

SECTION 4 Service Requirements and Responsibilities

4 – 1 New and Existing Service Installations

General

4 – 1a Customer/Contractor

- Fulfill the Customer/Contractor Requirements in the How to Obtain Service section at the beginning of this booklet.
- Submit a completed Service Request form before beginning any electrical work. Only one service of the same voltage is available to a customer's premises. Any deviations are at the company's discretion, subject to the NEC and the total service limitations defined in New Service Less Than 600 Volts.
- Ensure that the minimum service entrance and service equipment be rated at **100 amperes** for residential and commercial (exceptions are at the discretion of the company).
- Size services according to the NEC to meet both customer load and voltage drop requirements.
- Provide, install, own, and maintain all service entrance conductors, service laterals, and service equipment. Customer must install **copper** type cable if service is run from handhole or manhole.
- Provide, own, and maintain meter sockets, enclosures, and multiple metering installations.
- Provide a certificate of electrical inspection from an authority having jurisdiction. This must occur before the company will connect the new service installation, rewire, or upgrade to the company's distribution system.
- Reimburse the company for its expense in locating a fault on any service lateral repair.

4 – 1b Company

- Recommend that the capacity of service equipment be greater than the required minimum to provide for future growth.
- Determine the type of construction, route of the service connection, and location of metering equipment.
- Permit an exception for traffic signals or similar low consumption usage equipment.
- Provide current and voltage transformers for services greater than 400 amperes.
- Install, own, and maintain adequate metering to measure the energy and demand use in accordance with its rates.
- Connect and energize the service after receipt of the electrical inspection certificate.
- Refuse to connect and energize the service lateral tap if not installed in accordance with the company's underground specifications and the NEC.

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4 – 2 Pullbox

Customer rewires or upgrades the premise service that has RG&E cables terminated in a pullbox, the pullbox will be removed and the meterbox must be moved outside. The customer must consult with the company to determine the type of service to be provided before proceeding with the installation of wiring or ordering electrical equipment.

Accessible by Ladder

Capable of being reached from the ground at level grade with a 24-foot extension ladder.

Customer Premise Wiring shall be accessible by *Ladder Reference Drawing*. (Refer to Figure 9 on page 26)

1. Capable of being reached from the ground at level grade with a 24-foot extension ladder (without climbing off ladder.) Ladders shall be used only on stable and level surfaces unless secure.
 - 1A. **Acceptable** for final grade:
 1. Grass/dirt
 2. Blacktop driveway
 3. Sidewalk
 - 1B. **Unacceptable**
 1. Stamped concrete patio
 2. Decks
 3. Sloped yard
2. Ensure that the point of attachment is not less than 12 feet or more than 25 feet above final grade. The point of attachment must be of sufficient height to provide minimum clearances. These clearances are required by the *NEC, Article 230*, and vary dependent on the type of service and types of terrain the service drop crosses.
3. Any exception made for posting a service will be via conversation with RG&E and the inspector or meeting with RG&E and the inspector on-site.
4. Electrical inspection by the authority having jurisdiction – Final Inspection Service Determination Inspector by field verification and approval; references *NYSCE, NFPA Electrical Inspection Manual, NEC Article 90.7 Examination of Equipment for Safety, Article 110.2 Approval, Article 110.3 Examination, Identification, Installation, and Use of Equipment*.

Any exceptions for RG&E or electrician posting a service will be by conversation with RG&E and the Electrical Inspector. The exception will be documented in RG&E's Service Notification and the Electrical Inspector will document on the Final Inspection Certificate (cut in card) with specific exception information and RG&E contact references.

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RG&E	Accident Prevention Manual July 1, 2017-Fall Protection 1.12 (E) Ladders
RG&E	Ladder Selection and Safety
RG&E	Requirements for Installation of Electric Services and Meter Booklet September 2004
NEC	Adopted National Electrical Code by NYS
NFPA-70	National Electrical Code
NFPA-70E	Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace
NYSCE	New York State Code Enforcement

Figure 9

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4 – 3 Residential Overhead Service

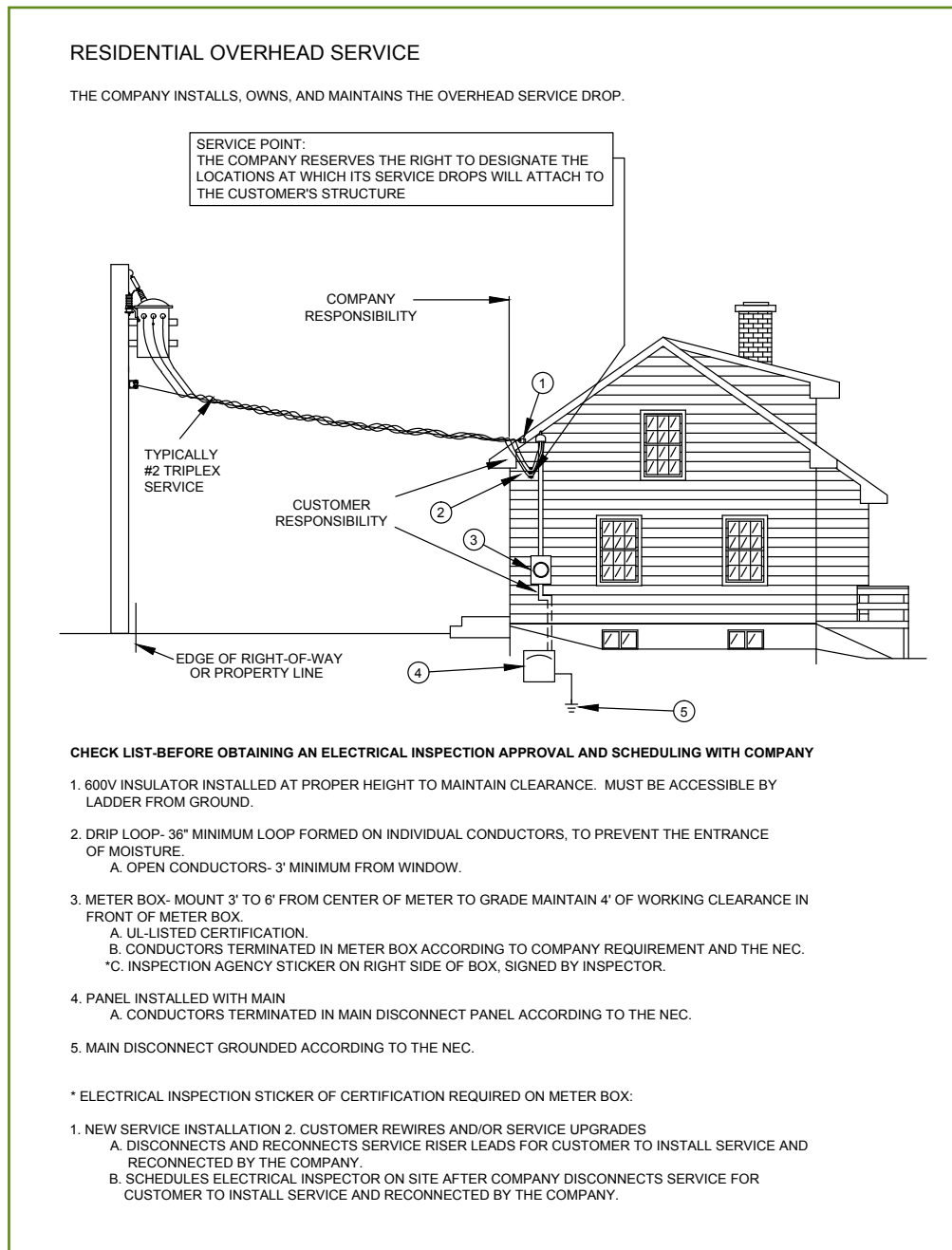


Figure 10

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 – 1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 3a Customer/Contractor

- Contact the company for the point of attachment for new services or if the service point attachment changes. Connections must be accessible by ladder from the ground at level grade.
- Determine the location of the service drop.
- Ensure that the point of attachment is **not less than 12 feet or more than 25 feet above final grade**. The point of attachment must be of sufficient height to provide minimum clearances. These clearances are required by the *NEC, Article 230*, and vary dependent on the type of service and types of terrain the service drop crosses.
- Provide and install service drop attachments for single-phase services (600-volt insulator applications). Generally, an overhead service drop is limited to supply service equipment rated 800 amperes or less. The company recommends an underground service for a service larger than 800 amperes.

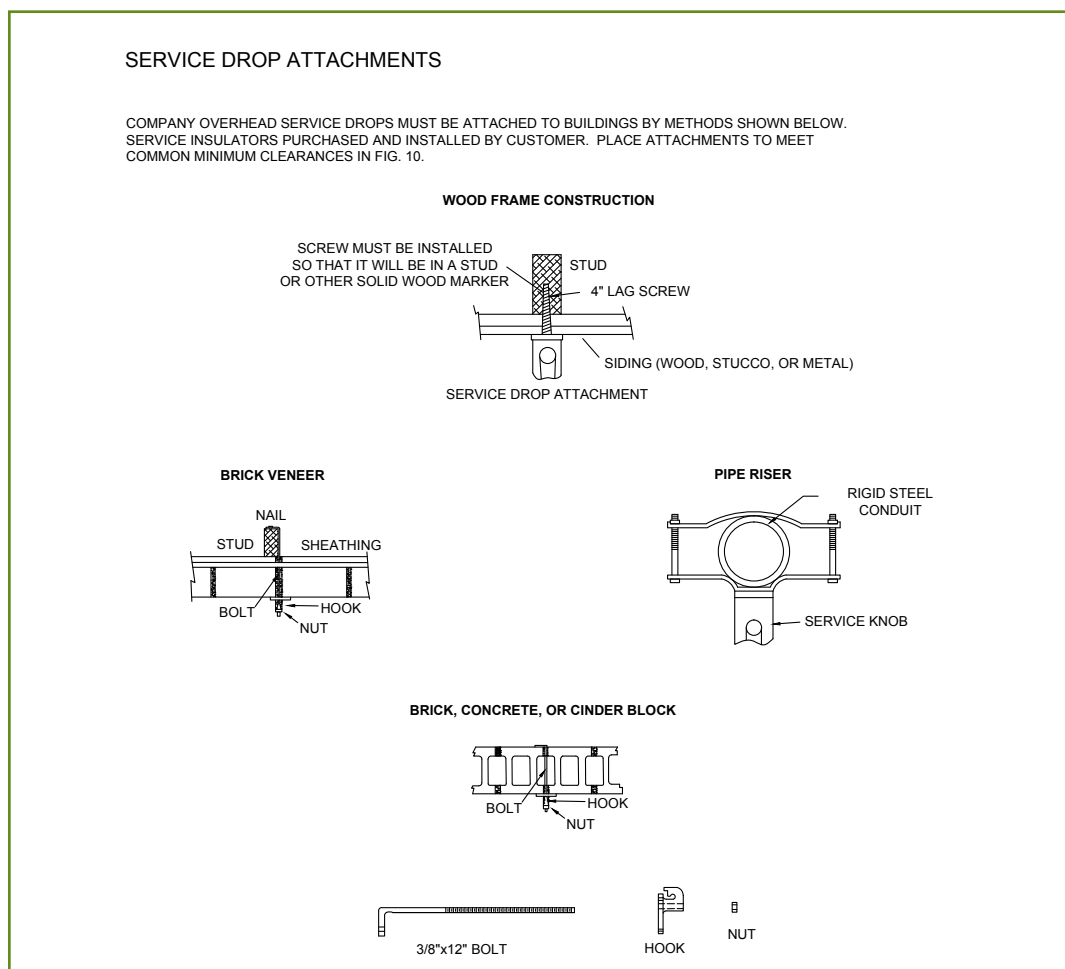


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4 – 3b Customer/Contractor

- Ensure that there is a minimum of four feet of clearance in front of the meter.

