

Specifications for Electrical Underground Distribution Systems from Overhead Transformation, Secondary Service Accounts

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### ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY SPECIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FROM OVERHEAD TRANSFORMATION, SECONDARY SERVICE ACCOUNTS SPECIFICATION NUMBER DDS-4 OH

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#### 1. SCOPE

This document represents the minimum requirements and specifications for the installation of the electrical underground distribution systems fed from overhead transformation, serving Secondary Service Accounts, to be transferred to Oncor Electric Delivery Company ownership.

#### 2. REFERENCES

This specification shall be used in conjunction with the latest revision of the following publications.

2.1 The Electric Service Guidelines, Oncor Electric Delivery Company.

#### **3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 Company: Oncor Electric Delivery Company and its designated representatives.
- 3.2 Contractor: Individual or firm installing electric underground service for Secondary Service Accounts.
- 3.3 Authority Having Jurisdiction: Generally an incorporated City or Town, but may be an agency of the County, State or Federal Government.
- 3.4 Point of Delivery: The point where Company's conductors are connected to premise's conductors, typically at the meter socket or service enclosure.

#### 4. GENERAL

- 4.1 The latest edition of all applicable building and safety codes shall be followed in the installation of the electrical underground distribution system. Included, but not limited to, are the:
  - 4.1.1 Local City Building and Fire Codes or any other applicable codes for a particular project location

#### 4. GENERAL (continued)

- 4.1.2 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)
- 4.1.3 U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA)
- 4.1.4 The American Concrete Institute (ACI)
- 4.1.5 The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
- 4.2 Upon receipt of all necessary information from the Contractor, a project sketch showing the route of the conduit line and other pertinent information will be furnished by the Company.
- 4.3 Prior to construction a meeting shall be held to discuss and coordinate construction and inspection.
- 4.4 The Company will require a signed easement at no cost or a filed plat incorporating Company easement requirements prior to the Company installing any electrical facilities.
- 4.5 Joint use ditch will be determined by the Company on an individual basis.
- 4.6 No electrical facilities shall be connected by the Company until after the final inspection is made and approval by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, as required by code, has been received.
- **5. COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY** The following shall be performed by, and the responsibility of, the Company:
  - 5.1 The Company inspector is to inspect all conduit installations prior to the placing of backfill.
  - 5.2 The Company inspector is responsible for all field changes and coordinates changes with the local Engineering office.
  - 5.3 After approval of the installed conduit system by the Company inspector, and after the Contractor has signed all appropriate contracts, agreements, easements and has paid any required CIAC (contribution in aid of construction), the Company shall install service lateral cables up to the line side of the point of delivery.

#### 5. COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY (continued)

- 5.4 Upon notification of final electrical inspection from the Authority Having Jurisdiction, the Company is to make final electrical connections at the point of delivery.
- **6. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY-** The following shall be performed by, and the responsibility of, the Contractor:
  - 6.1 The Contractor is to provide the Company a Site Plan, a Dimension Control Plan, an Elevation Plan, a Grading Plan and loading information.
  - 6.2 The Contractor is to coordinate with the Company inspector for inspection of work prior to backfilling.
  - 6.3 The Contractor is to provide personnel and vehicular access to the facility at all times.
  - 6.4 The Contractor is to be held responsible for the full direction and supervision of all work being performed by his employees, agents or contractors. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the area at all times prior to acceptance, particularly in the prevention of damage to the electrical distribution system by the activities of other trades and utilities.
  - 6.5 All testing of concrete and backfill which is deemed necessary by the Company is to be performed by an independent testing laboratory at the Contractor's expense.
  - 6.6 The Contractor is to replace at his expense any damaged equipment or work not in compliance with the requirements in these specifications, the project sketch, the DDS-4 OH Detail Sheets or as specified by the Company.
  - 6.7 The Contractor is to furnish equipment and labor to lay out ditch, set grade, dig ditches, place conduit in ditch and place electrical connection boxes. The line shall run in as straight alignment as practicable. All conduit and bends shall be Schedule 40 PVC or Schedule 80 PVC and shall be electrical grade. All PVC conduit and bends shall be gray in color.
  - 6.8 The Contractor may be required to furnish a spare conduit in the same ditch with service lateral conduit(s) and cap both ends at bends.
  - 6.9 The Contractor is to complete rough site grading, establish final grade and clear all obstructions. Any change in final grade which requires the lowering or raising of electrical conductors or associated equipment is at the expense of the Contractor.

