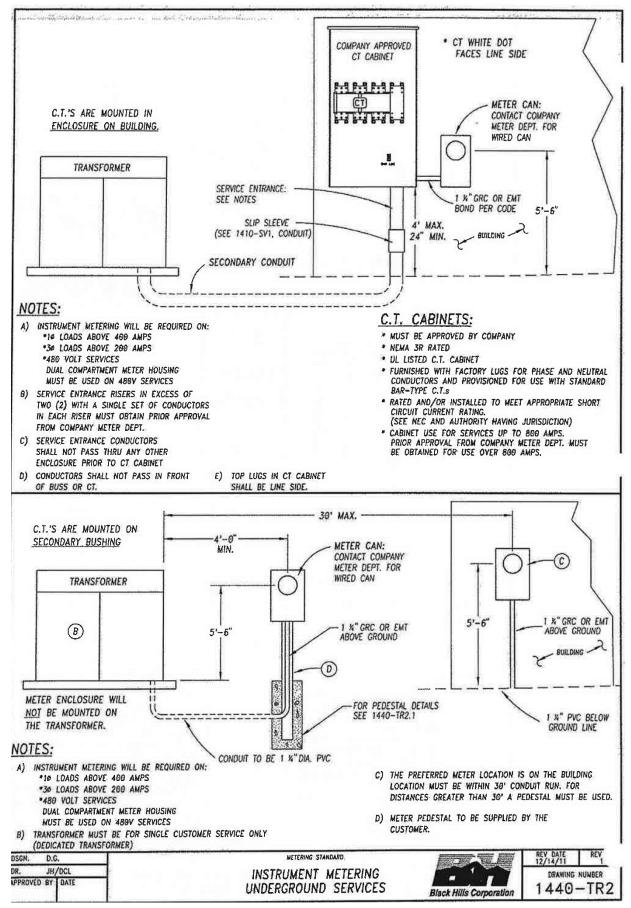
Fall River Abstract PO Box 908 Hot Springs, SD 57747 (605) 745-5187, talk to Shelly

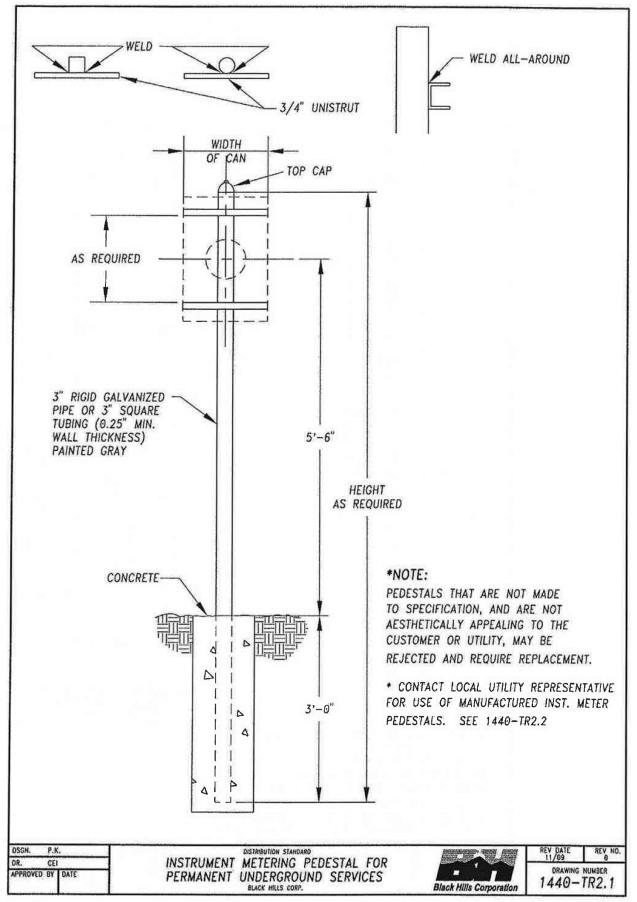
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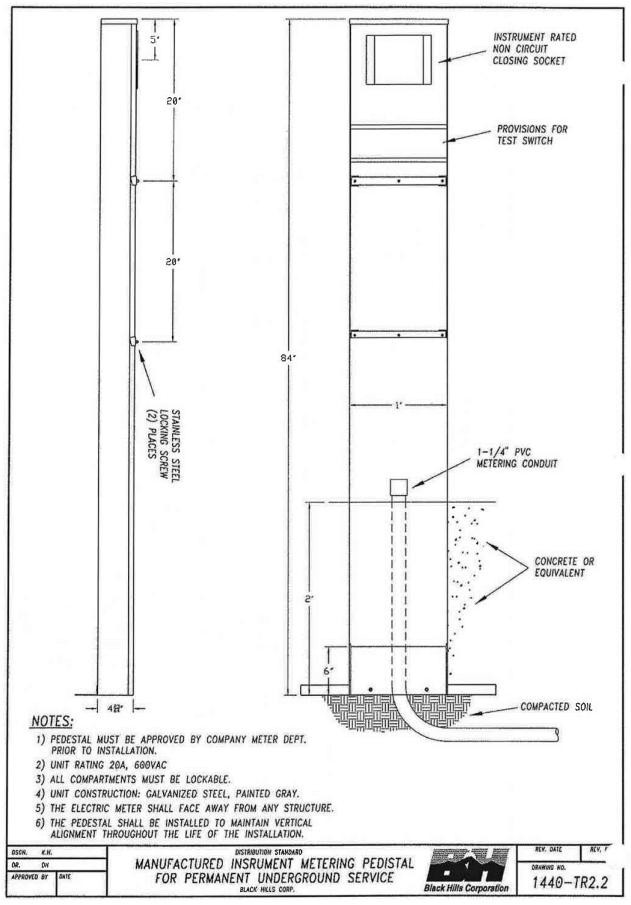
Meade County Title Co 1530 Junction Ave Sturgis, SD 57785 (605) 347-4402 Toll Free 1-800-732-7694