4 – 3c Company

- Designate the location of the service, if there is an obstruction or clearance issue.

4 – 4 Service Head and Riser (Weatherhead)

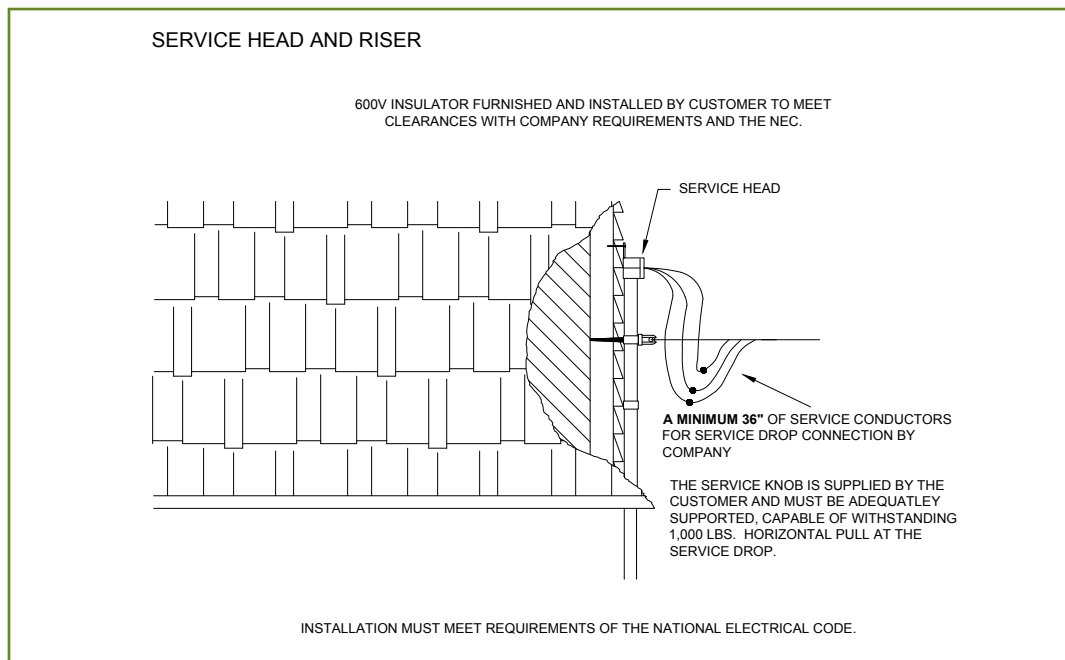


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4 – 5 Pipe Mast Riser

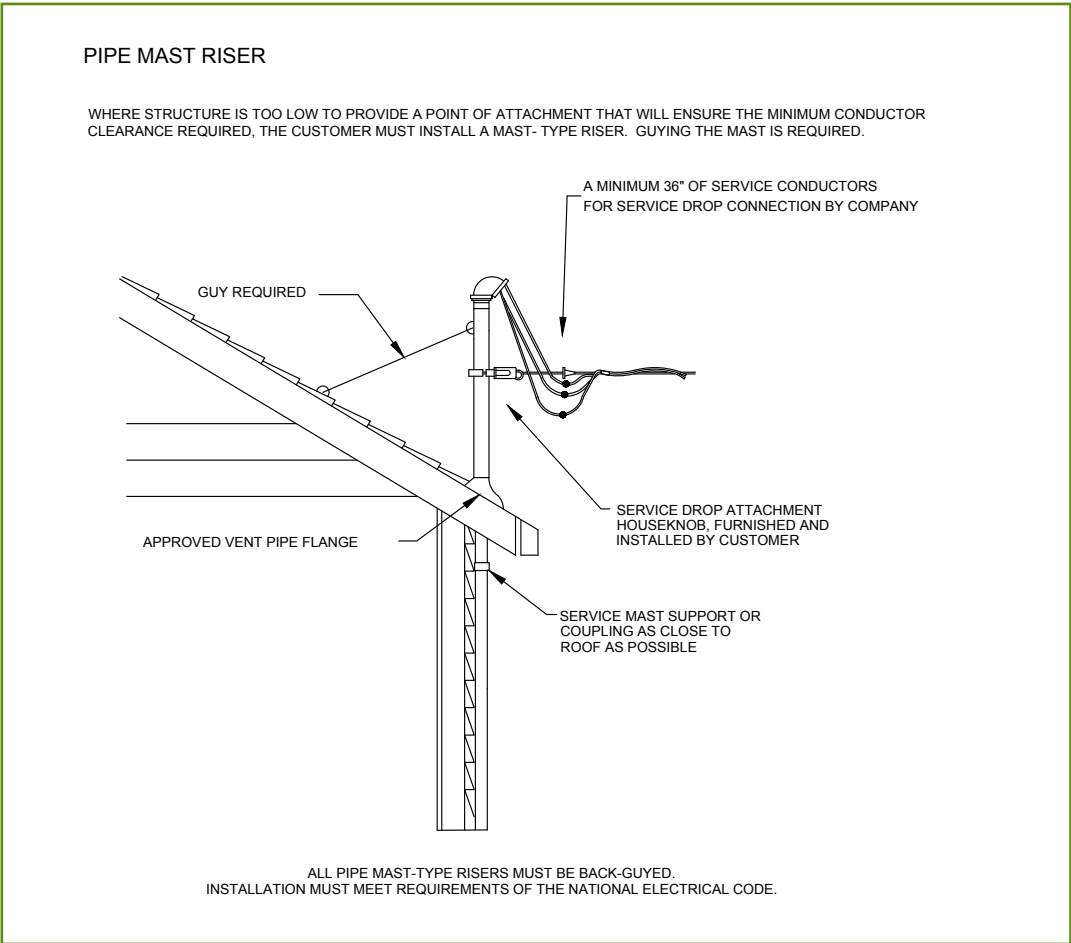


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4 – 6 Common Minimum Clearances

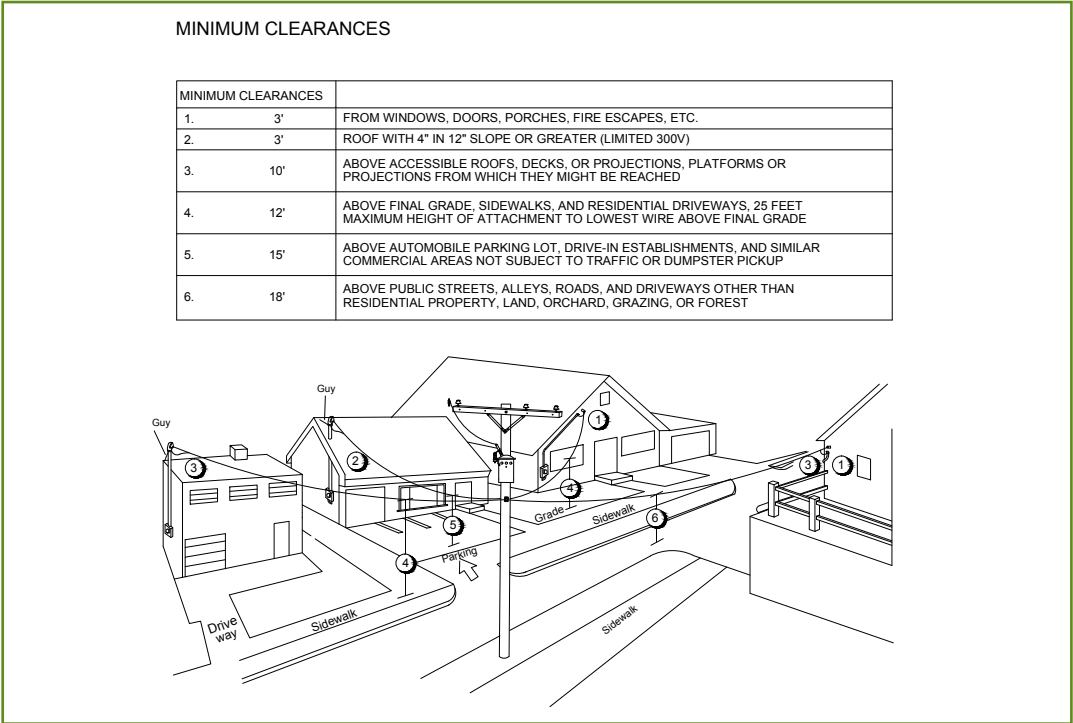


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In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 7 Temporary Service

