SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

WIRELINE OCCUPANCY

OF

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

PROPERTY

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Specifications for Wireline Occupancy of Consolidated Rail Corporation Property

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Scope

- A. This specification shall apply to the design and construction of wirelines carrying power or communication cables over, under, across and along Conrail property and facilities. This specification shall also apply to tracks owned by others (sidings, industry tracks, etc.) over which Conrail operates its equipment.
- B. It is to be clearly understood that Conrail owns its property for the primary purpose of operating a railroad. All occupancies shall therefore be designed and constructed so that rail operations and facilities are not interfered with, interrupted or endangered. In addition, the proposed facility shall be located to minimize encumbrance to the property so that the railroad will have unrestricted use of its property for current and future operations.

1.2 Definitions

A. Conrail - Consolidated Rail Corporation

B. Contract Administration - Conrail's Contract Administration Department

C. Owner (Applicant) - Individual, corporation or municipality desiring occupancy of

Conrail property

D. Professional Engineer - Engineer licensed in the state where the facilities are to be

constructed

E. Conduit - Pipe, 6-inches in diameter or less, used to transport a wireline

F. Sidings or industry tracks - Tracks located off Conrail's property, serving an industry

1.3 Application for Occupancy

- A. Individuals, corporations or municipalities desiring occupancy of Conrail property by wireline occupations must agree, upon approval of the engineering and construction details by Conrail, to execute an appropriate Conrail occupational license agreement, pay any required fees and/or rentals outlined in the agreement, and meet all Conrail insurance requirements.
- B. The application for a wireline crossing occupancy shall be obtained at https://www.conrail.com/working-on-conrail-property/.
- C. All applications shall be accompanied with one (1) copy of all design and construction plans and one (1) copy of all specifications and engineering computations for the proposed occupancy. On extensive projects, only those plans involving work on, or affecting Conrail property and operations, shall be submitted. Included shall be a plan showing the extent of the total project, upon which that portion of the work affecting Conrail is clearly defined.

1.4 Right of Entry

- A. No entry upon Conrail property for the purpose of conducting surveys, field inspections, obtaining soils information or any other purposes associated with the design and construction for the proposed occupancy, will be permitted without a proper Right of Entry permit prepared by Conrail. The applicant must pay the associated fees and execute the Right of Entry permit.
- B. It is to be clearly understood that the issuance of a Right of Entry permit does not constitute authority to proceed with any construction. Construction can not begin until a formal agreement is executed by Conrail and the Owner receives permission, from the designated inspection agency of Conrail, to proceed with the work.
- C. The application for a Right Of Entry permit shall be obtained at https://www.conrail.com/working-on-conrail-property/.

1.5 Site Inspection

- A. For longitudinal occupancy of Conrail property a site inspection along the proposed wireline route may be required before final design plans are prepared. When a site inspection is required, the applicant and/or his engineer must meet with representatives of Conrail to view the entire length of the proposed occupancy.
- B. Prior to the site inspection the applicant must submit the following information:
 - (1) A plan view of the proposed route showing all tracks, both Conrail property lines and all other facilities located on the property. The distance from the proposed poles or conduit to the adjacent track and to the property lines must be shown.
 - (2) Typical cross sections along the proposed route. (See Plate IX)
- C. Site inspections for wire crossings are not required unless, in the opinion of Conrail, the size and location of the facility warrant an inspection.
- D. See Section 2.4 for further details.

1.6 Information Required for Submission

- A. Plans for proposed wireline occupancies shall be submitted to and approved by Conrail prior to Conrail issuance of an agreement and start of construction. Plans may be submitted by hard copy or electronically as designated by Conrail.
- B. Plans shall be drawn to scale, dimensioned with US Customary Units, and shall include the following (See Plates I to IX):
 - (1) Plan view of proposed wireline in relation to all Conrail facilities and other facilities immediately adjacent to Conrail including, but not limited to, tracks, buildings, signals, pole lines, other utilities and all other facilities that may affect or influence the wireline design and construction.
 - (2) The geographical coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the wire crossing including the distance, in feet, to the nearest highway grade crossing of the railroad and the DOT number posted at the highway grade crossing, if available.

- (3) Profile of ground on centerline of pole or tower line showing clearances between top of high rail and bottom of sag, as well as clearances from bottom wire or cable to top wire or cable of Conrail's transmission, signal and communication lines, catenary, and third rail when present. If Conrail facilities listed above do not exist at the point of crossing, the plan should so state. Actual vertical clearance shall be shown. (See Section 2.1 and Plate XIV for the required overhead clearance.)
- (4) All Conrail property lines indicated by dimensions, in feet, to the centerline of adjacent track, as well as the overall width of the Conrail property. If the wireline is in a public highway, the limits of the dedicated highway property, as well as the limits of any paving, sidewalks etc., shall be defined, by dimensions in feet, from the centerline of the dedicated property.
- (5) The angle of the crossing in relation to the centerline of the tracks(s).
- C. The plan must be specific, as to:
 - (1) Base diameter, height, class and bury of poles.
 - (2) Number of, size, and material of all wires, as well as number of pairs/strands in communication cables.
 - (3) Nominal voltage of line and phase of circuit.
 - (4) Location, number of, size of, material or anchors and all guying for poles and arms.
 - (5) Conduit length across property lines.
 - (6) Areas of impact and/or vegetation removal.
- D. Once the application has been approved by Conrail, no variance from the plans, specifications, method of installation, and construction, etc., as approved in the occupancy document, will be considered or permitted without the payment to Conrail of additional fees for the re-processing of the application.
- E. Under special conditions, Conrail will give consideration to occupations on its bridge superstructures, substructures, pole line, and other subject to the approval of the VP-Engineering or designated representative, and Conrail policy governing such matters.
- F. At Conrail's request, all plans and computations associated with the work under the agreement shall be prepared by, and bear the seal of, a Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor.
- G. Project specifications, for all work on and affecting the railroad property, shall be included with the submission. All pertinent requirements of this document shall be included.

1.7 Notification to Proceed with Construction

A. After approval of the engineering plans, specifications, and execution of the occupational agreement, the Owner will be notified of the appropriate Conrail Office that must be contacted prior to start of construction.