#### 6. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY (continued)

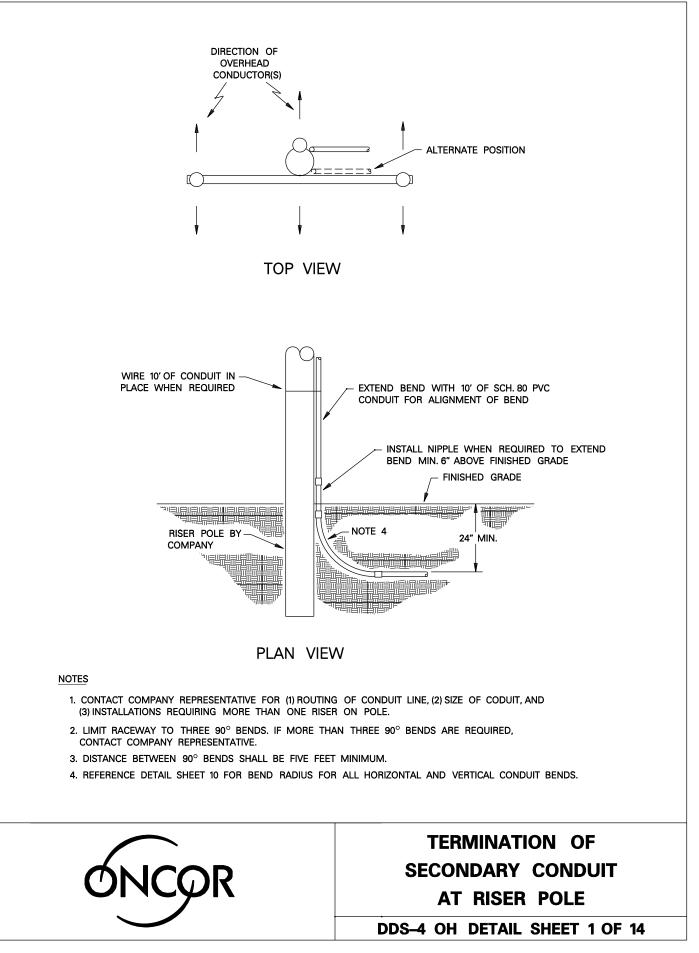
- 6.10 Minimum vertical crossing clearance of electrical conduits from other utilities' conduits is twelve (12) inches.
- 6.11 A lateral separation of five (5) feet from electrical conduits to other utilities' conduits is required on private property.
- 6.12 Backfilling of conduit trenches under paved areas and around conduit bends at riser poles is to be compacted to 95% of the density of surrounding undisturbed soil as per ASTM D 698. Stabilization must be uniform to bottom of ditch. An alternative method for backfilling around conduit bends consists of concrete backfill with bend. The method and location where used will be at the discretion of the Company.
- 6.13 Contractor is to pull a mandrel through each conduit to check and clear blockage and leave an approved pull tape in each conduit. Pull tape shall be furnished by the party providing conduit and shall be installed by Contractor. Mandrel shall be furnished by Contractor. Conduit shall be plugged at both ends. Reference DDS-3 UG Detail Sheet 8 for approved pull tapes.
- 6.14 Approved self-contained meter sockets or approved meter packs are to be provided and installed by the Contractor. Transocket meter bases and service enclosures (when required) are to be provided by the Company and installed by the Contractor. Reference the Electric Service Guidelines for approved self- contained meter sockets. **Contact Company for approval of meter packs prior to letting bids and installing equipment.**
- 6.15 For single occupant, C. T. metered Secondary Service accounts fed from overhead transformation, the Contractor is to provide and install the underground raceway to the riser pole. The Company shall provide, install, connect and maintain the service lateral conductor.
- 6.16 If socket type metering fed from overhead transformation is utilized, the Contractor is to mount the meter socket on the building with the location approved by the Company and provide and install the underground raceway to the riser pole. The Company shall provide, install, connect and maintain the service lateral conductor.
- 6.17 For multiple occupancy Secondary Service accounts fed from overhead transformation, the Contractor is to provide and install (1) the service lateral raceway from the service enclosure to the riser pole and (2) the conductors and associated raceways from the service enclosure to the line side of the meters. The Company shall provide, install, connect and maintain the service lateral conductors to the line side of the service enclosure.