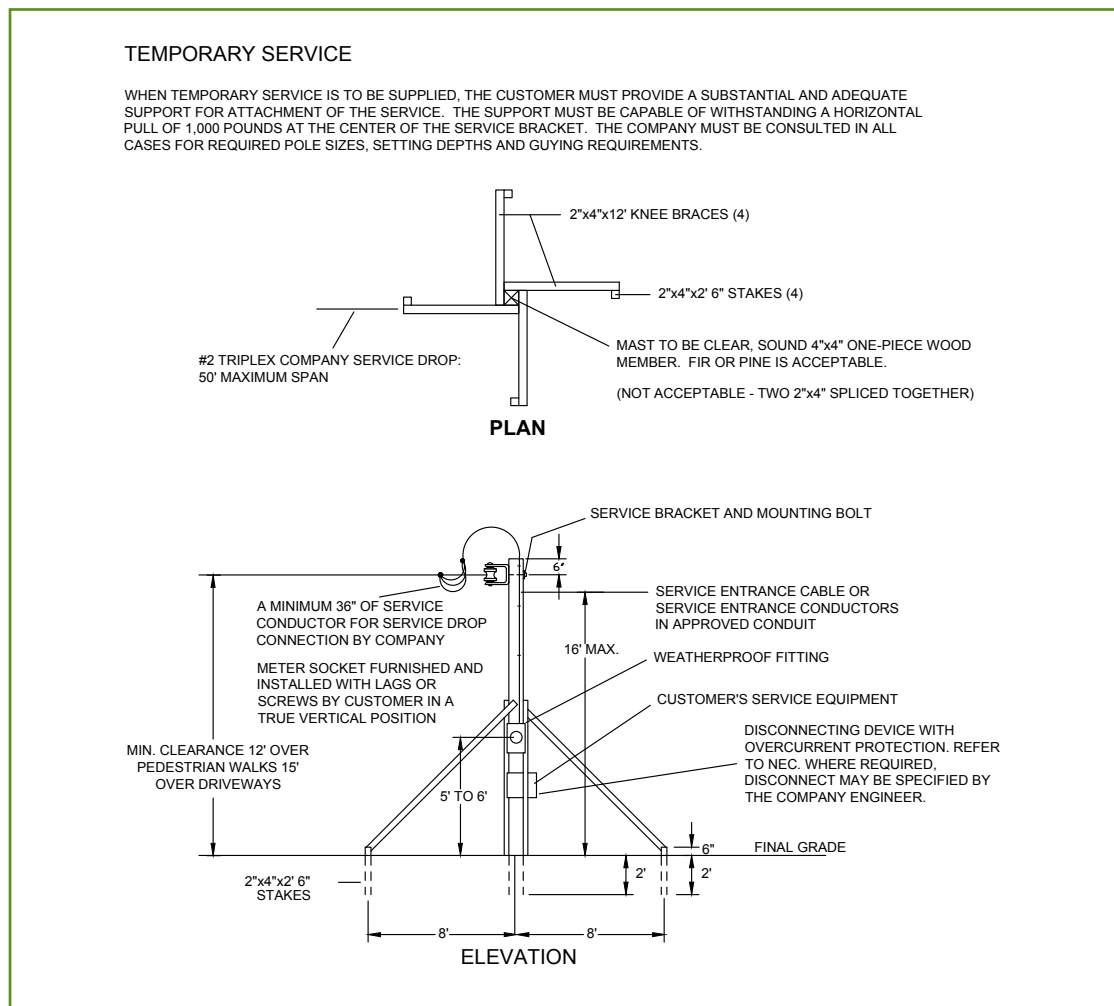


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4 – 7a Customer/Contractor

- Pay the cost of installation and removal of temporary service in accordance with the *Tariff Schedules for Electric Service*.

4 – 8 Load Center Pole (Distribution Point, Refer to NEC 547.2)

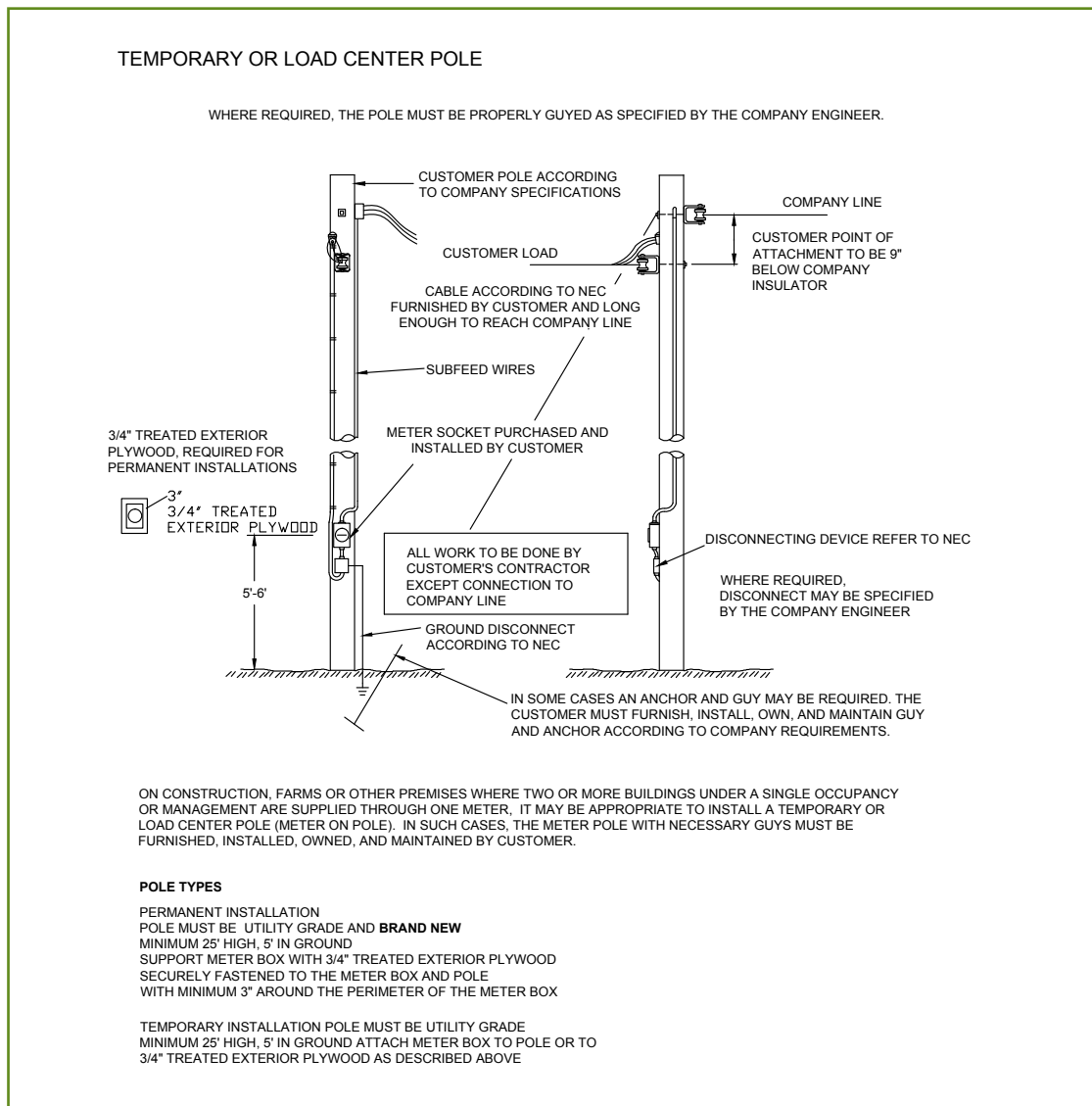


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4 – 9 Residential Underground Service Connection from Overhead Lines Less Than 600 Volts

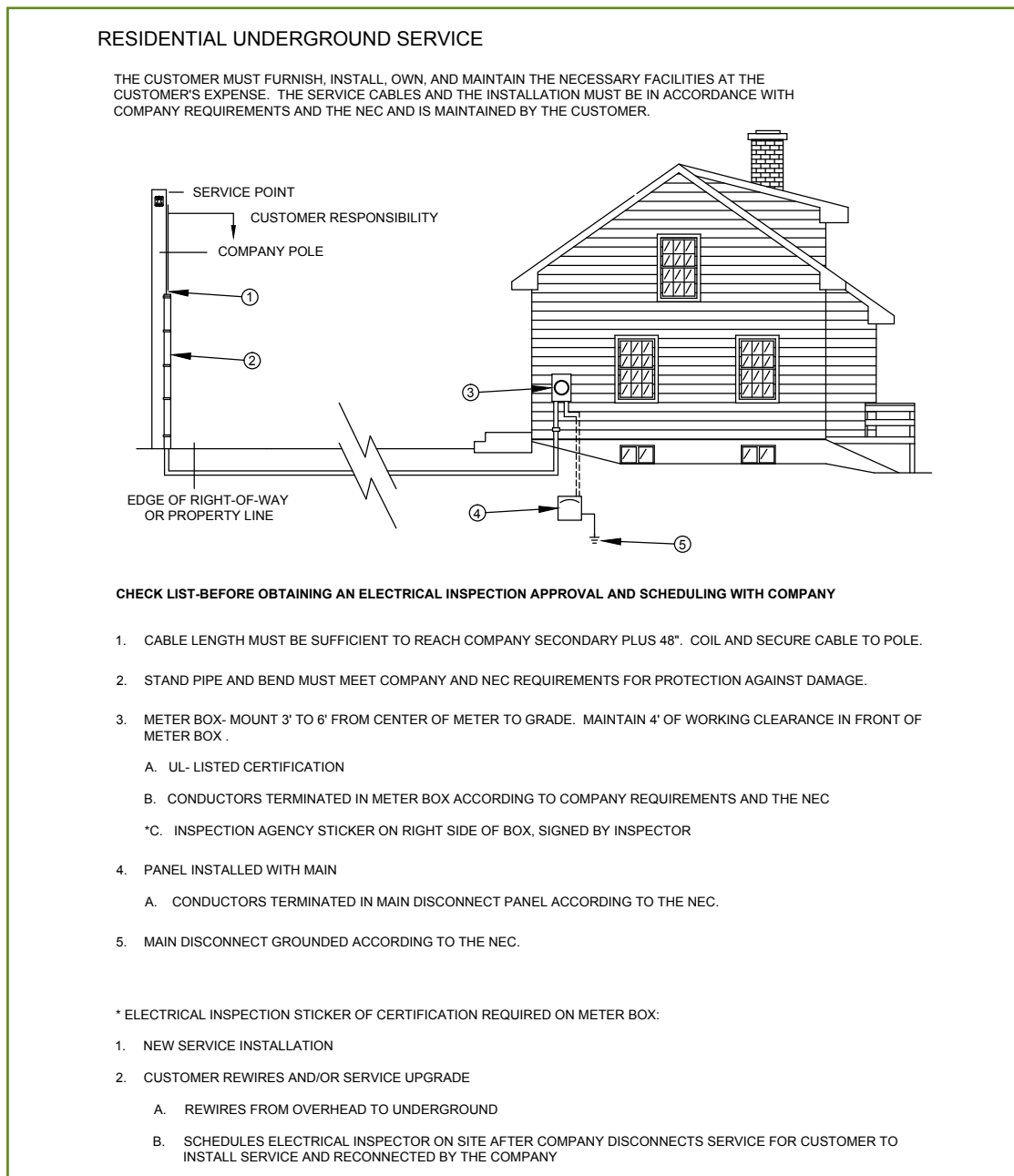


Figure 17

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 9a Customer/Contractor

- Consult the company if requesting an underground service lateral from the company's overhead line.
- Install and maintain the service cable.