2.0 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Aerial Wirelines

- A. Overhead power and communication lines shall be constructed in accordance with the National Electrical Safety code (current edition), Part 2, "Safety Rules for the Installation and Maintenance of Overhead Electric Supply and Communication Lines", except as outlined further in this section.
- B. Poles shall be set as close to Conrail property line as possible and in no instance closer than 18-feet from face of pole to centerline of nearest track. When necessary, however, each location will be analyzed to consider speed, traffic, etc.
- C. Double cross-arms are required on poles adjacent to track. Any tower or steel pole foundation design must be accompanied by engineering computations and data stamped by a registered professional engineer.
- D. Any tower or steel pole to be installed on Conrail property must meet or exceed the industry standards regarding design and usage.
- E. Vertical clearance from the top of rail to the bottom of sag of aerial wire crossing, measured at 60-degrees Fahrenheit, shall be as follows:

Guy wires, messenger cables,	Electric supply lines and neutral wires (voltage is measured phase-to-		
and telecommunication cables	ground)*		
27 foot	Less than 750-V	750-V to 15-KV	15-KV to 50-KV
27-feet	30-feet	31-feet	33-feet

^{*} For electric supply lines or neutral wires carrying greater than 50-KV, use a vertical clearance of 33-feet plus ½-inch per 1-KV above 50-KV.

F. Vertical clearance between proposed aerial wire crossings and aerial Conrail communications lines shall be as follows:

Guy wires, messenger cables,	Electric supply lines and neutral wires (voltage is measured phase-to-		
and telecommunication cables	ground)*		
2-feet	Less than 750-V	750-V to 15-KV	15-KV to 50-KV
Z-1eet	2-feet	4-feet	6-feet

^{*} For electric supply lines or neutral wires carrying greater than 50-KV, use a vertical clearance of 6-feet plus ½-inch per 1-KV above 50-KV.

G. Overhead power and communication lines shall be constructed in accordance with the Signal Clearance Diagrams as seen in Plate XII and XIII.

2.2 Underground Wirelines

- A. Underground installations carrying power or communication wires and cables shall be constructed and properly marked with signs, in accordance with American Railway Engineering Maintenance-of-Way Association (current edition), Chapter 1, Part 5, except as outlined further in this section.
- B. Conduits shall be located, where practicable, to cross tracks at approximate right angles to the track, but preferably at not less than 45-degrees.

- C. Conduits shall not be placed within a culvert, under railroad bridges, nor closer than 50-feet to any portion of any railroad bridge, building, or other important structure, except in special cases, and then by special design, as approved by Conrail Engineering.
- D. Conduits shall not be located within 10-feet of the limits of a turnout (switch) when crossing the track. The limits of the turnout extend from the point of the switch to the last long timber.
- E. Plastic conduit material includes thermoplastic and thermoset plastic conduits, such as PVC and HDPE.
- F. Conduits shall maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 4-feet, or if within 4-feet, a minimum vertical clearance of 10-feet from the base of any railroad signal apparatus.
- G. Minimum Depth of Installation:

Material	Bore & Jack	HDD-A	HDD-B
Steel	5.5-feet	15-feet	5.5-feet
Plastic	15-feet*		
Parallel Occupancy	4-feet		

^{*} Within 25-feet of centerline of the closest track and a minimum depth of 10-feet anywhere else on Conrail property.

- H. Conduits under railroad tracks and across Conrail's property shall extend the greater of the following distances, measured at right angle to centerline of track:
 - (1) Across the entire width of the Conrail property
 - (2) 3-feet beyond ditch line
 - (3) 2-feet beyond toe of slope
 - (4) Beyond theoretical railroad embankment line. This line begins at a point, on existing grade, 14-feet horizontally from centerline track and extends downward on a 2 (H) to 1 (V) slope (see Plate VII). The 14-foot is measured from 19-inches below the base of the rail.
- 2.3 Method of Installation for Underground Wirelines:
 - A. Bored, jacked or tunneled installations shall have a bore hole essentially the same as the outside diameter of the conduit plus the thickness of the protective coating.
 - B. The use of water or other liquids to facilitate conduit emplacement and spoil removal is prohibited, except as outlined in Section F.
 - C. If during installation an obstruction is encountered which prevents installation of the conduit in accordance with this specification, the conduit shall be abandoned in place and immediately filled with grout. A new installation procedure and revised plans must be submitted to, and approved by, Conrail before work can resume.
 - D. The project specifications must require the contractor to submit, to Conrail for approval, a complete construction procedure of the proposed operations. Included with the submission shall be the manufacture's catalog information describing the type of equipment to be used.

E. Bore and Jack (Steel Pipe)

This method consists of pushing the pipe into the earth with a boring auger rotating within the pipe to remove the spoil.

- (1) The boring operation shall be progressed on a 24-hour basis without stoppage (except for adding lengths of pipe) until the leading edge of the pipe has reached the receiving pit.
- (2) The front of the pipe shall be provided with mechanical arrangements or devices that will positively prevent the auger from leading the pipe so that no unsupported excavation is ahead of the pipe.
- (3) The auger and cutting head arrangement shall be removable from within the pipe in the event an obstruction is encountered. If the obstruction cannot be removed without excavation in advance of the pipe, procedures as outlined in Section 2.3.C must be implemented immediately.
- (4) The over-cut by the cutting head shall not exceed the outside diameter of the pipe by more than ½-inch. If voids should develop or if the bored hole diameter is greater than the outside diameter of the pipe (plus coating) by more than approximately 1-inch, grouting or other methods approved by Conrail, shall be employed to fill such voids.
- (5) The face of the cutting head shall be arranged to provide a reasonable obstruction to the free flow of soft or poor material.
- (6) Any method that employs simultaneous boring and jacking for conduits over 8-inches in diameter that does not have the above approved arrangement will not be permitted. For pipe 8-inches and less in diameter, auguring or boring without this arrangement may be considered for use only as approved by Conrail.