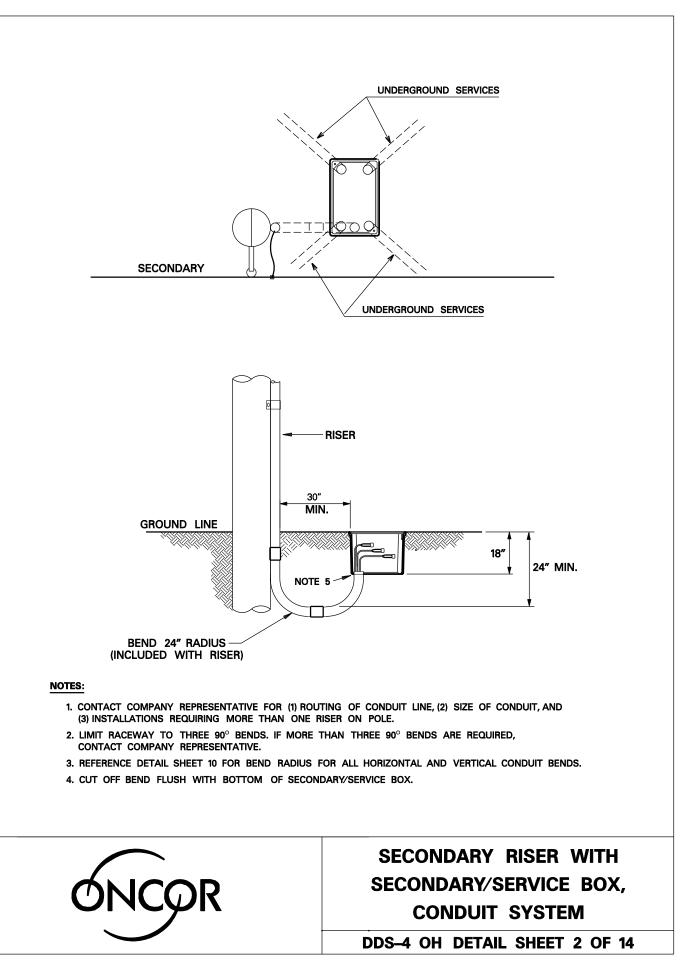
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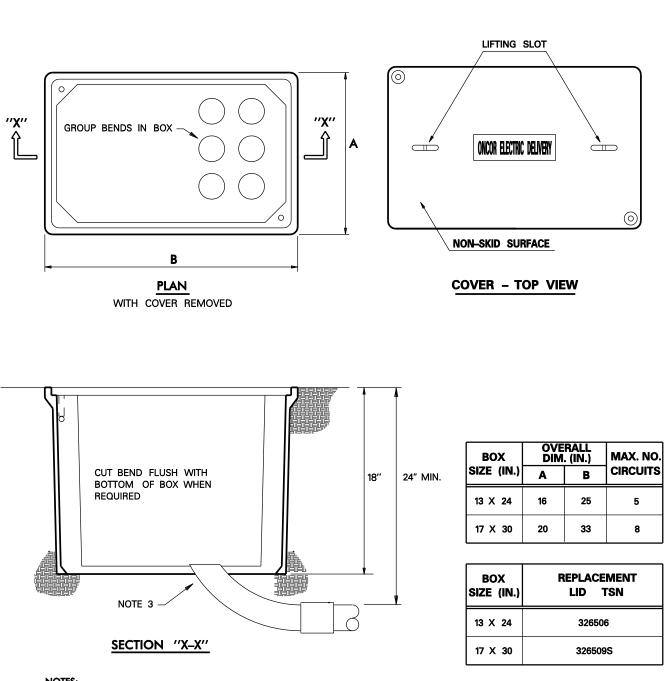
- 6.18 For multiple occupancy Secondary Service accounts utilizing meter packs fed from overhead transformation, the Contractor is to provide and install the service lateral raceway from the meter pack enclosure to the riser pole. The Company shall provide, install, connect and maintain the service lateral conductors to the line side of the meter pack.
- 6.19 For Secondary Service Accounts fed from subsurface secondary/ service boxes or meter pedestals, the Contractor is to (1) provide and install the underground raceway and conductor to the load side of the secondary/ subsurface box or meter pedestal, and (2) provide and install the underground raceway between the secondary/ service box or meter pedestal and the riser pole. The service lateral conductors between the overhead transformer and the source side of the secondary/ service box or meter pedestal shall be supplied, installed, connected and maintained by the Company. The Contractor shall provide the connectors when required and the Company shall install these connectors on the Contractor's conductors and connect to the load side of the secondary/ service box. Reference the Electric Service Guidelines for approved compression type connectors.
- 6.20 The Contractor is to secure inspection and approval of premise's facilities by the Authority Having Jurisdiction prior to the connection of electrical facilities.
- 6.21 Meter sockets to multi-metered locations shall be clearly and permanently marked by the Contractor on the exterior and interior of the meter socket to indicate each location served. Engraved or stamped metal, weather resistant placards shall be used on the exterior of the meter socket and be permanently affixed. Permanent marker or other acceptable method shall be used to mark the location on the inside of the meter socket (at a location other than the cover) where it can be easily read.