Note: For residential services, the company recommends the use of a single three-phase conductor (2-4/0 & 1-2/0) aluminum direct burial 200 amp. 600-volt cable for up to 250 feet.

- Choose between these two options if the underground service is longer than 250 feet:
 1. Install a metering pedestal as detailed in Section 8.
 2. Request the installation of primary cables and padmount transformer on the customer's premise (premises).
- Fulfill these requirements if Option 2 is selected:
 1. Follow the *Common Utility Trench Requirements*, Section 4–20.
 2. Provide a trench according to company specifications from the company's distribution system to the transformer location.
 3. Provide an excavation on the customer's property for the transformer pad according to company specifications.
 4. Coordinate the installation of gas and/or communication facilities, if these will be installed in the same trench. (Refer to Section 4–20)
 5. Consult the company before work begins so that the company can locate the service point at the pole, the conduit location from which service will be taken, the route to be followed, and the meter location.

Note: The cable must be carefully coiled, capped, and fastened to the pole above the conduit.

6. Install standpipe and bend. (Refer to Figure 18 on page 36)
7. No more than two (2) electrical conduits on any company pole.
8. If #2 ground wire is already installed on the pole, it can be used for grounding customer standpipe.

4 – 9b Company

- Install a pole and appropriate guy on the customer premises to be served, if the company's distribution is on the opposite side of the highway. Charges may be applied according to the *Tariff Schedules for Electric Service*.
- Allow only two electrical conduits on any company pole.
- Provide and install, without charge, the protective covering above the standpipe, the necessary cable supports and fittings.

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- Connect the cable to its secondary system.
- Install primary cables and transformer pad in the customer-provided trench and excavation, if the customer chooses to have a padmount transformer placed on the customer's premise (premises) (service lateral longer than 250 feet). Install padmount transformer foundation and padmount transformer.
- Require that all buried conductors pass a 1,000 volt direct current (VDC) megger test performed by the company, after the trench is backfilled and prior to energization. The minimum acceptable megger resistance value for new cables is 2,000 megaohms.

4 – 10 Standpipe and Bend on Pole

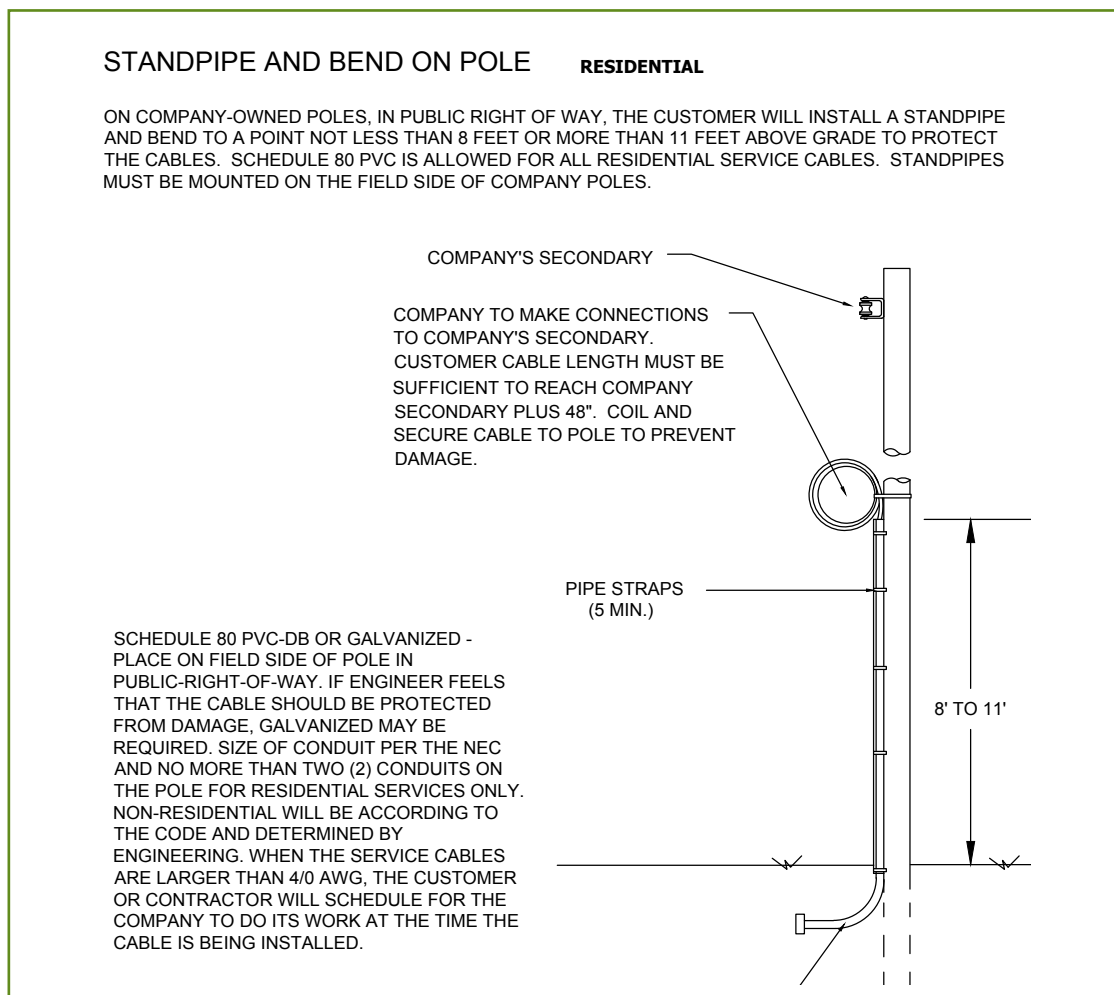


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4 – 11 Meter Pedestals (Refer to Section 8)

4 – 12 Residential Underground Service Lateral

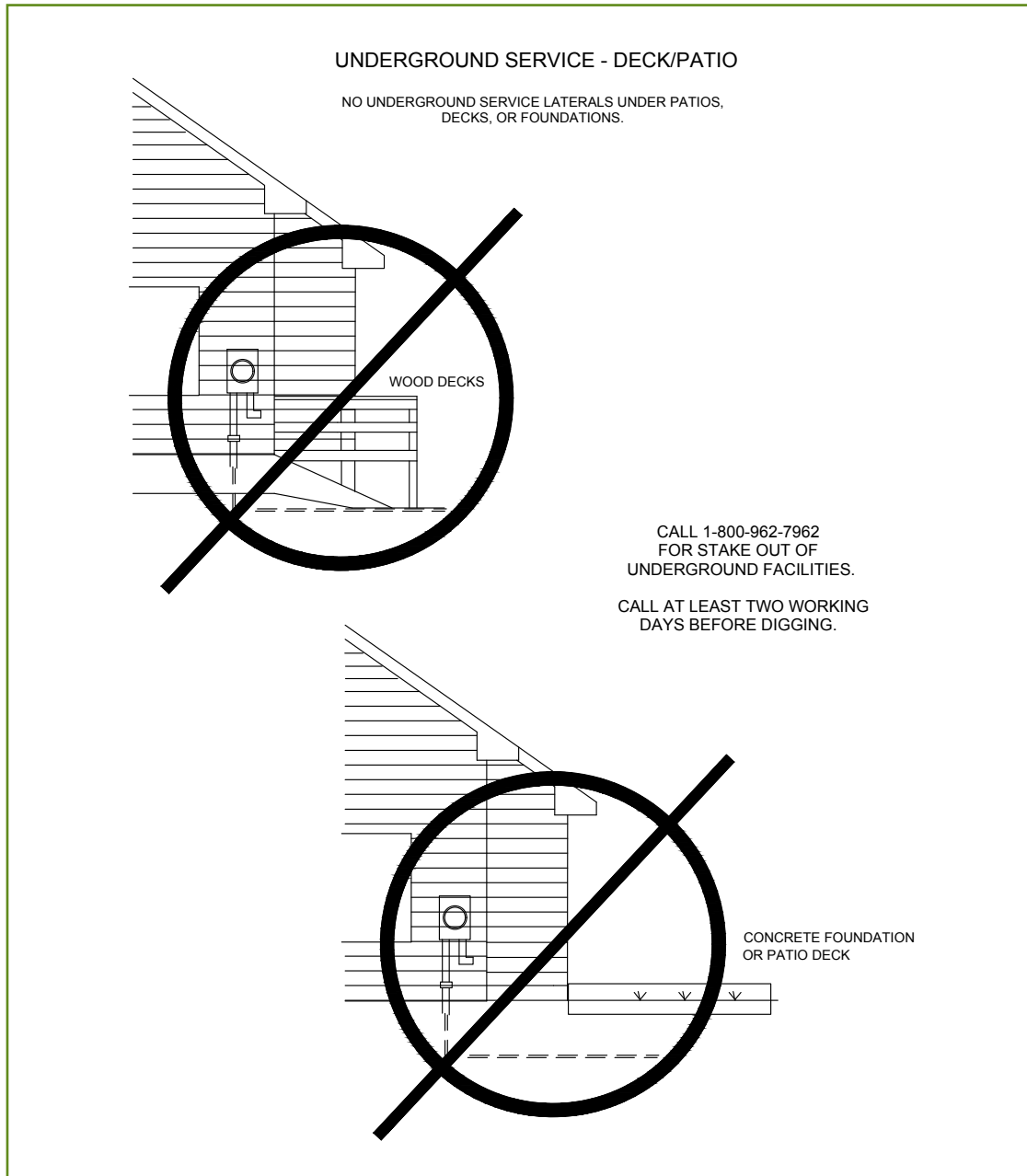


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In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 – 1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 12a Customer/Contractor

- Install and maintain underground service cable in accordance with the NEC and company requirements.