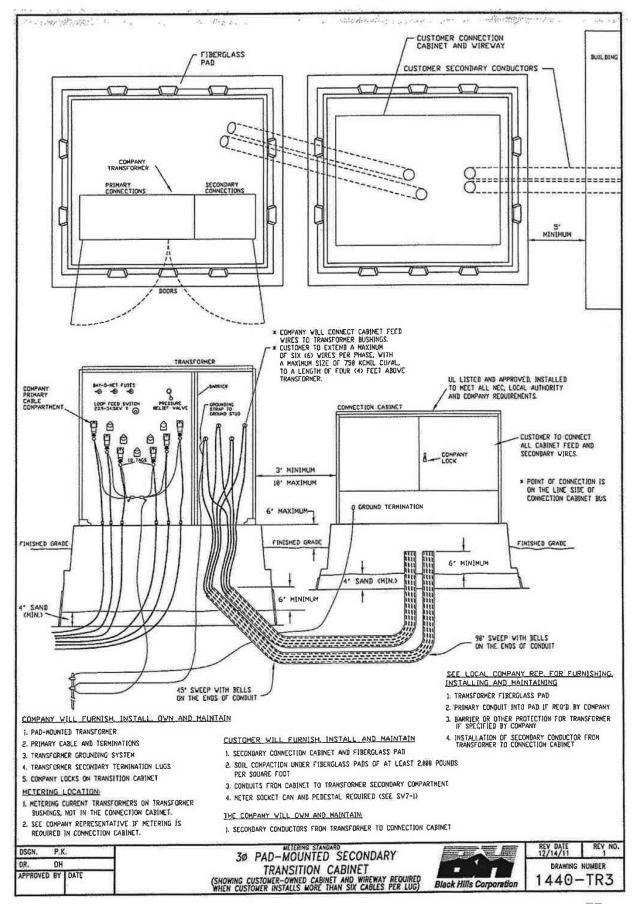
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_	JURISDICTION BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE PROVIDED.				
3.	PERMANENT SERVICES MUST BE LOCATED WHERE THE METER WILL BE PROTECTED FROM MECHANICAL INJURY. SHOULD RELOCATION OF A PERMANENT SERVICE BECOME NECESSARY, THE RELOCATION COST WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER.				
4	OVERHEAD PERMANENT SERVICE DROPS SHALL BE SUPPORTED ON COMPANY APPROVED POLE, WALL, OR STRUCTURE. THE MAXIMUM SERVICE DROP LENGTH FROM COMPANY POLE TO THE SERVICE DEPENDS UPON CONDUCTOR SIZE. CONSULT WITH YOUR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TO DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE. PERMANENT SERVICE MUST MEET COMPANY STANDARDS.				
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9.	<ul> <li>GROUNDING REQUIREMENTS:</li> <li>A. GROUND WIRE - NO. 6 COPPER MINIMUM - IN SEPARATE CONDUIT NOT IN WITH COMPANY WIRE.</li> <li>B. GROUND RODS 8' LONG 5/8" GROUND ROD, AS PER CURRENT ISSUE OP N.E.C.</li> <li>C. ALL GROUND RODS TO BE INSTALLED IN UNDISTURBED EARTH.</li> <li>D. ALL GROUND RODS TO BE EMBEDDED BELOW PERMANENT MOISTURE LEVEL PER N.E.C.</li> </ul>				
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	J. WHEN USING MULTIPLE METER HOUSINGS THE SERVICE ADDRESS SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO METER SOCKET BY MEANS OF A PERMANENT STAMPED BRASS, ALUMINUM OR STAINLESS STEEL TAG.				
11.	CONDUIT: A. PVC MINIMUM IS	SCHEDULE 40.			
	B. NO LB ELBOWS ON LINE SIDE CONDUIT ALLOWED, ALL CORNERS SHALL BE OF THE SWEEP VARIETY.				
		E REQUIRED ON ALL PVC RISERS			
12.	2. CUSTOMER OWNED GUYING, WHEN REQUIRED, TO BE ADEQUATE FOR WIRE SIZE AND SPAN LENGTHS. SEE YOUR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.				
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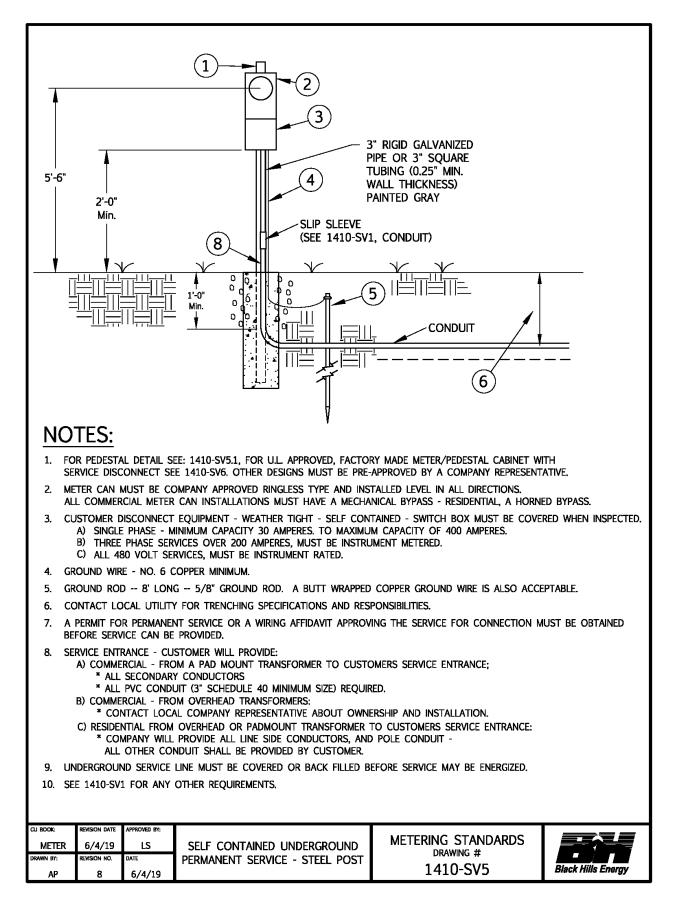