F. Directional Boring / Horizontal Directional Drilling Method "A"

This method consists of setting up specialized drilling equipment on existing grade (launching and receiving pits are not required) and boring a small diameter pilot hole on the desired vertical and horizontal alignment, using a mechanical cutting head with a high pressure fluid (bentonite slurry) to remove the cuttings. The drill string is advanced with bentonite slurry pumped through the drill string to the cutting head and then forced back along the outside of the drill string, carrying the cuttings back to the surface for removal. When the cutting head reaches the far side of the crossing, it is removed and a reamer (with a diameter greater than the cutting head) is attached to the lead end of the drill string. The conduit is attached to the reamer and the pilot hole is then back reamed while the conduit is pulled into place.

- (1) The depth of cover must be greater than 15-feet below the base of the rail, or the bore must occur in rock.
- (2) Factors considered will be track usage, pipe size, contents of pipeline, soil conditions, etc.

G. Directional Boring / Horizontal Directional Drilling Method "B"

This method consists of using hydraulic jacking equipment to push a solid steel rod under the railroad from a launching pit to a receiving pit. At the receiving pit, a cone shaped "expander" is attached to the end of the rod and the conduit (casing pipe) is attached to the expander. The rod, expander and conduit are then pulled back from the launching pit until the full length of the conduit is in place.

- (1) This method may be used to place conduit (casing pipe), up to and including 6-inches in diameter, under the railroad.
- (2) For steel conduits, the depth of cover must be greater than 5.5-feet below the base of the rail, or the bore is in rock.
- (3) For plastic conduits, the depth of cover must be greater than 15-feet below the base of the rail, or the bore must occur in rock.

2.4 Longitudinal Occupations

- A. Conduits laid longitudinally on Conrail property shall be located as far as practicable from any tracks or other important structures and as close to the railroad property line as possible. Longitudinal conduits must not be located in earth embankments or within ditches located on the property.
- B. Feasibility proposals will be accepted for review. Applicant should furnish a letter requesting study along with a plan view showing the extent of the proposed occupation. This feasibility plan may be in the form of a local, county, USGS Map, or drawing, showing the railroad, streets, highways and other information identifying the location of the project.
- C. Arrangements will then be made to furnish the applicant with the appropriate Conrail valuation maps and a Right of Entry permit. There will be a "nominal charge" for the necessary valuation maps which depict the railroad property lines and other facilities. These are the best records available and may be used for the feasibility proposal. However, Conrail does not warrant the accuracy of these maps and all pertinent information to the Conrail occupancy must be verified prior to final submission.
- D. Upon receipt of these documents, the applicant must execute the Right of Entry permit in order to access Conrail property. Such access would allow for the verification that the proposed pole locations are feasible and do not interfere with any Conrail facilities. At such a time, the applicant should stake out a few "key" points along with the occupation such as, crossings, alignment, turns in alignment, etc.
- E. Once this temporary stake out is completed, the applicant must submit to Conrail one (1) set of preliminary plans showing the location of all proposed poles and other information as stated below. Arrangements will then be made for a site investigation by Conrail personnel. The proposed occupation will be field-checked to ensure compliance with and conformance to this specification. At that time; comments, recommendations, changes to, or approval of, all locations will be made.
- F. Wires and cables running longitudinally along Conrail's property shall be constructed as close to property lines as possible. The following information must be submitted in addition to the detail of the pole top configuration as called for on Plate V of these specifications:
 - (1) Nominal voltage and phase of circuit(s) or number of pairs.
 - (2) Phase of electrical circuit(s).
 - (3) Number of electrical circuits.
 - (4) Size (AWG or CM) and material of wires or cables.
 - (5) Length of spans clearly indicated on drawing.
 - (6) Any intended future wires or cables.

- G. Any facilities overhanging or requiring a clear zone on Conrail property must have approval of the VP-Engineering or his designated representative; must conform to the above specifications and are subject to the appropriate rental charges.
- H. Project specifications, for all work on and affecting the railroad property, shall be included with the submission. All pertinent requirements of this document shall be included.

2.5 Inductive Interference

- A. An inductive interference coordination study is required for all proposed longitudinal occupations. This study may also be required for any crossing other than 90-degrees with the track(s).
- B. All agreements covering crossings and longitudinal occupations will include provisions that the owner provide appropriate remedies, at its own expense, to correct any inductive interference with Conrail facilities.

2.6 Modification of Existing Facilities

A. Any replacement or modification of an existing carrier pipe and/or casing shall be considered as a new installation, subject to the requirements of this specification.

2.7 Abandoned Facilities

- A. The owner of all abandoned conduit crossings and other occupancies shall notify Conrail in writing, of the intention to abandon.
- B. Abandoned conduits shall be completely filled with cement grout, compacted sand or other methods as approved by Conrail.
- C. Abandoned handholes and other structures shall be removed to a minimum distance of 2-feet below finished grade and completely filled with cement grout or compacted sand.
- D. Abandoned aerial wires and poles shall be completed removed and appropriately disposed of off-site.

2.8 Conflict of Specifications

A. Where laws or orders of public authority prescribe a higher degree of protection than specified herein, then the higher degree so prescribed shall be deemed a part of this specification.

2.9 Marker Signs

- A. Conduits (except those in streets where it would not be practical to do so) shall be prominently marked 15-feet from the centerline of nearest track and at property lines at points of entry/exit (on both sides of track for crossings) by durable, weatherproof signs located over the centerline of the conduit. Signs shall show the following:
 - (1) Name and address of owner
 - (2) Contents of conduit
 - (3) Conduit depth below grade at point of a sign
 - (4) Emergency telephone number in event of conduit rupture

- B. For conduits running longitudinally on Conrail property, signs shall be placed over the conduit (or offset and appropriately marked) at all changes in alignment of the conduit. Such signs should also be located so that when standing at one sign the next adjacent marker in either direction is visible. In no event shall they be placed more than 500-feet apart unless otherwise specified by Conrail.
- C. The owner must maintain all signs on Conrail property as long as the occupational agreement is in effect.

2.10 Warning Tape

A. All conduits installed by open cut and handholes installed on Conrail property shall have warning tape placed 2-feet directly above them.

2.11 Handholes and Manholes

- A. Handholes and manholes shall not be located on Conrail property where possible. At locations where this is not practical, including longitudinal occupancies, handholes and manholes on Conrail property shall have a minimum of 2-feet of cover and be designed to withstand passage of trucks and to support Cooper E-80 loading. Handholes and manholes must be locatable from the surface.
- B. The distance from centerline of adjacent track to centerline of proposed handhole and manholes shall be shown on the plans.