4 – 13 Transformer Pad

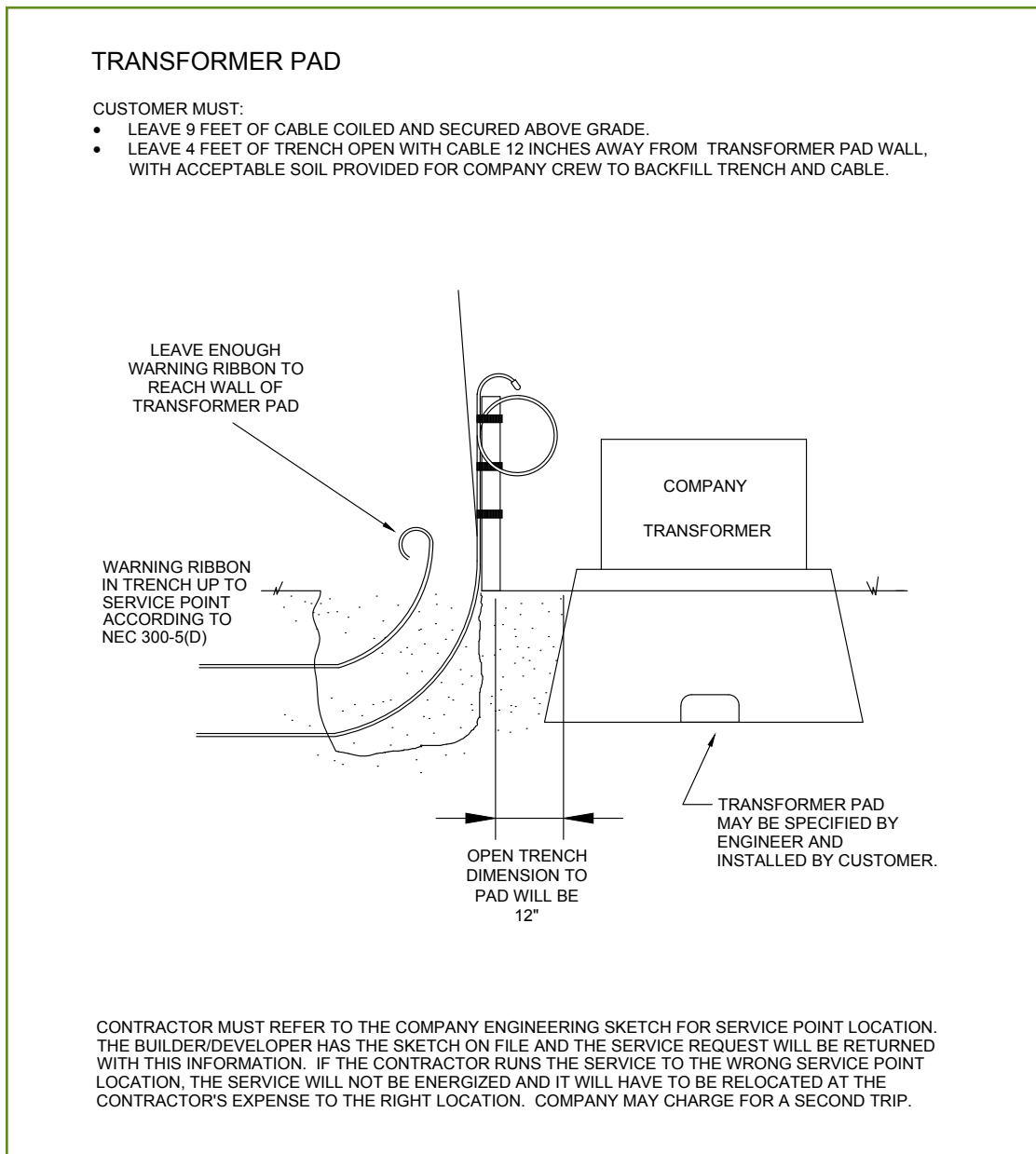


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4 – 14 Service Point (Property Line)

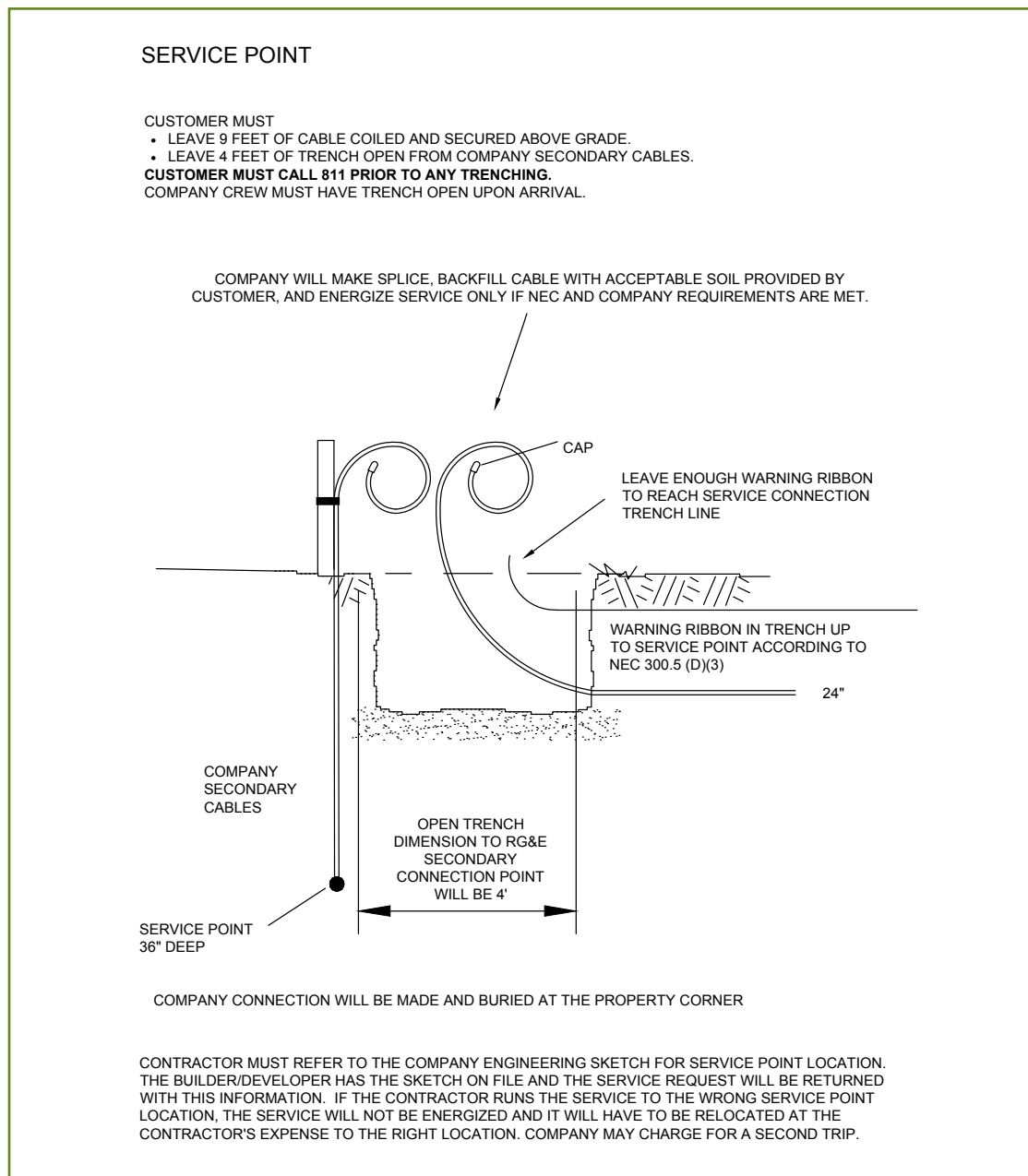


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4 – 15 Direct Buried Service Lateral

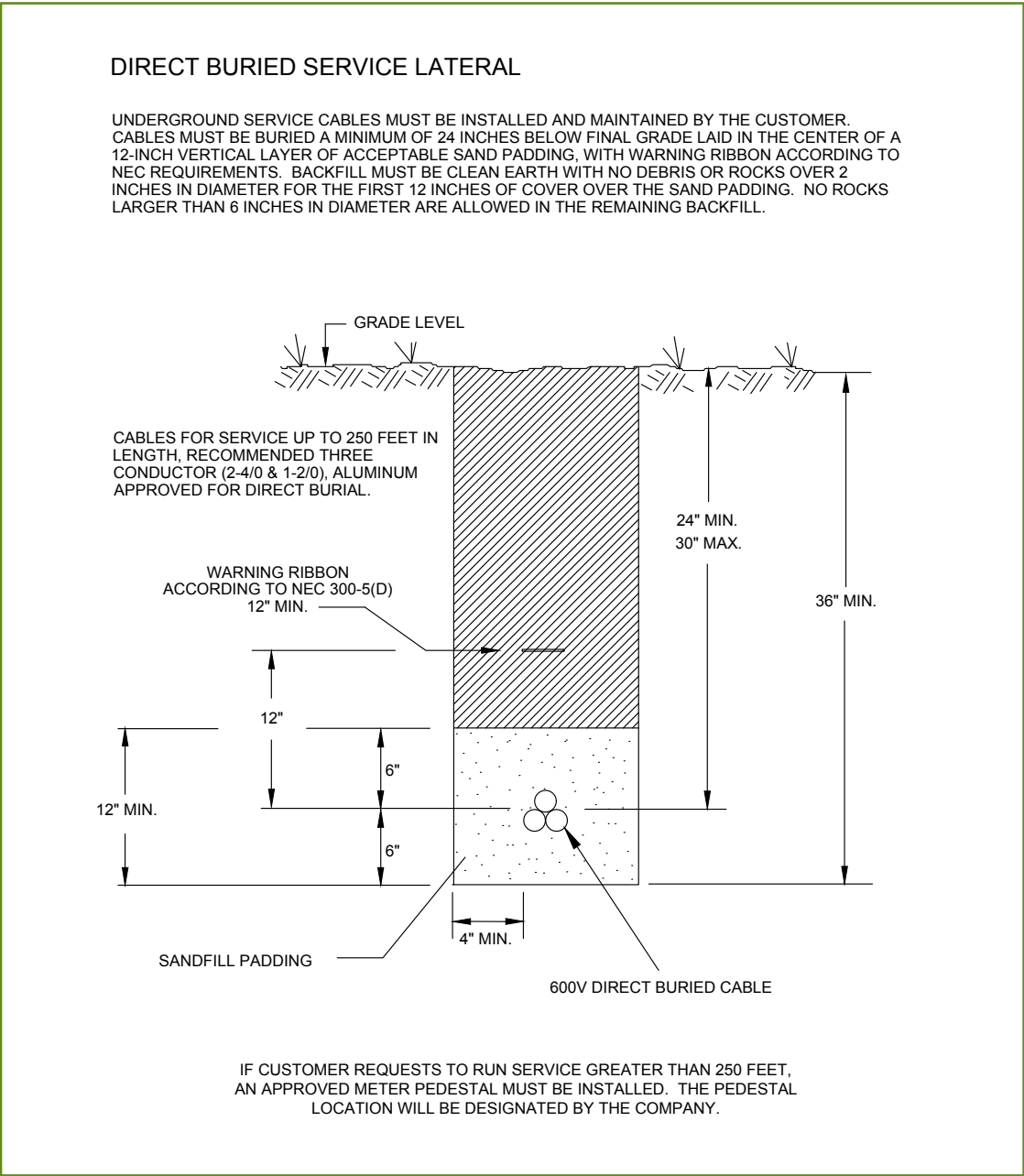


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4 – 16 Service Lateral Installed in Conduit