### 7. ACCEPTANCE

7.1 The Company inspector shall meet with the Contractor and review the project prior to acceptance. Electrical facilities will be installed as approved by the Company inspector only after acceptance of the project.







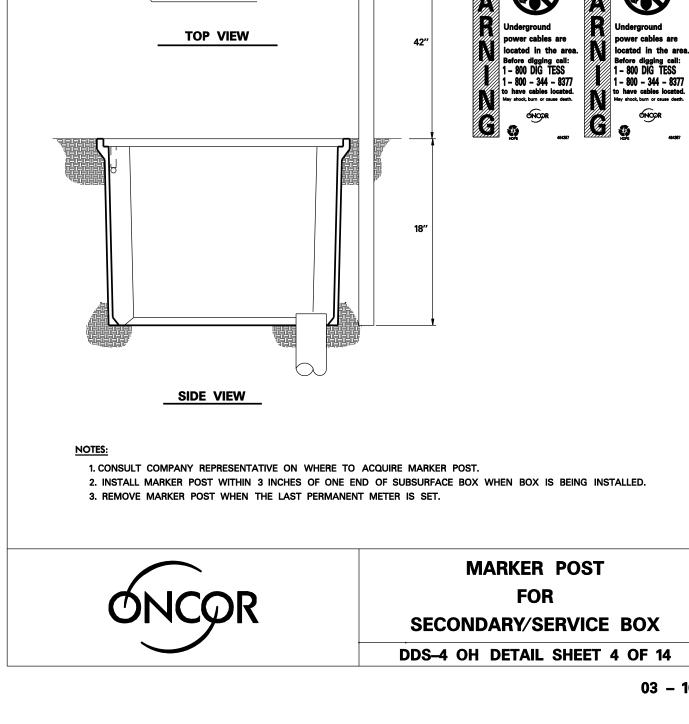
NOTES:

- 1. CONSULT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR (1) APPROVED PRECAST SECONDARY SUBSURFACE BOXES, (2) SIZE OF CONDUIT, AND (3) ROUTING PATH OF CONDUIT INTO SECONDARY SUBSURFACE BOX.
- 2. FOR INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT TO IN- SERVICE SECONDARY SUBSURFACE BOXES, CONSULT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR DETAILS.
- 3. REFERENCE DETAIL SHEET 10 FOR BEND RADIUS FOR ALL HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CONDUIT BENDS.



# TYPICAL SERVICE AREA-SUBSURFACE SECONDARY/SERVICE BOX

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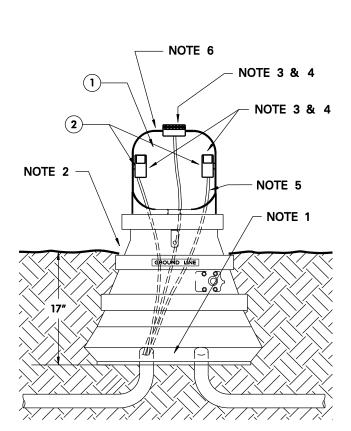
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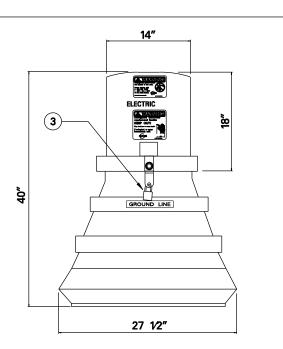
LIFTING SLOT

ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY

NON-SKID SURFACE

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REPLACEMENT PARTS		
PART	TSN.	
6 POSITION CONNECTOR #6 – 350 CONDUCTOR	397461	
6 POSITION CONNECTOR #6 – 500 CONDUCTOR	397463	
CLEAR LEXAN CONNECTOR COVER	397462	
COVER TIE	386181	