2.12 Safety Requirements

- A. All operations shall be conducted so as not to interfere with, interrupt, or endanger the operation of trains or damage, destroy, or endanger the integrity of railroad facilities. All work on or near Conrail property shall be conducted in accordance with Conrail safety rules and regulations. The contractor shall secure and comply with the Conrail safety rules and shall give written acknowledgement to Conrail that they have been received, read, and understood by the contractor and its employees. Operations will be subject to Conrail inspection at any and all times.
- B. All cranes, lifts, or other equipment that will be operated in the vicinity of the railroad's electrification and power transmission facilities shall be electrically grounded as directed by Conrail.
- C. At all times when the work is being progressed, a field supervisor for the work with no less than twelve (12) months experience in the operation of the equipment being used shall be present. If boring equipment or similar machines are being used, the machine operator also shall have no less than twelve (12) months experience in the operation of the equipment being used.
- D. Whenever equipment or personnel are working closer than 15-feet from the centerline of an adjacent track, that track shall be considered as being obstructed. Insofar as possible, all operations shall be conducted no less than this distance. Operations closer than 15-feet from the centerline of a track shall be conducted only with the permission of, and as directed by, a duly qualified Conrail railroad employee present at the site of the work.
- E. Crossing of tracks at grade by equipment and personnel is prohibited except by prior arrangement with, and as directed by, Conrail.

2.13 Blasting

A. Blasting will not be permitted.

2.14 Support of Excavation Adjacent to Track

- A. The location and dimensions of all pits or excavations shall be shown on the plans. The distance from centerline of adjacent track to face of pit or excavation shall be clearly labeled. Also, the elevation of the bottom of the pit or excavation must be shown on the profile.
- B. The face of all pits shall be located a minimum of 25-feet from centerline of adjacent track, <u>measured</u> at right angles to track, unless otherwise approved by Conrail.
- C. If the bottom of the pit excavation intersects the theoretical railroad embankment line (See Plate VII) interlocking steel sheet piling, driven prior to excavation, must be used to protect the track stability. The uses of trench boxes or similar devices are not acceptable in this area.
 - (1) Design plans and computations for the pits, stamped by a Professional Engineer, must be submitted by the Owner at time of application or by the contractor prior to start of construction. If the pit design is to be submitted by the contractor, the project specifications must require the contractor to obtain Conrail approval prior to beginning any work on or which may affect Conrail property.
 - (2) The sheeting shall be designed to support all lateral forces caused by the earth, railroad and other surcharge loads.
 - (3) After construction and backfilling, all sheet piling within 10-feet of centerline track must be cut off 18-inches below final grade and left in place.
- D. All excavated areas are to be illuminated (flashing warning lights not permitted), fenced and otherwise protected as directed by Conrail.

2.15 Reimbursement of Conrail Costs

A. All Conrail costs associated with the wire installation (inspection, flagging, track work, protection of signal cables, etc.) shall be reimbursed to Conrail by the Owner of the facility.

PUBLICATION STANDARDS SOURCES

ANSI American National Standards Institute, Inc.

1899 L Street, NW, 11th Floor

Washington, DC 20036 Tel: 202.293.8020

AREMA American Railway Engineering Maintenance-of-Way Association

4501 Forbes Blvd., Suite 130

Lanham, MD 20706 Tel: 301.459.3200

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

 $100~{\rm Barr}$ Harbor Drive, PO Box C700

West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Tel: 610.832.9500

NESC National Electrical Safety Code

445 Hoes Lane

Piscataway, NJ 08854-4141 USA

Tel: 732.981.0060

NOTE: If other than ANSI, AREMA, ASTM or NESC specifications are referred to for design, materials or workmanship on the plans and specifications for the work, then copies of the applicable sections of such other specifications referred to shall accompany the plans and specifications for the work.

PLATE I

CONDUIT DATA SHEET

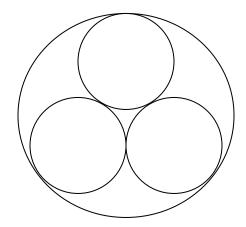
(For Telecom and Power Conduits only, 6" in diameter or less)

	CONDUIT
NOMINAL SIZE OF PIPE	
MATERIAL*	
OUTSIDE DIAMETER	
INSIDE DIAMETER	
WALL THICKNESS	
TYPE OF COATING	

Proposed method of installation (refer to CE-4 and CE-8 Specifications):

☐ Jack & Bore	
☐ Directional Boring Method "A" – must have at least 40' depth below base of rail	
☐ Directional Boring Method "B" – only for casings 6 inches or less in diameter	
 □ Open Cut – All installations directly under any track must be designed as a bored installation. cut installations will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Conrail at the time of installation. □ Other – Please Specify: 	Open
 PLE INNERDUCTS ER OF INNERDUCTS WITHIN CASING PIPE:	

- Provide a <u>detail</u> or <u>cross section</u> of the casing pipe with innerducts (see below).
- Clearly mark the type of facility that will be installed within each innerduct. If innerduct will be left spare or empty, please identify as such.



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Plate II - Sample Aerial Wire Plan View