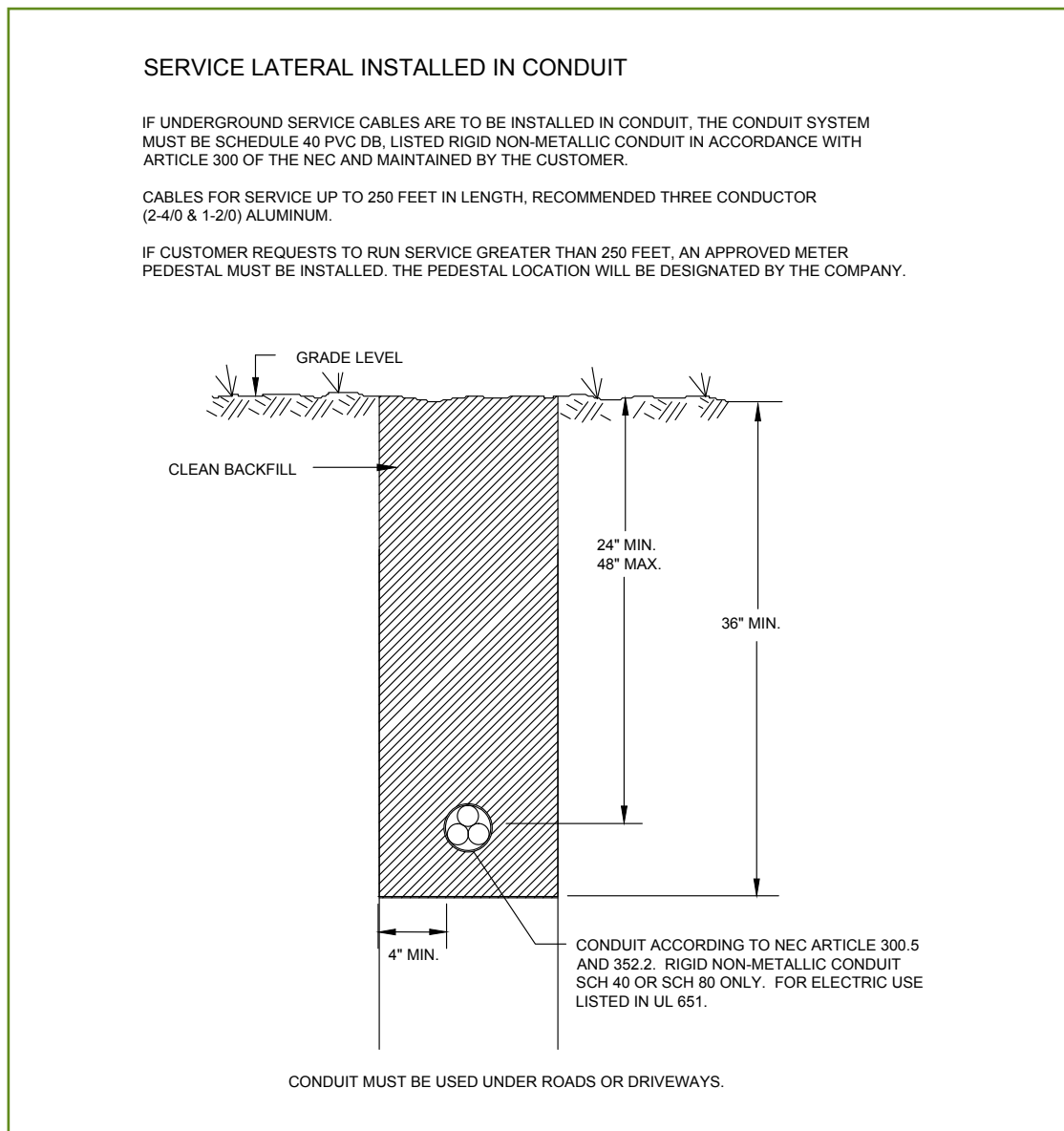


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Note: If customer chooses to install more than 250 horizontal feet with 600-volt service cables, a metering pedestal must be installed. The company will designate the location for this type of installation. (Refer to Section 8)

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4 – 17 Service Lateral Under Driveway

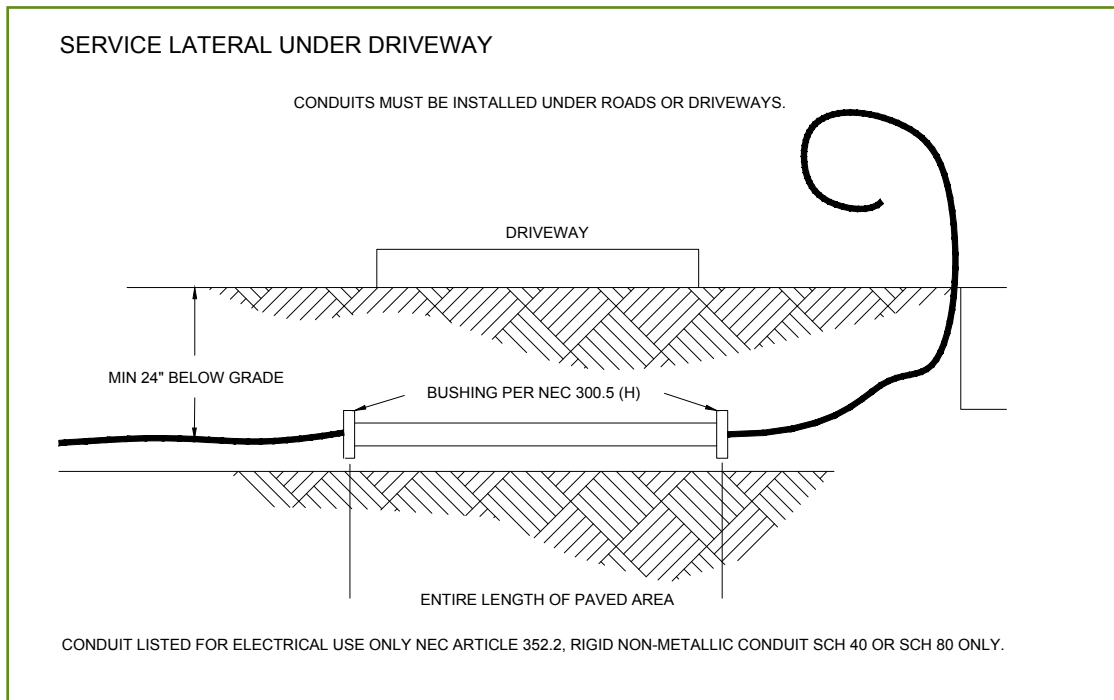


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4 – 18 Continuous Service Lateral Riser

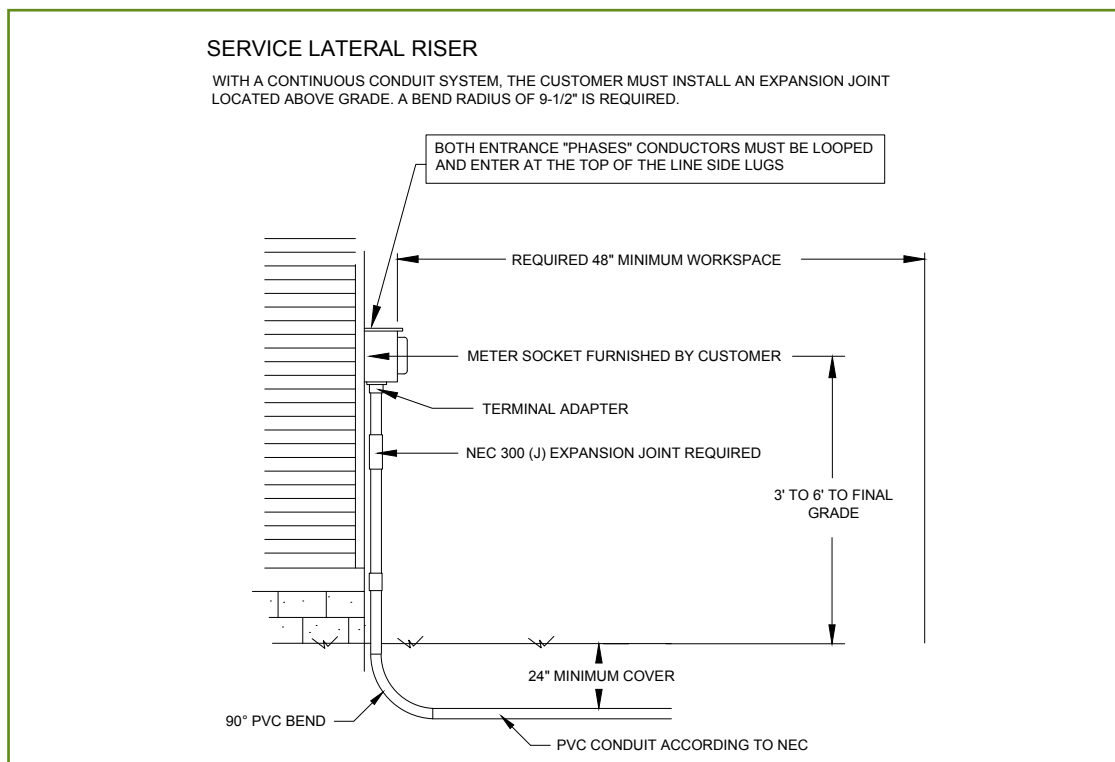


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4 – 19 Service Lateral Riser – Direct Buried