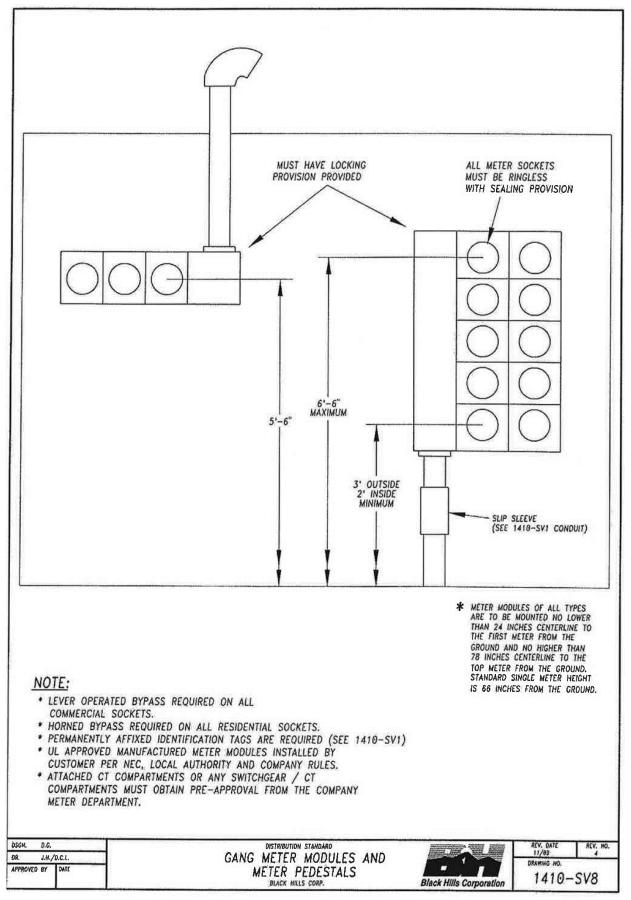


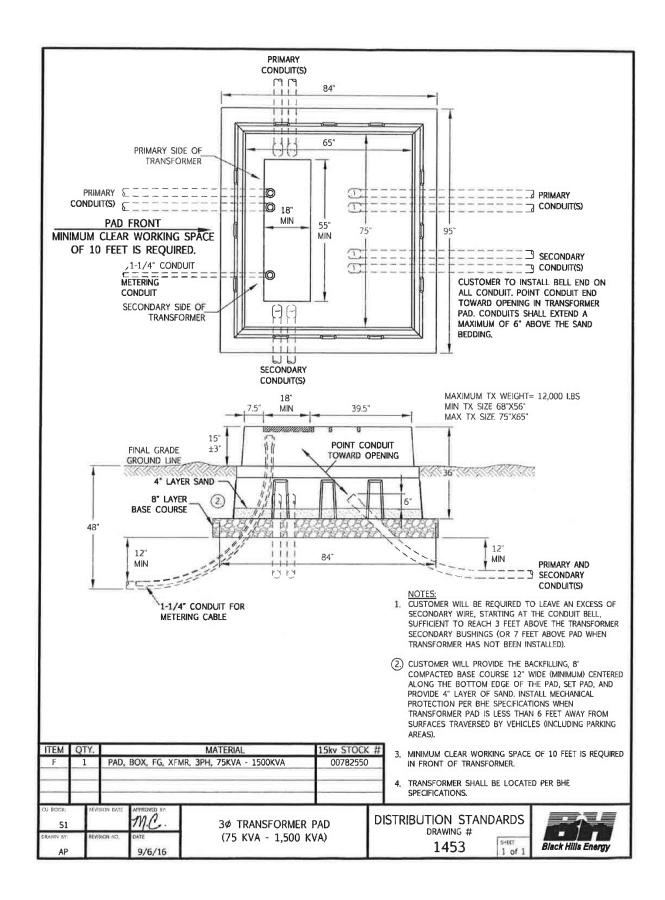












#### GENERAL:

- 1) PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMERS SHALL BE LOCATED IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE TO LINE TRUCKS FOR EASY INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL.
- 2) PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMERS SHALL BE LOCATED IN AN AREA NOT SUBJECTED TO FLOODING.
- 3) PADS FOR TRANSFORMERS SHALL BE PROTECTED AGAINST LANDSLIDES, DRAINAGE WASH OR DRIFTING SAND, ETC. THE INSTALLATION OF RETAINING WALLS OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH AND SUITABLE CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER.
- 4) PADS FOR TRANSFORMERS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED LEVEL.
- 5) ANY PROTECTIVE OR DECORATIVE FENCING OR ENCLOSURE TO BE BUILT AROUND A PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMER MUST BE APPROVED BY CONSTRUCTION PLANNING AND ENGINEERING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- 6) COMBUSTIBLE AND NON-COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES SHALL BE DEFINED IN ACCORDANCE TO ASTM E136.

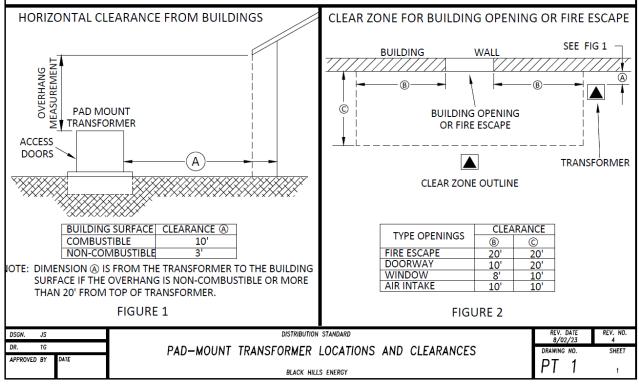
#### BASIC HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES: (FIGURE 1)

THE FOLLOWING HORIZONTAL CLEARANCES BETWEEN PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS AND ADJACENT STRUCTURES ARE REQUIRED:

- 1) TEN FEET MINIMUM FROM COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES. CUSTOMER SHALL PROVIDE NON-COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES OR FIRE-RESISTANT BARRIERS, AS SPECIFIED IN FM DATA SHEET 5-4, IF CLEARANCE IS LESS THAN 10'.
- 2) THREE FEET MINIMUM FROM A NON-COMBUSTIBLE SURFACE ON ANY SIDE AND AT LEAST 10' CLEAR WORKING SPACE ON THE FRONT SIDE OF THE TRANSFORMER.
- 3) OVERHANGS (COMBUSTIBLE)
  - a) IF AN OVERHANG OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL CLEARS THE TOP OF OIL-FILLED PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS BY A MINIMUM OF 20' VERTICALLY, THE REQUIRED DISTANCE SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE BUILDING WALL.
  - b) IF AN OVERHANG OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL CLEARS THE TOP OF OIL-FILLED PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS LESS THAN 20' VERTICALLY, THE REQUIRED CLEARANCE SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE FARTHEST PROJECTION OF THE OVERHANG.

CLEARANCE FROM AIR INTAKE, WINDOWS, DOOR AND FIRE ESCAPES: (FIGURE 2)

- 1) DOORS: A PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMER SHALL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN A ZONE EXTENDING 20' OUT FROM AND 10' TO EITHER SIDE OF A DOOR.
- 2) <u>WINDOWS:</u> A PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMER SHALL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN A ZONE EXTENDING 10' OUT AND 8' EITHER SIDE OF A WINDOW ON THE 1st FLOOR. THE TRANSFORMER SHALL NOT BE ANY CLOSER THAN 5' FROM ANY PART OF A SECOND STORY WINDOW, NOR DIRECTLY BELOW AN OPERATING WINDOW.
- 3) <u>AIR INTAKES:</u> A PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMER SHALL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN A ZONE EXTENDING 10' OUT FROM AND 10' TO EITHER SIDE OF AN AIR INTAKE. IF THE AIR INTAKE IS ABOVE THE TRANSFORMER, THE TRANSFORMER SHOULD BE 25' FROM THE OPENING.
- 4) <u>FIRE ESCAPES:</u> A PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMER SHALL NOT BE PLACED WITHIN A ZONE EXTENDING 20' OUT FROM AND 20' TO EITHER SIDE OF A FIRE ESCAPE.