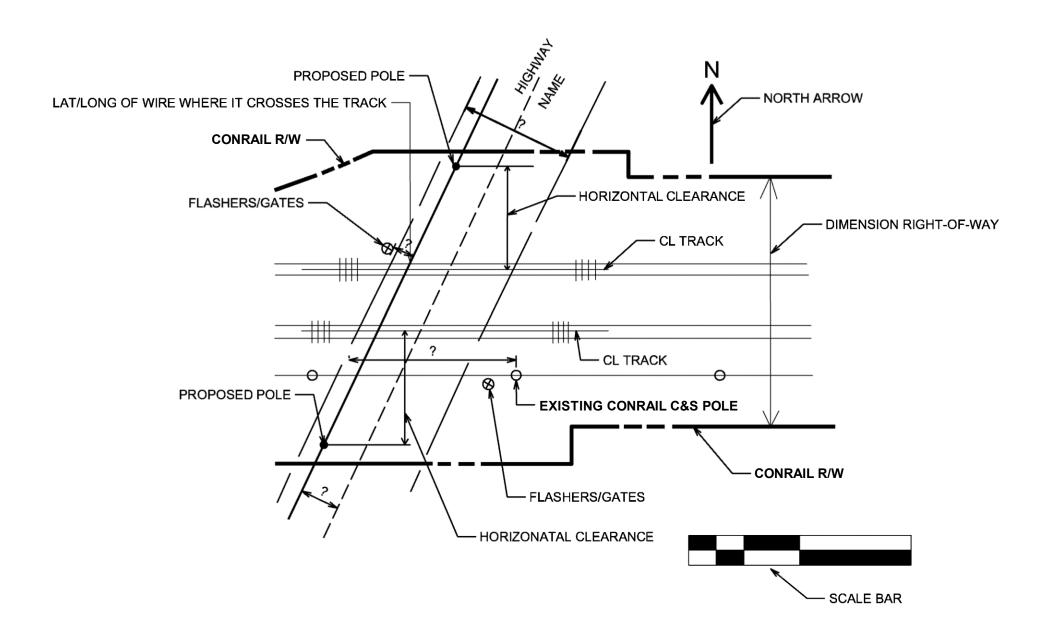


Plate III - Sample Aerial Wire Profile View

NUMBER OF WIRES IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE, VOLTAGE

POWER, GROUND AND NEUTRAL WIRES, ETC.

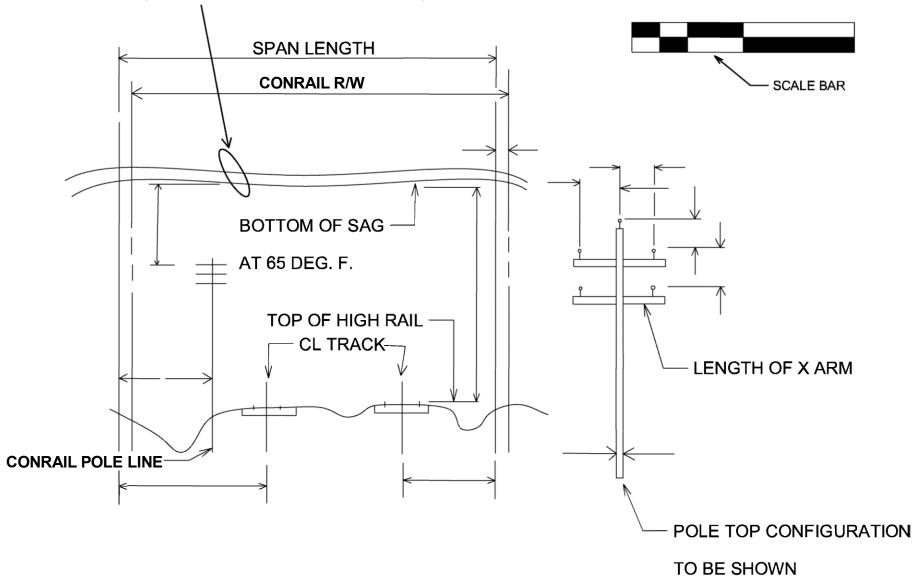


Plate IV - Sample Aerial Wire Parallel Plan View

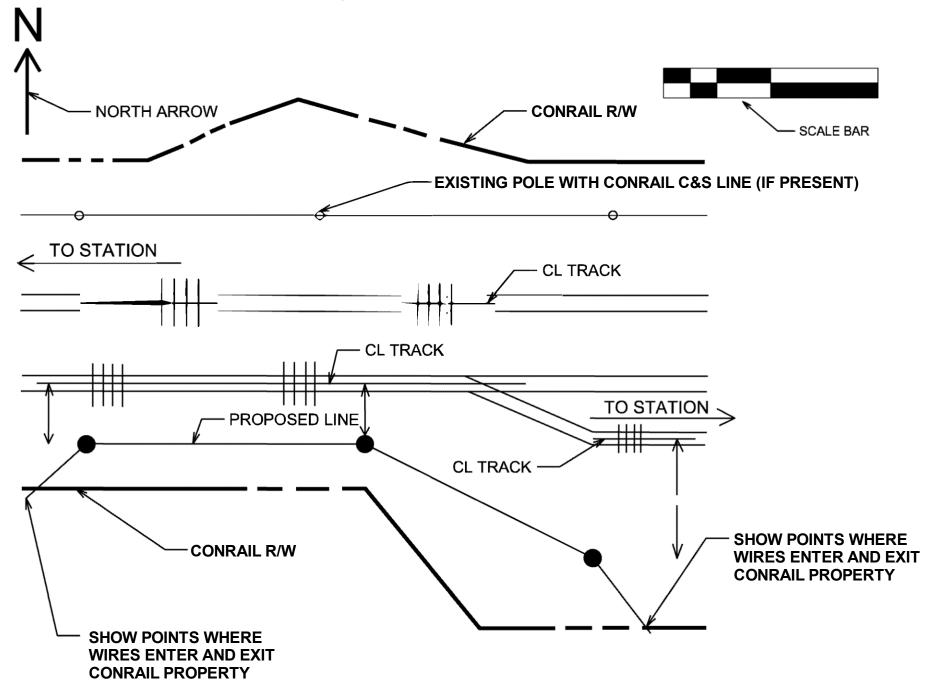
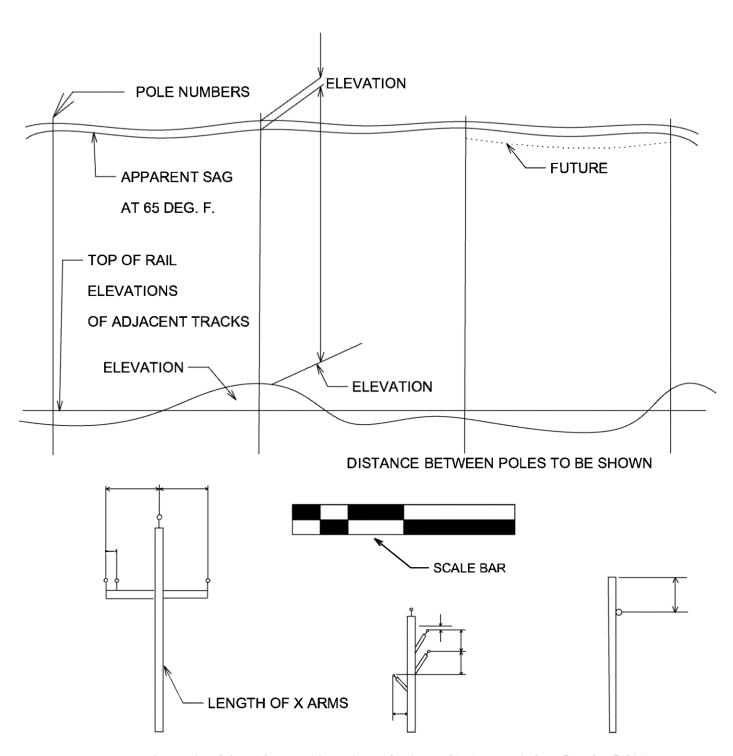