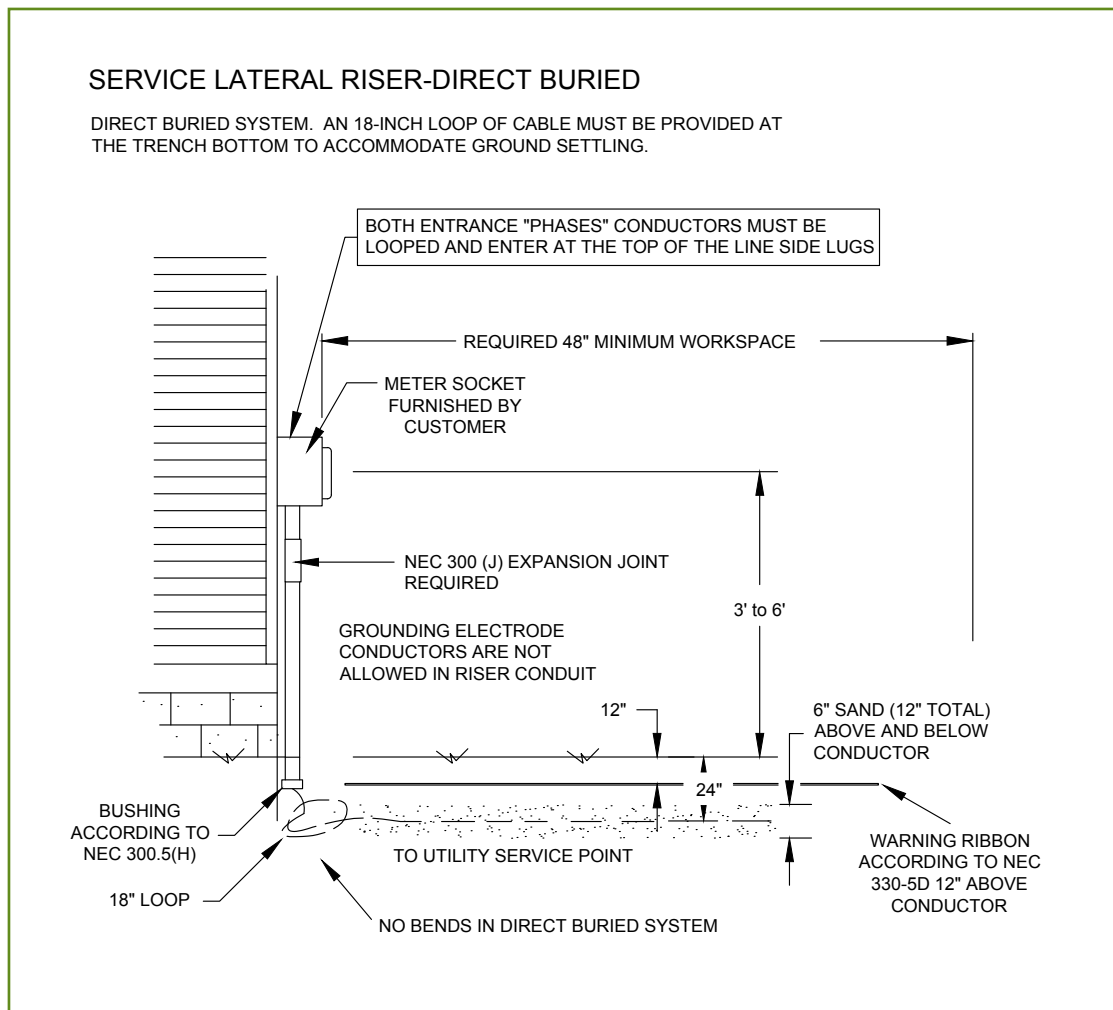


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4 – 20 Common Utility Trench (See Requirements in Section 4 and 10)

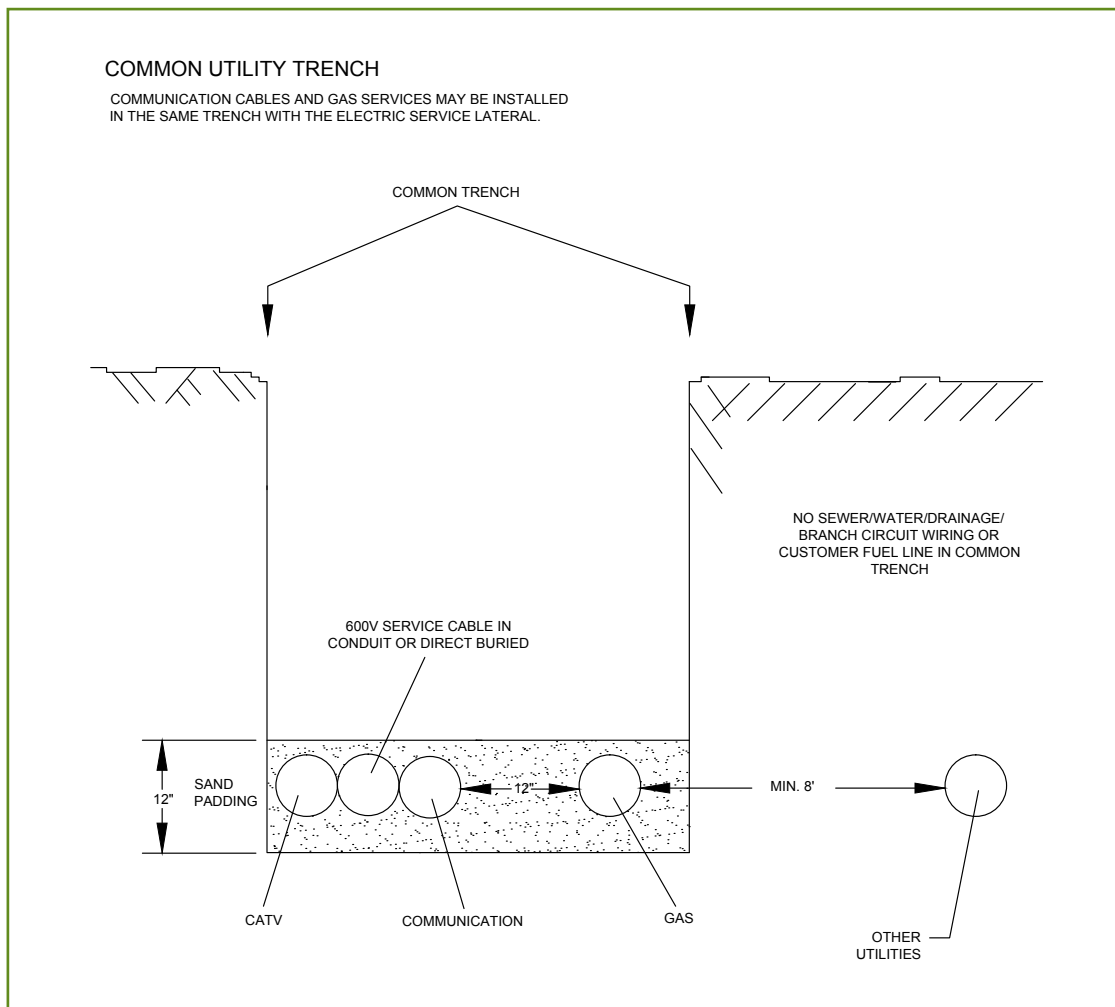


Figure 27

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 20a Customer/Contractor

- Contact the appropriate utility to coordinate the communication cable installation. The trench width will vary depending on occupancy from a minimum of eight inches for electric, telephone, and CATV, to 18 inches when a gas fuel line is included.
- Ensure a 12-inch separation between all cables and the gas fuel line.

Note: Under no circumstances will other occupants such as sewer, water, drainage systems, feeders, or branch circuit wiring be allowed in the service trench.

- Maintain a minimum eight-foot separation from other occupants to the service lateral.
- Maintain a minimum of two feet of vertical separation if other utilities cross the common trench.

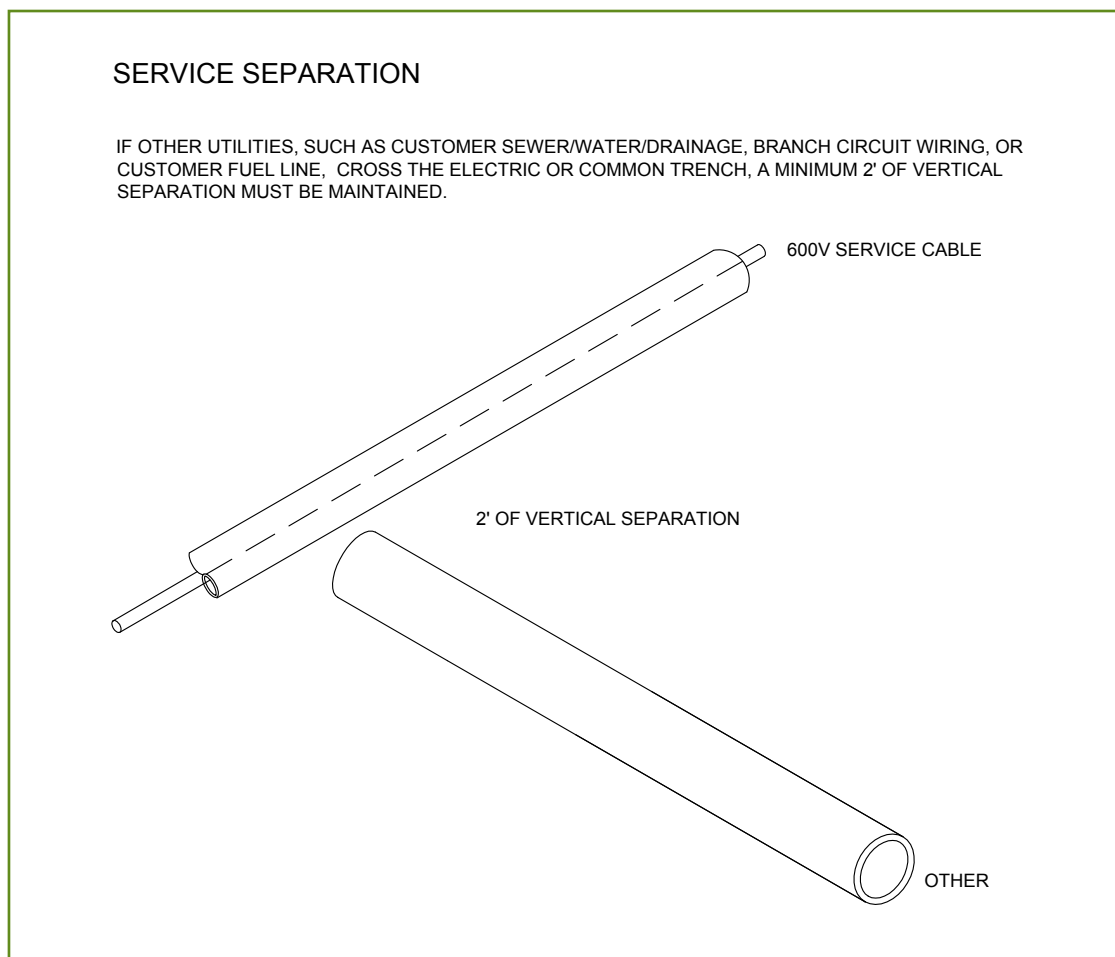


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4 – 21 Underground Residential Distributions (URD)