#### **APPLICATION:**

IF PAD MOUNTED EQUIPMENT MUST BE LOCATED IN PAVED OR TRAVELED AREAS, OR ADJACENT TO SUCH AREAS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGE FROM VEHICLES, PHYSICAL PROTECTION ACCEPTABLE TO BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY MUST BE PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED BY THE CUSTOMER. BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY WILL DETERMINE WHEN SUCH PROTECTION IS NECESSARY.

#### MATERIAL:

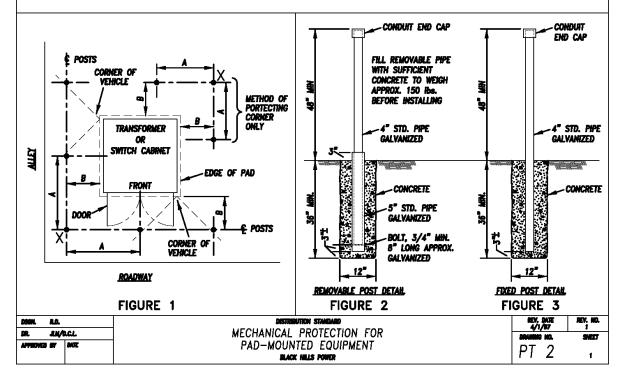
GALVANIZED 4" STANDARD PIPE AND END CAP IS THE <u>PREFERRED</u> METHOD OF POST FABRICATION. A SMOOTH CONCRETE DOME IS PERMITTED IN PLACE OF THE END CAP. WHEN A <u>CONCRETE DOME</u> IS USED, THE PIPE END MUST BE FREE OF SHARP EDGES. THE 5" DIAMETER SECTION FOR INSTALLING REMOVABLE POSTS MUST ALSO BE GALVANIZED.

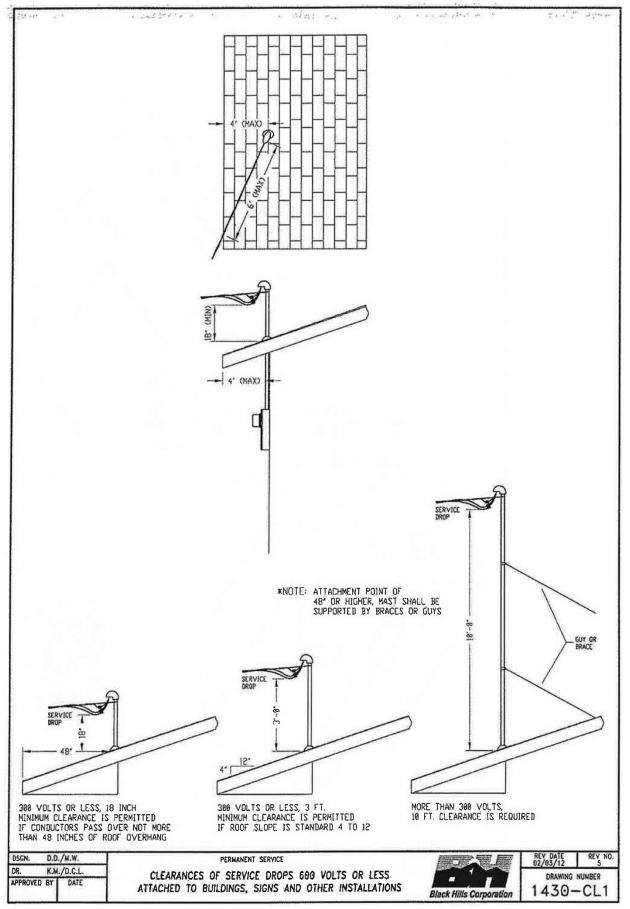
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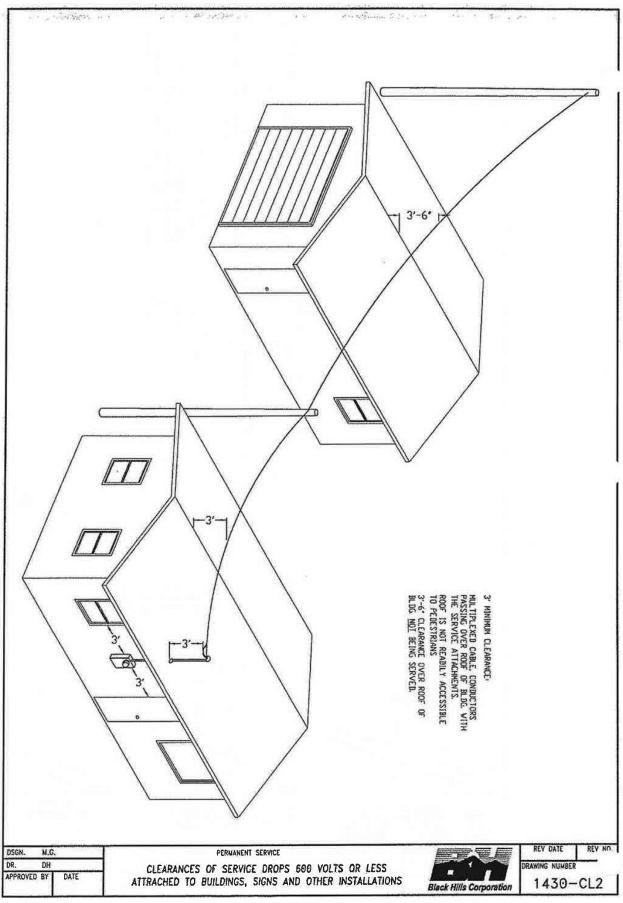
- 1) LOCATE BARRIER POST SO THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE OPENING OF EQUIPMENT DOORS. USE REMOVABLE BARRIER POSTS AS FOLLOWS:
  - a) ON DOOR SIDE(S) OF EQUIPMENT WHERE POSTS COULD INTERFERE WITH OPERATION OF LIVE LINE TOOLS.
  - b) WHERE THE USE OF FIXED POSTS WOULD OBSTRUCT ACCESS FOR INSTALLATION OR REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT.
- 2) DIMENSIONS FOR LOCATION OF POSTS WITH RESPECT TO EQUIPMENT PAD ARE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS: (SEE FIGURE 1)
  - a) DETERMINE THE MOST PRACTICABLE DISTANCE "B" (FOR EACH SIDE) THAT POSTS CAN BE LOCATED FROM THE EDGE OF THE PAD.
  - b) DIMENSION "A" (FOR EACH SIDE) MUST BE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 TIMES "B" MINUS 6 INCHES BUT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 42 INCHES.
  - c) PLACE THE FIRST POST AT THE INTERSECTION OF PROJECTED CENTERLINES, (POINT X).
  - d) PLACE ONE POST DISTANCE "A" FROM POINT "X" ALONG EACH SIDE TO PROTECT CORNER.
  - e) CONTINUE TO PLACE POSTS DISTANCE "A" APART ALONG SIDES TO BE PROTECTED.
  - f) <u>TO PROTECT ONE SIDE ONLY</u>, PROCEED AS IN "a" AND "b" ABOVE, PLACE FIRST POST DISTANCE "B" FROM EDGE OF PAD AT EACH POINT WHERE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED THEN PROCEED AS IN "a" ABOVE.
  - g) TO PROTECT CORNER ONLY, PROCEED AS IN "a" THROUGH "d" ABOVE.