Plate V - Sample Aerial Wire Parallel Profile and Section Views



POLE TOP CONFIGURATION TO BE SHOWN SIMILAR TO SAMPLES ABOVE

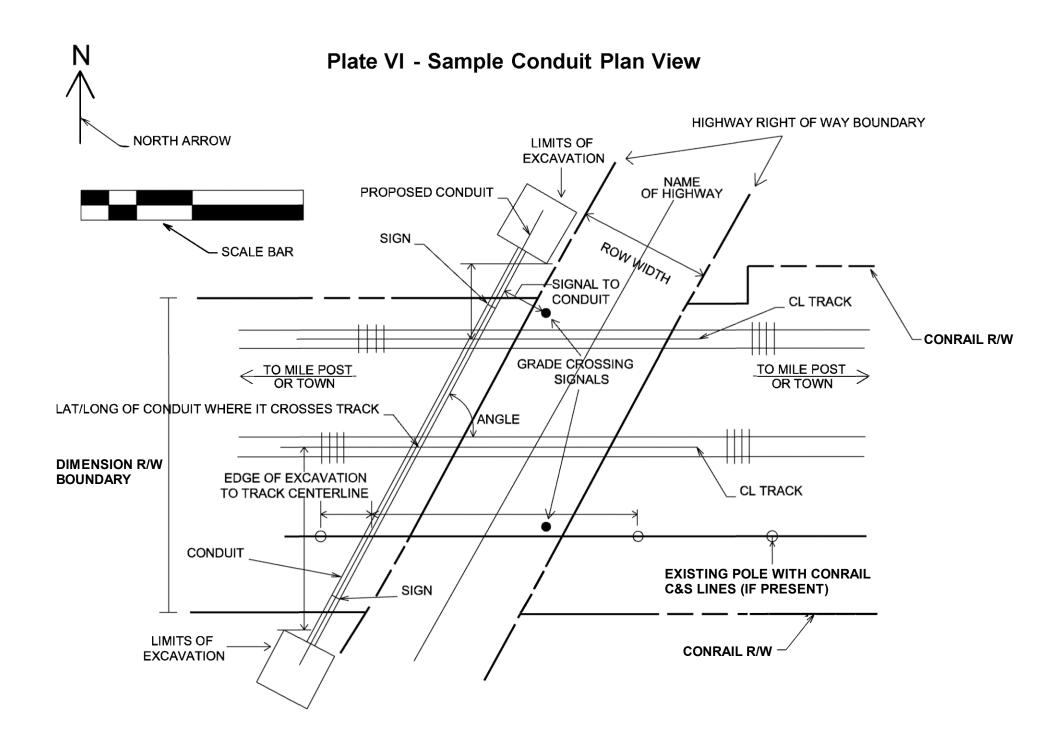


Plate VII - Sample Conduit Profile View

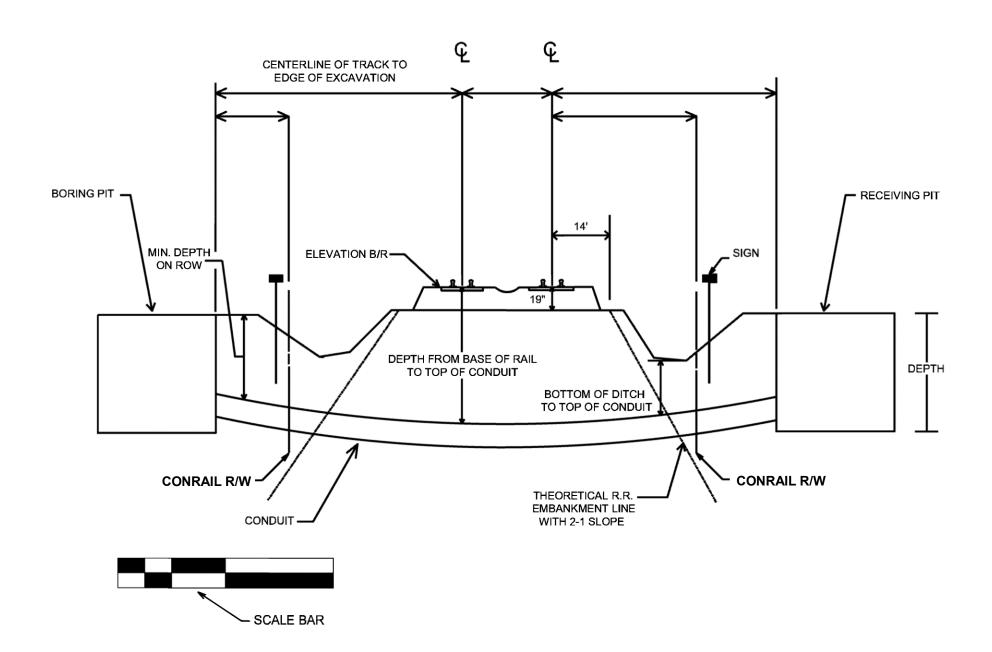


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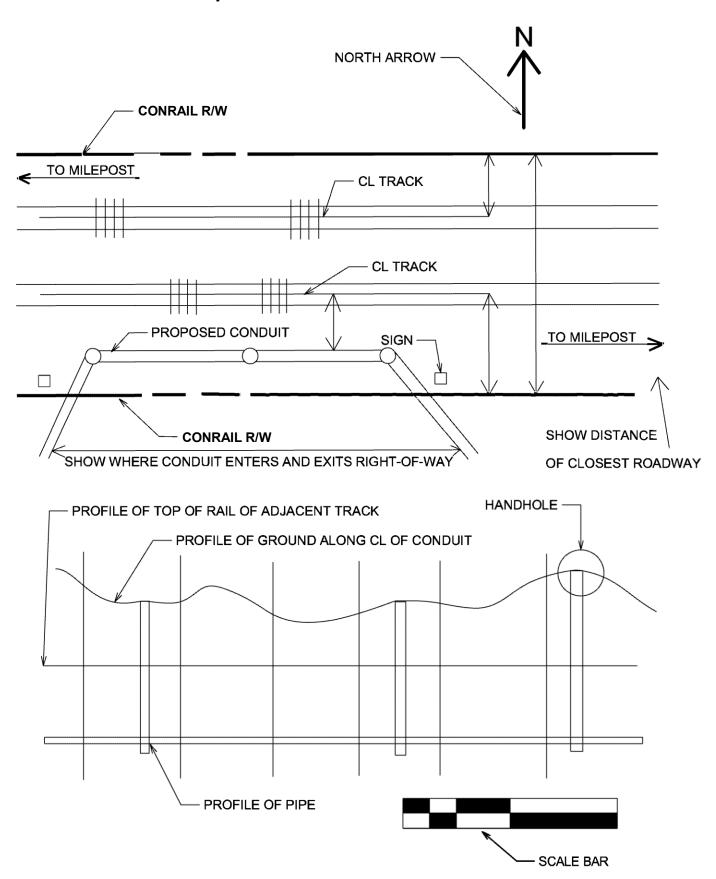