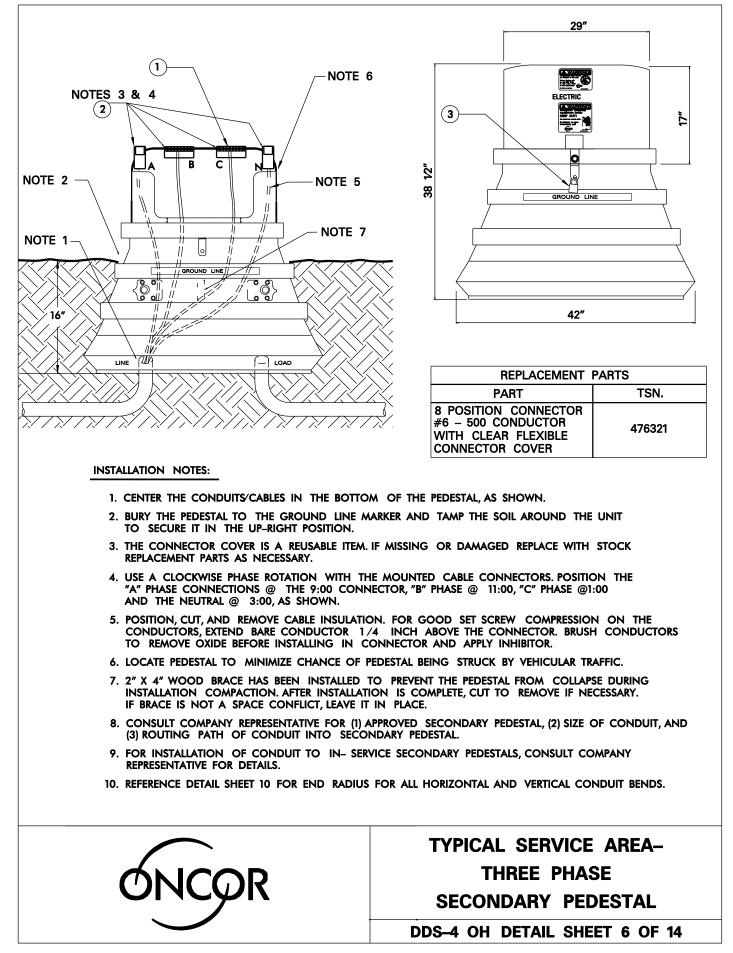
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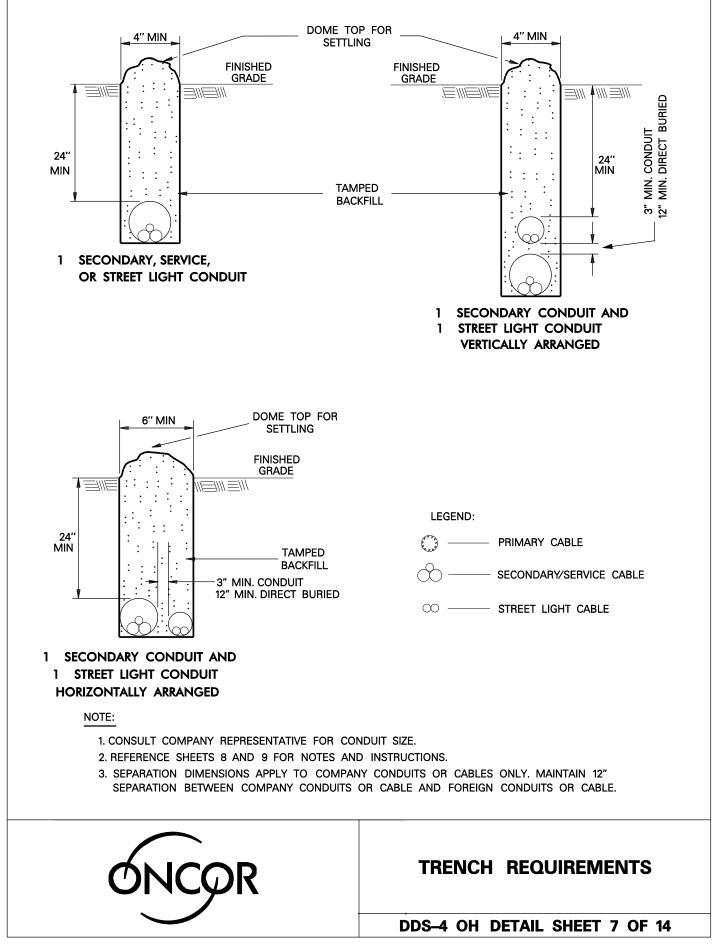
- 1. CENTER THE CONDUITS/CABLES IN THE BOTTOM OPENING OF THE PEDESTAL.
- 2. BURY THE PEDESTAL TO THE GROUND LINE MARKER AND TAMP THE SOIL AROUND THE UNIT TO SECURE IT IN THE UPRIGHT POSITION.
- 3. THE CONNECTOR COVER IS A REUSEABLE ITEM. IF MISSING OR DAMAGED REPLACE WITH PARTS AS SHOWN. ALL CONNECTOR COVERS MUST BE SECURED WITH TIES. IF THE TIES ARE CUT OR DAMAGED IN ANY WAY, REPLACE WITH STOCK REPLACEMENT PARTS AS SHOWN.
- 4. USE THE CENTER TOP MOUNTED CONNECTOR FOR THE NEUTRAL CONDUCTOR. USE THE SIDE MOUNTED CONNECTORS FOR THE "HOT" CONDUCTORS.
- 5. POSITION, CUT AND REMOVE CABLE INSULATION. FOR GOOD SET SCREW COMPRESSION ON THE CONDUCTORS, EXTEND BARE CONDUCTOR 1/4 INCH ABOVE THE CONNECTOR. BRUSH CONDUCTORS TO REMOVE OXIDE BEFORE INSTALLING IN CONNECTOR AND APPLY INHIBITOR.
- 6. LOCATE PEDESTAL TO MINIMIZE CHANCE OF PEDESTAL BEING STRUCK BY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
- 7. CONSULT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR (1) APPROVED SECONDARY PEDESTALS, (2) SIZE OF CONDUIT, AND (3) ROUTING PATH OF CONDUIT INTO SECONDARY PEDESTAL.
- 8. FOR INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT TO IN- SERVICE SECONDARY PEDESTALS, CONSULT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR DETAILS.
- 9. REFERENCE DETAIL SHEET 10 FOR BEND RADIUS FOR ALL HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CONDUIT BENDS.