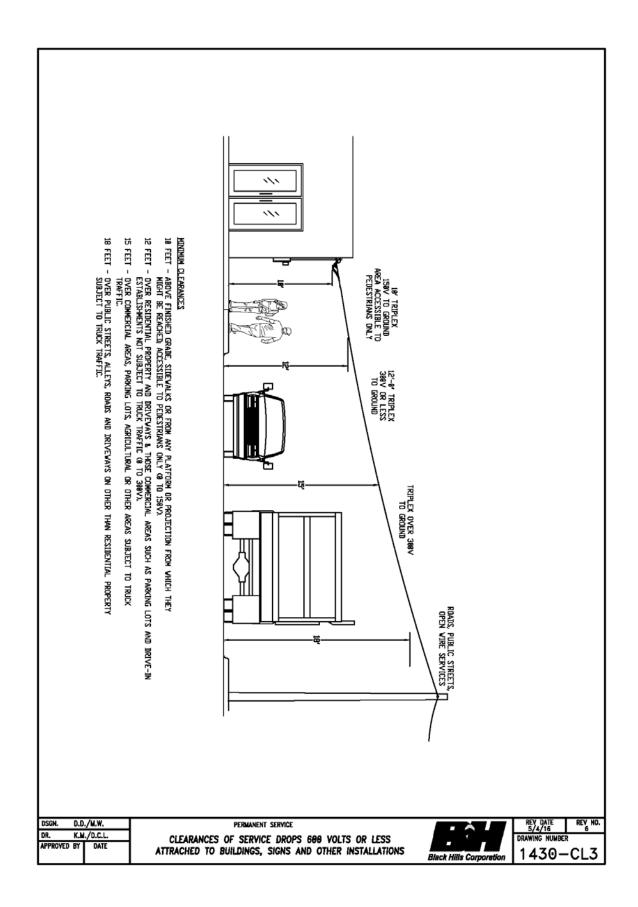
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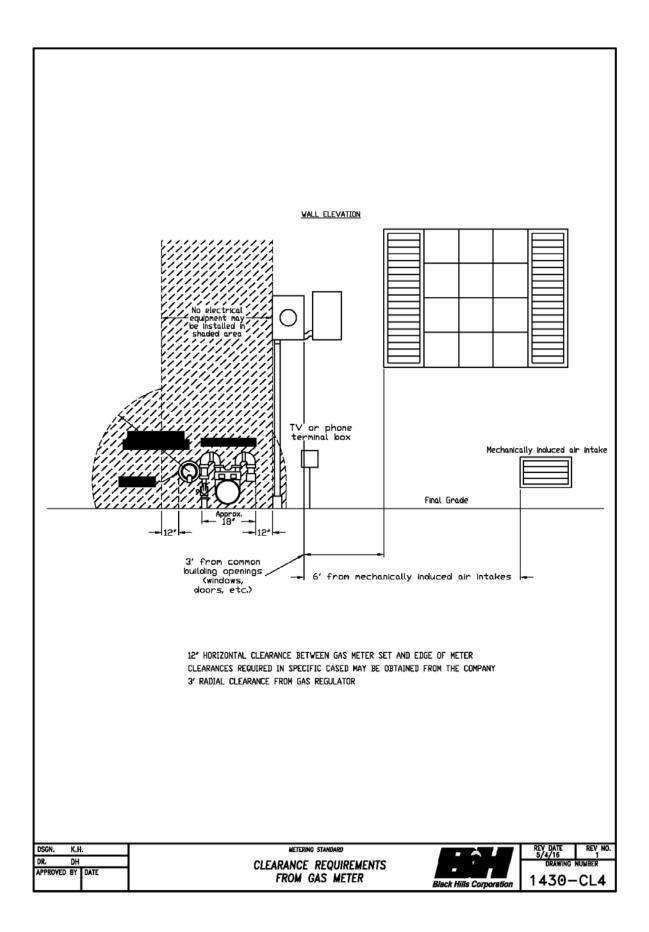
- 1) A BUILDING WILL FURNISH PROTECTION PROVIDED IT IS LOCATED AT A POINT WHERE A POST WOULD NORMALLY BE REQUIRED.
- 2) SQUARE FACED STREET CURBING PARALLEL TO NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW CAN BE CONSIDERED SUITABLE PROTECTION IF THE PAD-MOUNT EQUIPMENT IS LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 6 FEET BEHIND THE CURBING.