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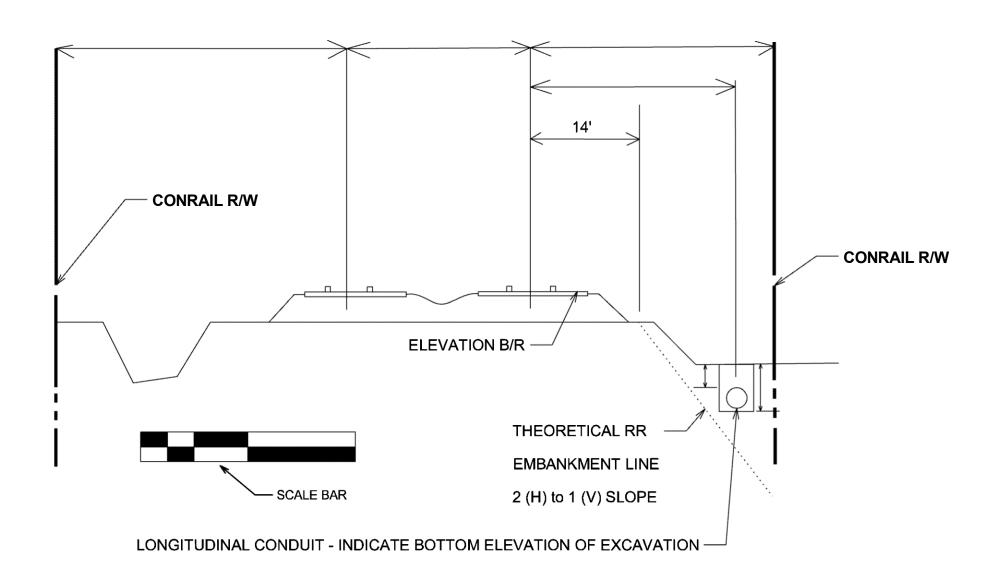


Plate X - Sample Conduit Plan and Section Under Railway Bridge

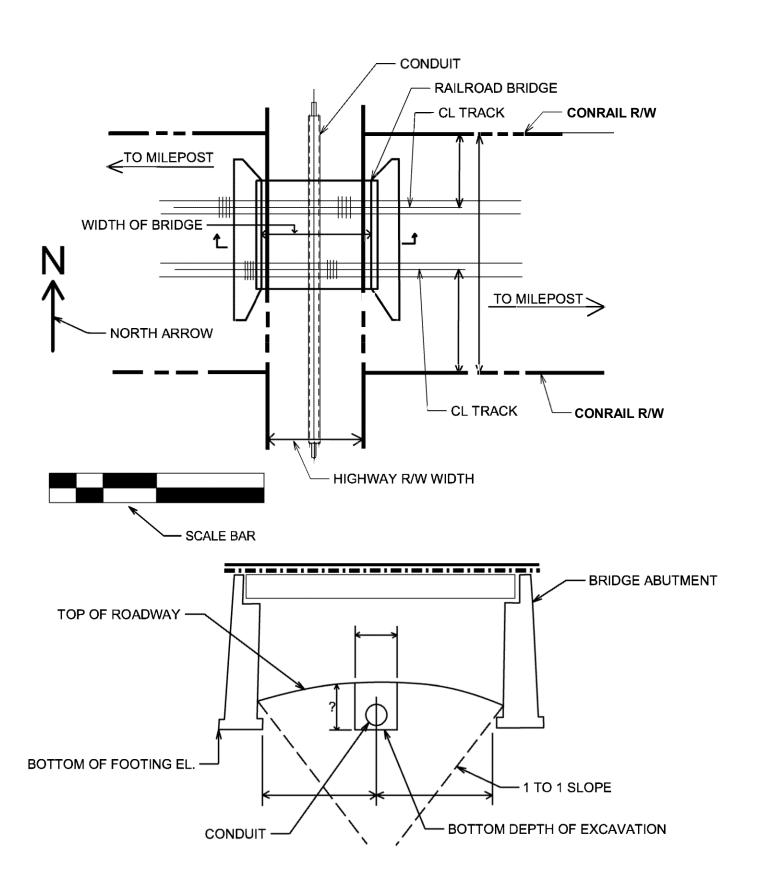
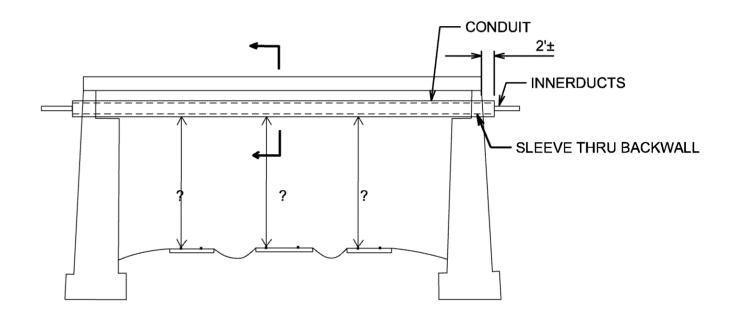
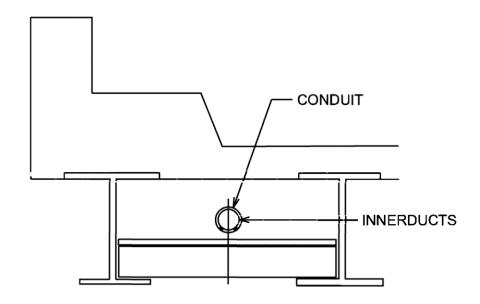


