

Powder River County  
Utility Occupancy and Road Crossing Permit

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

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Foreman: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for Construction and Occupancy:**

Construction Type:

Location:

- Backhoe Excavation
- Rotary Trencher
- Undersurface Boring Mechanism

County Road: \_\_\_\_\_

Miles: \_\_\_\_\_ Direction:  from landmark or intersection

Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Location: Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_

**Traffic Control**

1. Standards for signing and construction shall be adhered to. Flagmen and flagman warning signs shall be in place if applicable. Cost and maintenance of signs and flagman are the contractors responsibility.

**Project Schedule and Notification**

1. Work shall be commenced within 90 calendar days of approval or permit automatically expires. Expired permits may be re-issued by the County Commissioners unless job design and location has changed.
2. Notification shall be given to the county road supervisor 48 hours prior to work commencing, except in emergency situations.

**This agreement is subject to compliance with Montana State Laws and the following provisions:**

1. The county shall not be liable to the general public for any injury to or death of any person whatsoever, or for the loss of or damage to property of any kind or nature to whatsoever belonging when such injury, death, loss or damage arises out of or results from the construction, maintenance, or repair of existing or future utility facilities located within the county road right-of-way, or the installation or operation of such utility facilities within the county road right-of-way, regardless of whether or not the County has expressed or implied approval of the construction, maintenance, repair, installation, or operation of such facilities within the right-of-way.
2. If the work under this agreement interferes with the drainage of the area affected, the utility agrees to resolve the problem at its own expense.
3. Any county road signs, etc, that are removed to allow the utility's installation shall be replaced on the same day as per county road specifications.
4. All closures, markers, or other identification are to be placed near the outer edge of the right-of-way or next to the right-of-way fence.
5. All areas that are excavated will be recompact and disturbed areas restored to original like condition.

6. Requirements:

A-Overhead Installations

- (1) Vertical clearance shall meet the standards of the National Electrical Safety Codes.
- (2) Location will be at or near right-of-way line. Where right-of-way width and terrain features permit, the facilities shall be located not less than 30' from edge of traveled way. In urban areas the facilities will be located as far as practicable from the edge of pavement and no closer than 2' behind curb line.
- (3) All downguys installed on new or added to existing structures not in parallel with the roadway must have the location called out on the permit. If the anchor is allowed within the 30' clear zone, it must be constructed, located, or protected such that it will not be a roadside hazard.

B-Underground Pipeline Installations

- (1) Conform to all applicable National and State Codes. Location: longitudinal will be located as near the R/W line as practicable.
- (2) Bored and Pushed Crossings will be:
  - (a) 48" below adjacent ditches or ground line (60" if reasonably possible).
  - (b) no push pits closer than 10' from edge of asphalt.
- (3) Open Trenching on existing county roads requires a traffic control plan.

C-Underground Cable

- (1) Vertical Depth: Per NESC -
  - Minimum electrical - 48"
  - Communications - 48:" (60" if reasonably possible)
  - All crossings 42" below adjacent ditches or ground line if reasonably possible.
- (2) Locations:
  - (a) First cable within 5' of unoccupied R/W from the R/W line.
  - (b) Any additional cable - 3' or less from existing cable.
  - (c) Four locations maximum per utility.
  - (d) Crossing will be as near as possible to right angles.
  - (e) No underground longitudinal occupancy under any pavement or surfacing courses except installations in curbed sections or built up areas may be permitted provided there are no border strips available for the installation.

7. The approval is granted with the understanding the installation is made according to your plans as submitted. Field revisions may be made only with approved modification of this agreement. If the installation is not made as shown on the plans or approved amendment, the County Commissioners at its discretion, may require the removal of the installation.

8. The above-stated requirements are generally mandatory. Under unusual circumstances, deviations may be permitted, but the justification and the extent of the deviations must be specifically stated. Deviations must be approved by the County Commissioners.

Inspection of site:

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

Road Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved    \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Chairman,  
Board of County Commissioners