TYPICAL SERVICE AREA-SINGLE PHASE SECONDARY PEDESTAL

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- 1. TRENCH ALIGNMENT SHALL BE AS STRAIGHT AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. ANY DEVIATIONS FROM PLANNED ALIGNMENT SHALL HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER/INSPECTOR. ALL TRENCH CUTS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING SAFETY REGULATIONS IN EFFECT.
  - 2. TRENCH BOTTOM SHOULD BE UNDISTURBED, TAMPED, OR RELATIVELY SMOOTH EARTH. WHERE EXCAVATION IS IN ROCK, THE CONDUIT SHOULD BE LAID ON A LAYER OF CLEAN BACKFILL.
  - 3. ALL BACKFILL SHOULD BE FREE OF DEBRIS OR OTHER MATERIAL THAT MAY DAMAGE THE CONDUIT SYSTEM OR CAUSE SETTLING. THE MATERIAL SHOULD FILL THE VOIDS AROUND THE CONDUIT TO PREVENT HOT SPOTS & SETTLING.
  - 4. BACKFILL SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY COMPACTED. BACKFILL NOT UNDER PAVEMENT SHOULD BE COMPACTED TO THE DENSITY OF THE SURROUNDING UNDISTURBED SOIL. BACKFILL UNDER PAVEMENT SHOULD BE COMPACTED TO NOT LESS THAN 95% OF THE DENSITY OF UNDISTURBED SOIL AS DETERMINED BY ASTM D-698.
  - 5. SEE SHEET 9 FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING PVC CONDUIT.
  - 6. EACH CONDUIT RUN SHALL BE CHECKED BY PULLING A MANDREL THROUGH THE ENTIRE LENGTH AT THE COMPLETION OF THE CIVIL INSTALLATION.
  - 7. A PULL TAPE SHALL BE LEFT IN EACH CONDUIT. CONDUIT SHALL BE PLUGGED AT BOTH ENDS.

	APPROVED PULL TAPES			
CONDUIT SIZE	MANUFACTURER	CATALOG NO.	TSN	
1", 2", 3" & 4"	ARNCO NEPTCO, INC.	BL-WP25 WP2500P	321068	
6″	ARNCO NEPTCO, INC.	BL-WP60 RP6000N	397616	

8. CONTACT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRENCH DIMENSIONS FOR MORE THAN 2 CONDUITS IN SAME DITCH.



## INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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THE CHEMICALS USED IN SOLVENT WELDING OF CONDUIT ARE INTENDED TO PENETRATE THE SURFACE OF BOTH PIPE AND FITTING, WHICH AFTER CURING RESULT IN A COMPLETE FUSION AT THE JOINT. THE OVER-USE, OR THE UNDER-USE OF CHEMICALS RESULTS IN LEAKY JOINTS OR WEAKENED PIPE.

- A. CLEAN CONDUIT BY WIPING OFF ALL DUST, DIRT, AND MOISTURE FROM SURFACES TO BE CEMENTED, EITHER BY MECHANICAL OR CHEMICAL CLEANING.
  - 1. MECHANICAL CLEANING FINE ABRASIVE PAPER OR CLOTH (180 GRIT OR FINER) OR CLEAN OIL-FREE STEEL WOOL.
  - 2. CHEMICAL CLEANING CLEANER RECOMMENDED BY MANUFACTURER OR EQUIVALENT (METHYL ETHYL KETONE MEK).
- B. WITH A NON-SYNTHETIC BRISTLE BRUSH, APPLY AN EVEN COATING OF CEMENT TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PIPE AND INSIDE THE SOCKET. MAKE SURE THAT THE AMOUNT OF CEMENT APPLIED TO THE CONDUIT IS EQUAL TO THE DEPTH OF THE SOCKET. BEFORE ASSEMBLY, IF SOME EVAPORATION OF SOLVENT FROM THE SURFACES TO BE JOINED IS NOTED, REAPPLY CEMENT, THEN ASSEMBLE.