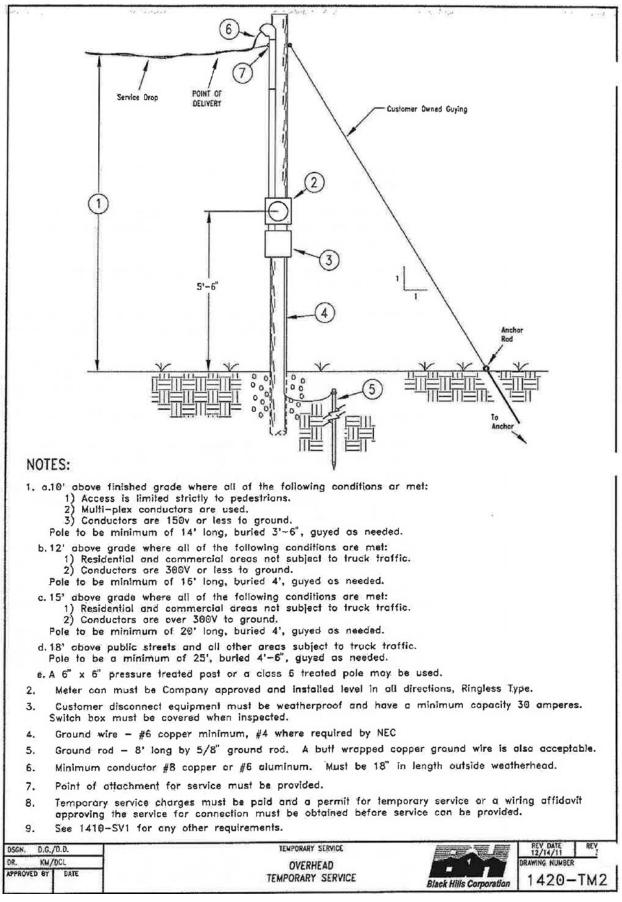


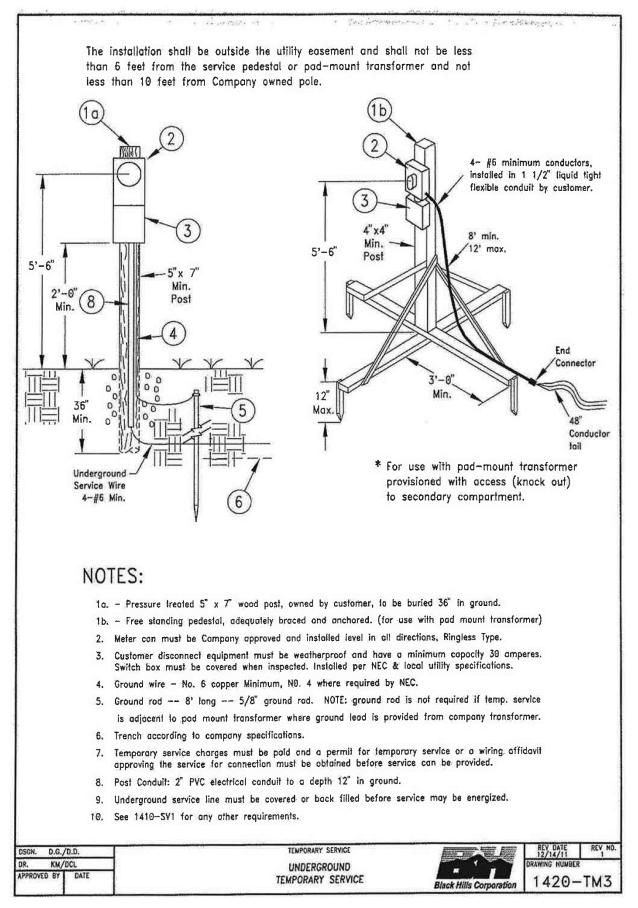


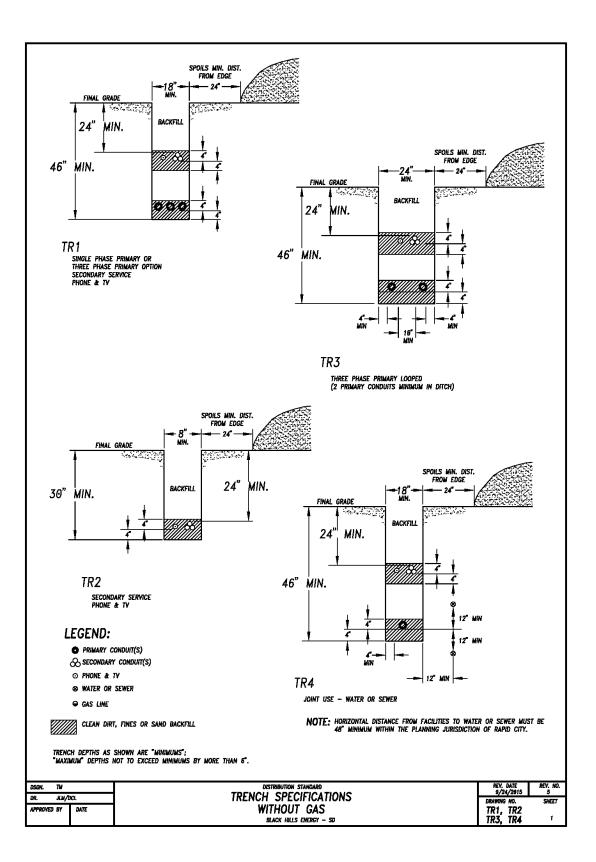


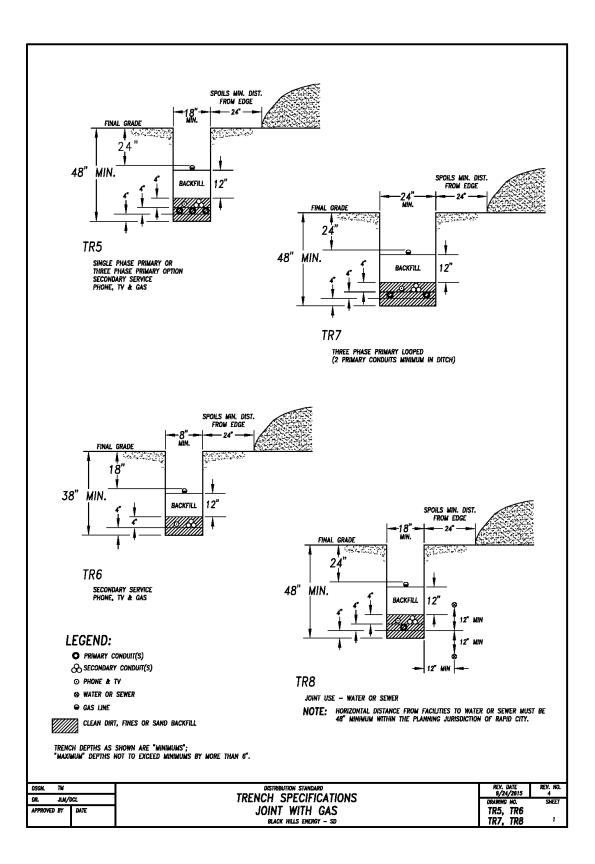


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	1.	The customer is urged to make early contact with the local Company for temporary service.
	2.	The customer is required to pay a standard fee for temporary service. When special construction is required there will be additional charges.
	3.	Required affidavits or city inspections must be obtained before service can be provided.
	4.	In addition to installation and removal charges, the customer will be required to pay a service charge for each metered connection.
	5.	Temporary services for construction work must be located where the meter will be protected from mechanical injury and, when practical, a location should be selected that would be usable throughout the construction period. Should relocation of a temporary service become necessary the relocation cost will be the responsibility of the Customer.
	6.	Overhead temporary service drops shall be supported on a Company approved pole or timber and shall be furnished and installed by the Customer. The maximum service drop length from a Company pole to the service depends upon conductor size. Consult with your Company Representative to determine the maximum distance. Temporary service must meet Company standards.
	7.	Customer—owned metering equipment, switching devices, conduits, conductors, luminaires, etc., are not to be mounted on Company poles.
	8.	Customer owned guying, when required, to be adequate for wire size and span lengths. See your Company representative for recommendations.
	9.	All underground temporary meter loops will be located at the transformer or at the secondary service wire at the lot line. Any variation to this standard; <u>SEE YOUR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.</u>
DSGN.	D.G./D.D.	REQUIREMENTS FOR
DR,	K.M./D.C.I	TEMPORARY ELECTRIC SERVICE
		CONSTRUCTION POWER Black Hills Corporation 1420-TM1









#### **Definitions:**

- 1. Electric utilities include power, lighting, telephone, cable t.v., signal circuits, etc.
- 2. Non-electric utilities include water, gas, sewer, storm drains, etc.
- 3. Clean dirt, fines, or sand are approved bedding material for the conduit system. Deviation from approved bedding can only be authorized by a BLACK HILLS ENERGY representative.

#### Trench:

- 1. All cable to be installed in conduit system unless approved by a BLACK HILLS ENERGY representative.
- 2. Clearances must be obtained from all other buried utilities before digging.
- 3. The conduit system should be located a minimum of two feet of the property line.
- 4. The conduit trench must meet the specifications of Standard Drawings TR1 thru TR8.
- 5. Where the surface grade of the trench location is not final, steps must be taken to ensure minimum standard depth subsequent to installation.
  - a. If the grade is to be lowered, the depth of cut must be added to our standard trench depths.
  - b. if the grade is to be raised, the trench must be standard depth at the time it is dug.
  - c. Curb and gutter must be installed in subdivisions prior to trenching to insure proper grade.