PLATE XI - Sample Conduit Profile and Section Views Pipe in Highway Over Railway





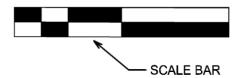


PLATE XII - Signal Clearance Diagram for Mast Mounted Flashers and Gates

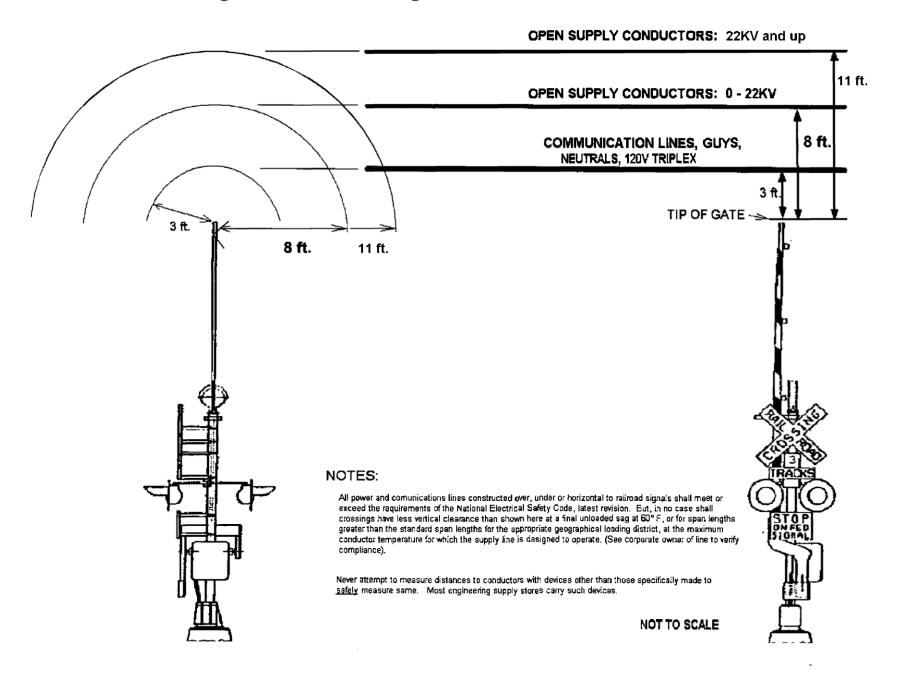
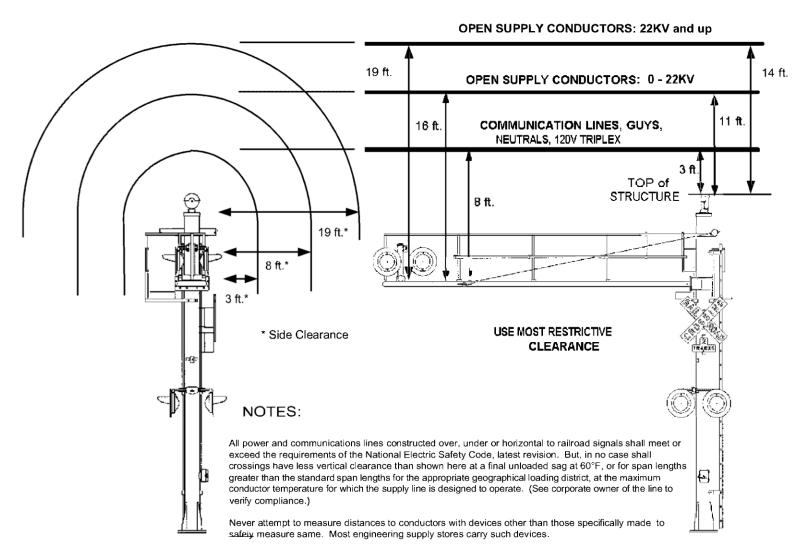


PLATE XIII - Signal Clearance Diagram for Cantilever Mounted Flashers and Gates



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PLATE XIV - STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

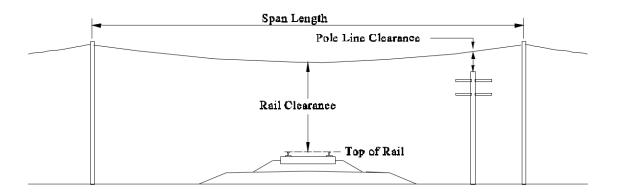
CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE AND WIRE CROSSINGS Initial date

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Note:

All power and communication lines constructed over, under or parallel to the railroad shall meet or exceed the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC), latest revision.

OVERHEAD CLEARANCE



In no case shall crossings have less vertical clearance than the following at a final unloaded sag at 60° F, or for span lengths greater than the standard span lengths for the appropriate geographic loading district, at the maximum conductor temperature for which the supply line is designed to operate.

Distance Above	Guys, Messenger, and	Open Supply Line or any Neutral (phase to ground voltage)		
	Communications Spans	Less than 750 V	750 V to 15 KV	15 KV to 50 KV *
Rail	27 feet	30 feet	31 feet	33 feet
Pole Line	2 feet	2 feet	4 feet	6 feet

* Add 1/2 inch for each 1000 volts (phase to ground) above 50 KV.

Loading District	Standard Span Lengths	
Heavy	175 feet	
Medium	250 feet	
Light	350 feet	
Note - The applicant will furnish line design final sag data		