IF CEMENT BEING USED HAS AN APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN VISCOSITY OR SHOWS SIGNS OF JELLING, IT SHALL BE DISCARDED. IN NO CASE SHALL THINNER BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE JELLED PVC CEMENT. THINNER MAY ONLY BE USED TO CHANGE THE VISCOSITY OF A MEDIUM BODIED CEMENT TO THAT OF A REGULAR BODIED CEMENT FOR APPLICATION ON PVC PIPE SMALLER THAN 2 1/2 INCH DIAMETER. A MEDIUM BODIED CEMENT SHALL BE USED ON 2 1/2 TO 6 INCH PVC PIPE.

IN COLD WEATHER, USE A PRIMER TO SOFTEN THE JOINING SURFACES BEFORE APPLYING CEMENT. ALLOW LONGER CURE TIME. (SEE ITEM E).

- C. JOIN PIPE WITHIN 20 SECONDS OF APPLYING CEMENT, TURN THE PIPE 1/4 TURN TO ENSURE EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF CEMENT ON SURFACES TO BE BONDED. MAKE SURE THAT PIPE IS INSERTED TO THE FULL DEPTH OF THE SOCKET.
- D. CLEAN OFF ANY BEAD OR EXCESS CEMENT THAT APPEARS AT THE OUTER SHOULDER OF THE FITTING. EXCESS CEMENT ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE MATERIAL IS APT TO CAUSE WEAKENING OF THE MATERIAL AND SUBSEQUENT FAILURE.
- E. NEWLY ASSEMBLED JOINTS SHOULD BE HANDLED CAREFULLY UNTIL THE CEMENT HAS CURED THE RECOMMENDED SET PERIOD. SET PERIODS ARE RELATED TO THE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AS FOLLOWS:

30 MIN. MINIMUM AT 60<sup>°</sup> TO 100<sup>°</sup>F 1 HR. MINIMUM AT 40<sup>°</sup> TO 60<sup>°</sup>F 2 HR. MINIMUM AT 20<sup>°</sup> TO 40<sup>°</sup>F 4 HR. MINIMUM AT 0<sup>°</sup> TO 20<sup>°</sup>F



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING PVC CONDUIT

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CONDUIT NOMINAL SIZE (IN.)	MINIMUM BEND RADIUS (IN.)	TYPE OF BEND MATERIAL FOR PULLS:
1	18	PVC
2	24	PVC
3	24	PVC
4	24	PVC
6	36	PVC

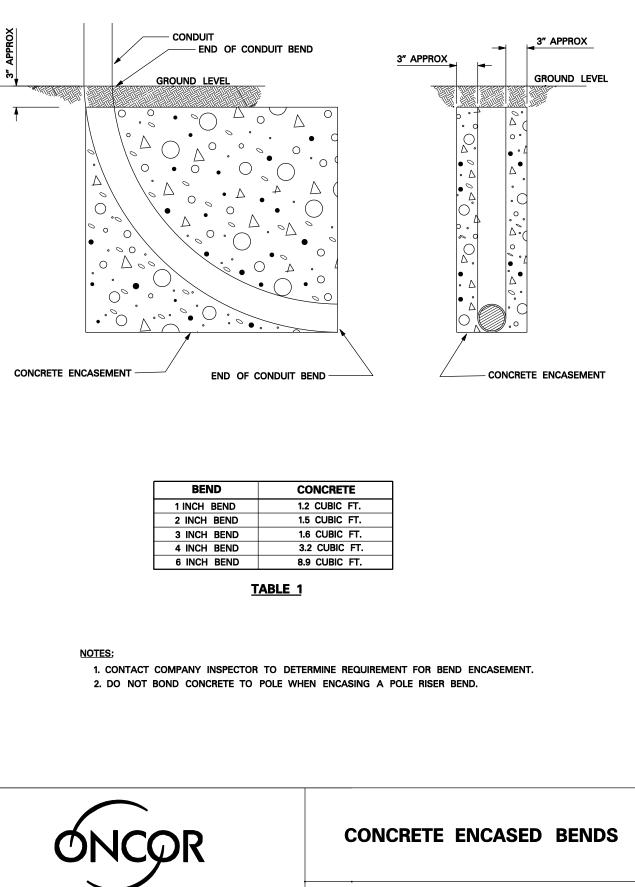
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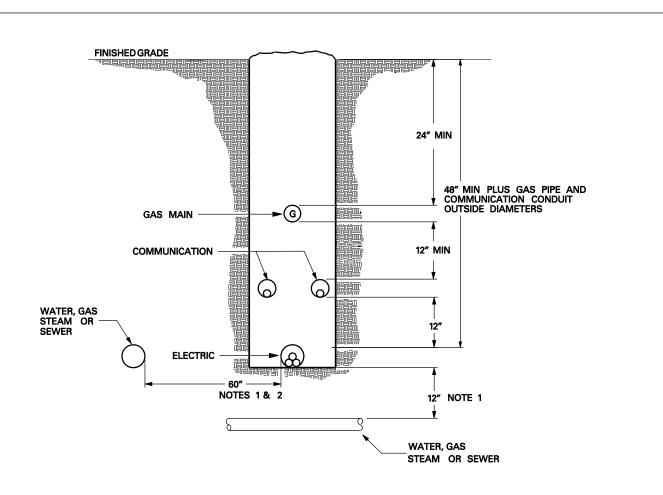
1. SCH. 80 PVC CONDUIT SHALL BE USED FOR ALL ABOVE GROUND INSTALLATIONS (POLE AND METER RISERS). SCH. 40 MAY BE USED FOR ALL BELOW GROUND INSTALLATIONS.