- 6. Back fill or bedding within 4 inches of conduit systems shall be free of all rocks or other materials that may damage the conduit. Refer to "definitions" above for standard approved material for the "cushion" around the conduit.
- 7. Back fill must be adequately tamped or packed to prevent sinking and meet the specifications of governmental agencies when necessary. Machine compaction must not be used within 6 inches of the conduit to prevent damage.

#### Conduit:

- 1. All conduit shall be approved HDPE black endless w/3 red stripes or PVC schedule 40 electrical conduit.
  - a. 3" conduit may be used of or #2, 1/0, & 4/0 single phase primary cable.
  - b. 3" conduit shall be used for 1/0 and 4/0, residential service cable serving a 200A meter can.
  - c. 4" conduit shall be used for #2, 1/0, and 4/0 3 phase primary cables.
  - d. Two single phase services may be placed in one 4 inch conduit.
  - e. 6" conduit shall be used for 350KCM, 750KCM and 1000KCM primary circuits.
- 2. Minimum residential service cable conduit size will be 3" and standard 24" RADIUS PVC sweeps up to 150 feet, with no more than 270 degree of bends.
- 3. Any residential service cable conduit systems 150 feet in length or longer with 270 of bends or more need to have 24" RADIUS fiberglass sweeps installed. 200A secondary conduit systems should not exceed 280' (total wire length) or 270 degree of bends without prior approval.
- 4. A 1/2", 1200 lb pull tape shall be installed in all conduits.
- 5. Conduit ends must be sealed with Plug with PULL TABS and extend out to the ground 4 to 8 inches.
- 6. All primary conduit sweeps shall be FIBERGLASS with a minimum RADIUS of 48".
- 7. Conduit risers shall be installed in accordance with PVC molded riser drawings.
- 8. Schedule 80 pipe under all city, county, and state roads.

#### Safety:

- 1. Before working on primary wire, be sure there is a visible open at both ends and it is grounded, unless insulated sticks are used.
- All enclosures, transformers and switching modules must be kept locked at all times except when actually working at their location.

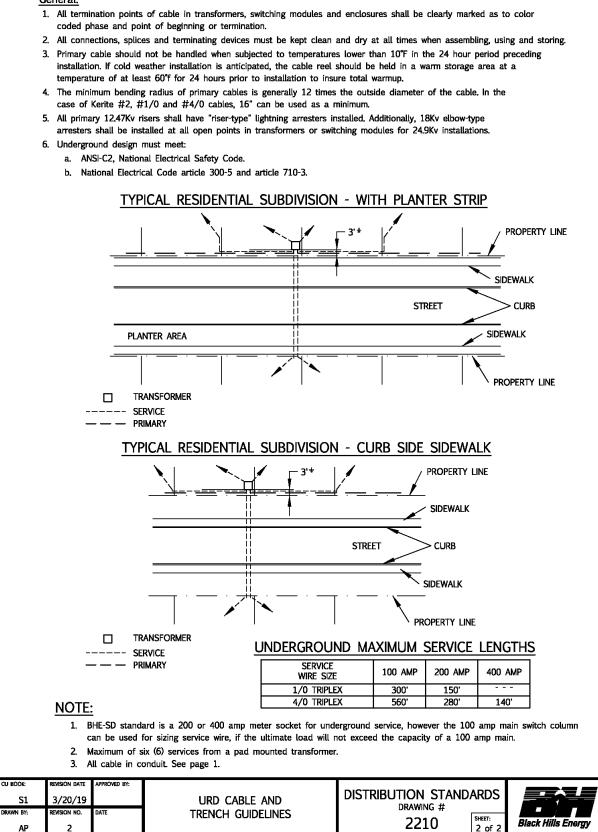
#### Cable Installations:

- 1. Cable will not be placed in a conduit system unless it meets the the standard trench specification including the appropriate bedding.
- 2. Cable will be inspected as it is installed to insure no kinks, cuts, abrasions or damage of any kind.
- 3. Cable must be placed in the trench loosely, with adequate slack, and resting on the bottom of the trench for its entire length. Follow sand blasting specs TR1-TR8 on all exposed cables.
- 4. Be sure sufficient lengths of cable are left at the ends for risers and or terminations.
- 5. Cable paralleling non-electric utilities or other subsurface structures shall not be installed directly above or below such utilities. See Trench Specifications for minimum spacings.
- 6. Trench will be inspected prior to cable installation and prior to back filling, by BLACK HILLS ENERGY personnel.

7. Cable ends must be sealed when exposed if termination or splice is to be done at a later time. This will prevent moisture migration into the cable.

