GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGROUND CROSSING

AND RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES — AS AMENDED JULY 27, 2026

PIPELINES, ELECTRIC LINES, PHONELINES, FIBER OPTIC LINES, OR ANY OTHER LINE RUNNING ACROSS COUNTY ROADS OR ADJACENT TO AND IN COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AS SET BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCCULLOCH COUNTY, TEXAS.

1. GAS AND OIL PIPELINES MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 48 INCHES FROM THE TOP OF THE BORE AND SHALL RUN THROUGH A METAL CONDUIT EXTENDING BEYOND COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. HOWEVER, LINES WITH A DEPTH GREATER THAN 60 INCHES DO NOT REQUIRE A METAL CONDUIT.

2. THE TOP OF THE BORE SHALL BE AT LEAST 48 INCHES BEYOND THE LOWEST POINT OF THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE CROSSING POINT.

3. PIPELINE OPERATORS SHALL PLACE A CLEARLY IDENTIFYING SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT POINTS OF COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

4. PIPELINE OPERATORS SHALL BORE UNDER ALL COUNTY ROADS WHEN PRACTICABLE. TRENCHING ACROSS CALICHE SURFACED AND DIRT ROADS MAY BE GRANTED BY PERMISSION PROVIDED THE REQUESTER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFIED REPAIR PROCEDURES.

   THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OPEN AND CLOSE ALL TRENCHING OPERATIONS DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS OF ONE DAY. APPROPRIATE MEASURES SHALL BE FOLLOWED IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, TRAFFIC CONVENIENCE, AND ACCESS TO ADJACENT PROPERTY FOR ALL TRENCHING OPERATIONS. NECESSARY SIGNS, BARRICADES AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES SHALL BE USED AS REQUIRED TO WARN TRAFFIC AND PROTECT WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC. THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST FOR TRENCHING.

   ALL BACKFILLING OF DIRT AND/OR CALICHE BASE, WITHIN THE ENTIRE ROADWAY WIDTH, SHALL BE DONE AT OPTIMUM MOISTURE, IN SIX INCH LIFTS AND COMPACTED SUFFICIENTLY TO OBTAIN 95% STANDARD PROCTOR DENSITY. DENSITY TESTS FROM A RELIABLE LABORATORY SHALL BE FURNISHED AS REQUIRED BY MCCULLOCH COUNTY.

ALL CUTS, BACKFILL, BASE REPLACEMENT AND RESURFACING ARE TO BE PERFORMED IN A NEAT AND WORKMANLIKE MANNER AND SHALL CONFORM TO ALL DIRECTIONS OF MCCULLOCH COUNTY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY REPAIRS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION.

5. PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OF ANY LINE CROSSING AND/OR RUNNING IN THE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, APPROVAL MUST BE GIVEN BY MCCULLOCH COUNTY, THROUGH PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE MCCULLOCH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

6. COUNTY CATTLE GUARDS SHALL NOT BE USED AS A CONDUIT FOR A ROAD CROSSING POINT FOR PIPELINES, ETC.

7. AT NO TIME SHALL COUNTY REGULATIONS CIRCUMVENT FEDERAL OR STATE PIPELINE GUIDELINES OR LAWS.

8. OPERATOR MUST CONTACT THE COUNTY COMMISSION IN THE PRECINCT BEFORE COVING A DITCH.

9. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT, ACCEPT OR REJECT ROAD CROSSING CONSTRUCTION.

10. TRACK VEHICLES MUST BE HAULED WHEN USING ALL COUNTY ROADS TO TRAVEL FROM POINT A TO POINT B. WHEN CROSSING ALL COUNTY ROADS (PERPENDICULAR) WITH TRACK VEHICLES, TIRES OR MATS SHALL BE USED TO PROTECT THE ROADS. ANY DAMAGE TO ROADS SHALL BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRECINCT COMMISSIONER. REPAIRS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AND SHALL BE DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PRECINCT COMMISSIONER.

11. SOME LEEWAY MAY BE GRANTED FOR EXISTING LINES. HOWEVER, ALL LINES (IN USE OR ABANDONED) SHALL MEET THE MARKING STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY AND/OR OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES.

12. ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION SHALL MEET LISTED GUIDELINES AND VIOLATORS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES INCURRED IF GUIDELINES ARE NOT MET.

MCCULLOCH COUNTY, TEXAS

ROAD CROSSING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME:_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____

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CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:_____

LOCATION OF PROPOSED CROSSING, RIGHT-OF-WAY, SIZE OF PIPELINE AND PROPOSED USE OF PROPOSED PIPELINE (INCLUDING MAP):

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

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PRECINCT NUMBER: _____