## CONDUIT BEND RADIUS AND MATERIAL

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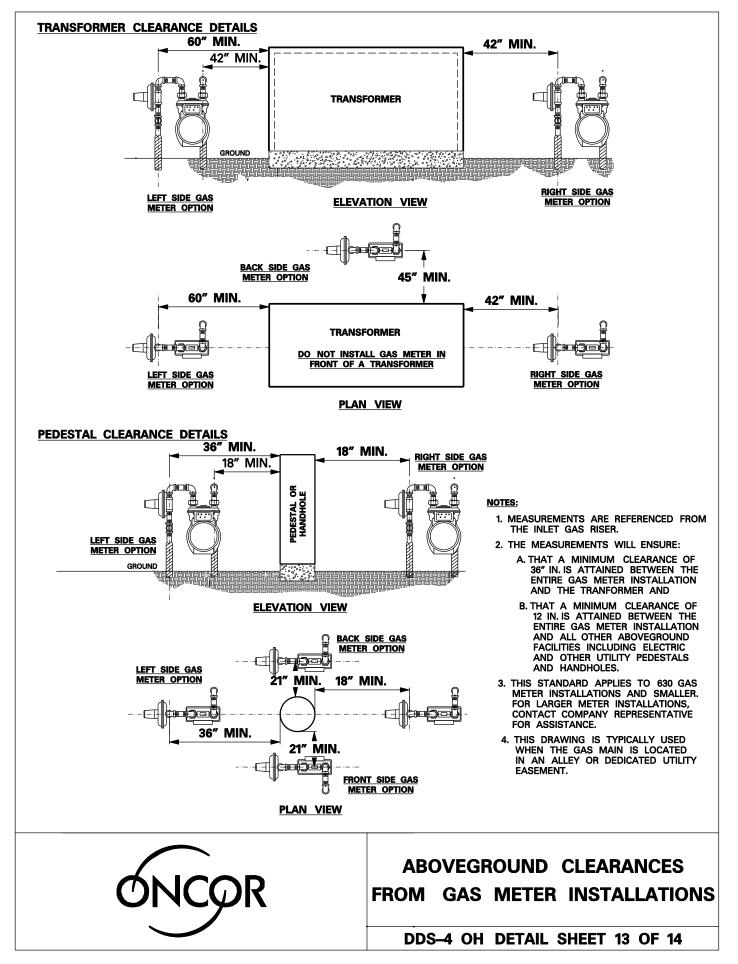
#### NOTES:

- 1. VERTICAL CROSSING CLEARANCE FROM OTHER UTILITIES SHALL BE 12 INCHES. A 60 INCH LATERAL SEPARATION OF PARALLELING FOREIGN UTILITIES (EXCLUDING GAS AND COMMUNICATIONS) SHALL BE REQUIRED. AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE TO ALLOW GAS, TELEPHONE AND /OR CATV IN THE SAME DITCH AS COMPANY CONDUIT SYSTEM PROVIDING THE NESC REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUIT SEPARATION ARE MET OR EXCEEDED AND THE COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS ARE INSTALLED IN CONDUIT.
- 2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ONLY 12 INCH SEPARATION IS REQUIRED ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY. PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN EXCAVATION ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE HAZARDS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, EXCAVATION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY CAN BE DONE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THE HAZARDS. THEREFORE, THE 60 INCH LATERAL SEPARATION IS REQUIRED TO HELP PREVENT INJURY TO PERSONNEL DOING EXCAVATION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.



# CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FROM FOREIGN UTILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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