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#### General:





This Agreement made the	day of	, 20
between Black Hills Power, hereinafter	r called the Utility, and	
, hereinafter called the I	Developer, witnesseth:	

The Utility will locate its equipment, and facilities in areas requested and designated by the Developer on the land being developed by Developer as shown on the Map or Plat of which Map or Plat is hereby attached to and made a part of this Agreement. The Developer shall furnish to the Utility the final elevations and grades, which final elevations and grades shall be accurate to  $\pm 6$  inches (final elevations and grades, are interpreted to mean, all work necessary prior to acceptance by homeowner). In addition, the Developer shall advise the Utility prior to commencing any excavations or grades after Utility facilities have been constructed, Developer will pay at its sole expense all costs of raising, lowering, relocating, or otherwise rearranging, repairing, or changing such facilities when in the opinion of the Utility such work is necessary to provide required clearances, stability and protection of structures or underground facilities in accordance with an applicable building or construction codes, and policies of the Utility. In the event that the Developer or any independent contractor of the Developer has not complied with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and if damage to any existing Utility facilities occurs, the Developer shall pay all damages and loss suffered by the Utility in repairing, relocating, or replacing such facilities, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

The Developer will establish a sufficient number of lot corners when requested by Utility in order that the Utility facilities may be placed in its proper location with respect to easement, street, or alley lines, and other utilities.

In witness whereof the aforesaid parties have hereunto by their authorized representatives set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

Witness or Attest:

Black Hills Power

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Developer

By:\_\_\_\_\_

District\_\_\_\_\_

### **SAMPLE**

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#### BLACK HILLS POWER Application and Agreement for Electric Service Extension State of South Dakota

Contract Numb	ber
Effective Date	

The "Company" Black Hills Power and the "Applicant"

Applicants:		
Address	City	Zip

Agree as follows:

- (1) The Company will install and furnish electric serve for the Customer at <u>for a new</u> <u>located in</u> in accordance with rates and extension rules on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.
- (2) The Applicant agrees to accept service under the following rate schedule

or if eliminated, the most economical and applicable remaining rate schedule for a period of not less than forty-eight (48) months from the date of initial service. That Annual Revenue from service to the Applicant as determined under Section 800 Line Extensions of the Company's Tariffs is 0.00 resulting in a Line Extension Allowance of 0.00 of Company financed facilities (cost estimate attached).

If it is determined at any time subsequent to execution of this Application that the Applicant has changed the nature of his/her electrical service, the Line Extension Allowance shall be adjusted accordingly, which may result in a charge to the Applicant, if the construction costs exceed the correct Line Extension Allowance.

- (3) If applicable, the Applicant agrees to pay to the Company, prior to construction facilities:
  - (a) A refundable Advance Deposit subject to the rules filed by the Company for the cost of extending electric facilities beyond the Line Extension Allowance determined at (2) above.
- (4) The Applicant shall, without cost to the Company, make or procure satisfactory conveyance to Company of right-of-way for Company's lines necessary and incidental to the furnishing of service to Customer and for continuing, upgrading or extending said lines over and across the property owned or controlled by Applicant.
- (5) The Applicant shall, without cost to the Company, furnish a cleared right-of-way, and also grants to the Company for maintenance purposes, the right, as the Company may see fit, to cut, trim, or remove from said right-of-way any brush, trees, stumps, or roots.

### **SAMPLE**

- (6) For underground line extensions and service laterals the Applicant will provide all trenching to the Company specifications, washed sand, or approved bedding, conduit when required, backfill, or any other restoration work required.
- (7) The Applicant will be entitled to refunds of the Advance Deposit under two (2) separate and distinct calculations:
  - (a) The Applicant may be entitled to a refund of all or part of any Advance Deposit required under paragraph (3) if additional extensions are constructed from the electric facilities requested herein. Only those line extensions which connect directly with the facilities partially financed by the Applicant, without any intervening line extensions and be considered when determining the Applicant's entitlement of a refund. The refund will be equal to the difference between the applicable Line Extension Allowance for the new applicant and the estimated construction cost of the additional electric facilities. The Applicant will receive any applicable refund within thirty (30) days of the Applicant contacting the Company regarding the construction of additional electric facilities. The refunded Advance Deposit shall not bear interest.
  - (b) The Applicant may be entitled to a refund of all or part of any Advance Deposit required under paragraph (3) if the actual revenue from the Applicant's account(s) served during the first four (4) years as a result of this application exceeds the Line Extension Allowance. The refunded Advance Deposit shall bear simple interest at the rate of seven (7) percent annually.

Refunds will be made only to the Applicant if still receiving service at the same location. Eligibility for refunds under (a) above is limited to four (4) years from the effective date of this agreement. Eligibility for refunds under (b) above is determined four (4) years from the effective date of this agreement. In no case shall the total refund to the Applicant exceed the amount of the Advance Deposit. Any Advance Deposit not refunded to the Applicant as set forth above shall be retained and become the property of the Company.

(8) The refundable Advance Deposit or any portion thereof shall not be assignable by the Applicant. Payments of such refundable Advance Deposit shall continue to be made when due to the Applicant notwithstanding a transfer of the place to which electric service was extended.

#### Applicant

**Black Hills Power Inc.** Accepted by:

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_ Copies: Applicant Property G.O. Contract file District Office

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## NEW CUSTOMER QUESTION LIST

Black Hills Energy Improving life with energy			NAME OF REQUES	TER	
PROJECT NAME					
NAME OF PROPERT	Y OWNER(S)				
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COMMENTS/CONTA	ACTS/HISTORY				

Note: Please call the BHE Business Office\_\_\_\_\_\_to set up billing information on new service. The Business office will ask you to provide a letter of credit from your previous power provider or a deposit equal to two months revenue. All Temporary Construction Services will have an \$85 hookup fee.

## Black Hills Energy

## **Customer Responsibilities**

\*Service can not be supplied until these items are completed.

# Supply BHE with courthouse copy of your plat & deed

- Supply BHE with courthouse copy of your neighbor's plat & deed (if crossing their property to serve you)
- □ Provide 911 address of new service to BHE
- Obtain signatures on <u>all</u> right-of-ways
- □ Sign "Electric Service Extension Agreement"
- Sign "Grade Agreement"
- ☐ Make any applicable payments
- Cut trees
- Contact other utilities; i.e. gas, telecom, cable
- Contact SD One Call, 811
- Supply proper trench, sand bedding, and backfill at appropriate time

I have received BHE's 'New Construction Handbook' and understand that any BHE related construction is to be done according to the specifications contained in the Handbook or otherwise specified by BHE personnel.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_