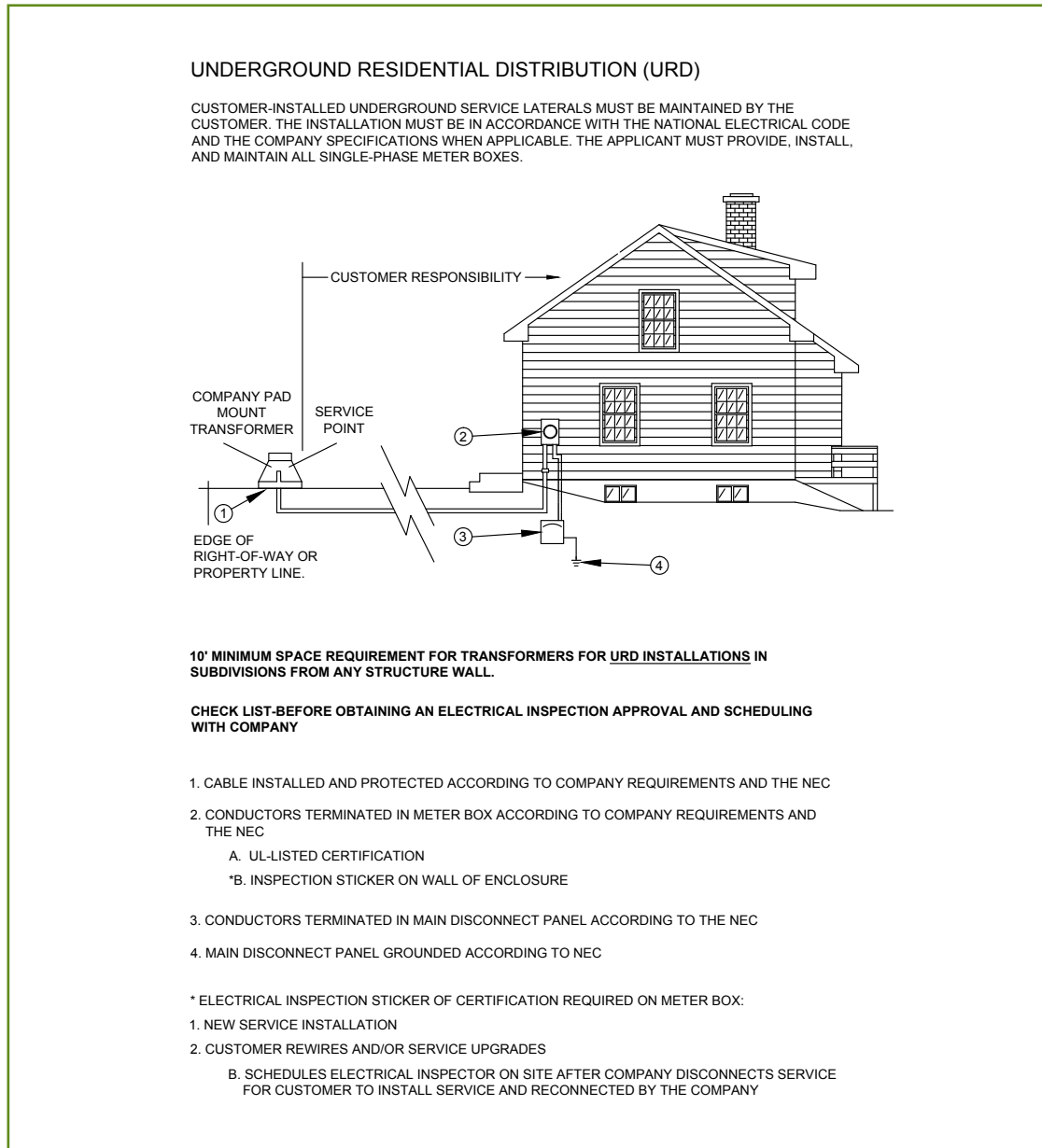


Figure 29

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General

Underground residential distribution (URD) systems are provided to a government-approved subdivision consisting of five or more dwelling units or to a multiple dwelling of four or more units. Underground systems are required for most new residential developments. The design and installation of this type of system requires close coordination between customer/developer and the company. The company must be consulted during the earliest planning stages. Information on URD and related installation costs is available through the company's website. The company will not install the underground electric facilities until water and sewer are installed and the site is within six inches of final grade. The developer must rough grade the easement strip, and place and maintain construction survey stakes indicating grades, property lines, and location of other utilities. The service cable and its installation must be in accordance with the NEC and company requirements and must be maintained by the party of ownership.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

4 – 21a Customer/Contractor

- Ensure trench is open for inspection by the authority having jurisdiction before backfilling.
- Correct the violation and then have the same agency reinspect, if the service fails to meet approval.

4 – 22 Service Point and Meter Locations

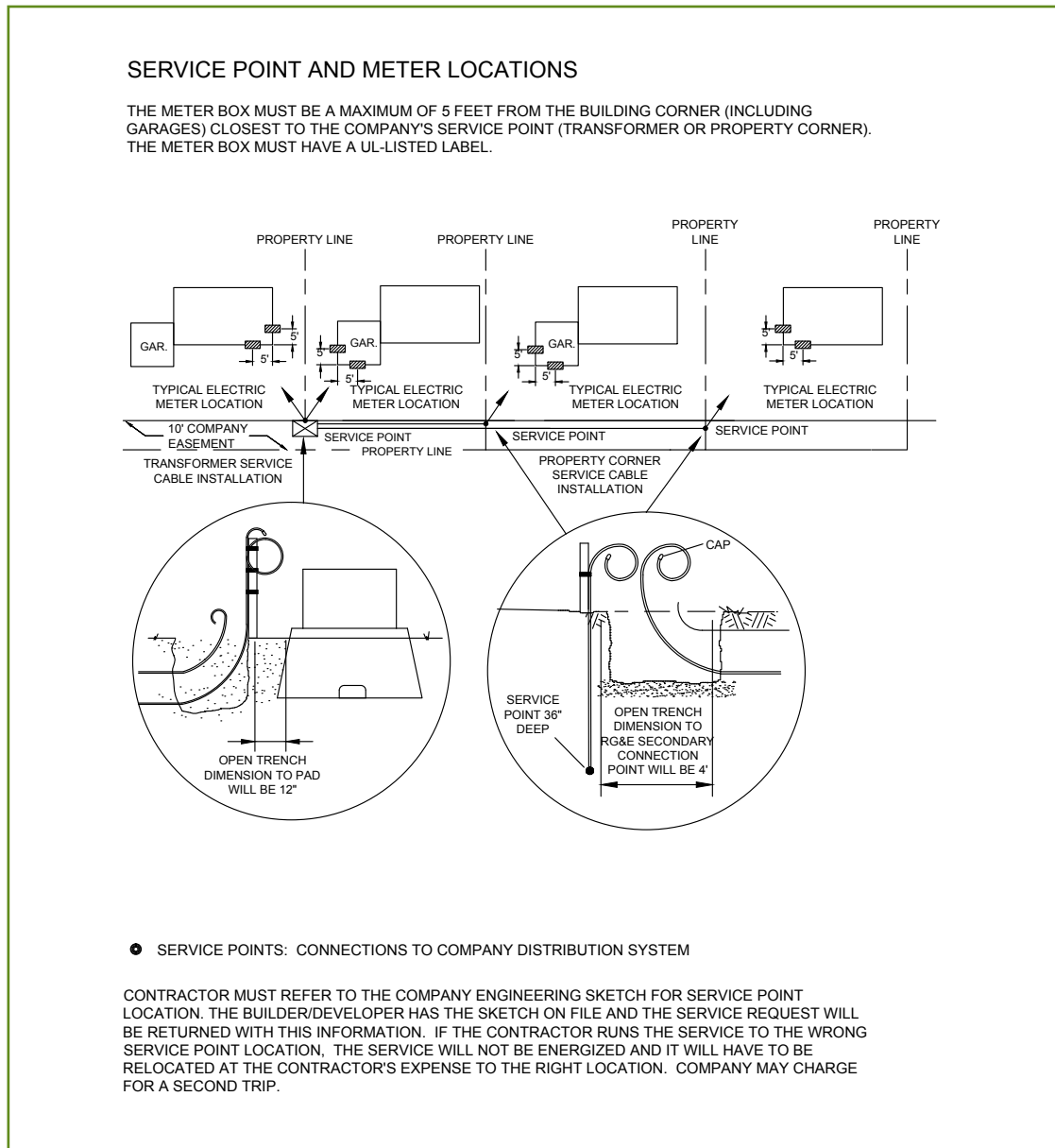


Figure 30

4 – 23 Permanent Service Prior to Framing

SERVICE PRIOR TO FRAMING

PERMANENT CUSTOMER-INSTALLED UNDERGROUND SERVICE LATERAL MAY BE ENERGIZED PRIOR TO FRAMING OF THE BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL APPLICANTS ONLY), ONLY IF THE SERVICE MEETS NEC REQUIREMENTS FOR WEATHERPROOFING SERVICE EQUIPMENT IN AN EXPOSED BASEMENT.

FOR WEATHERPROOFING, CUSTOMER MUST INSTALL A PLASTIC COVER SEAL TIGHT TO BASEMENT WALL OR INSTALL THE DECK.

PANEL MUST BE GROUNDED ACCORDING TO NEC REQUIREMENTS.

METER BOX MUST HAVE PROPER SUPPORT, AND THE METER BOX MUST HAVE A "UL APPROVED" LABEL.

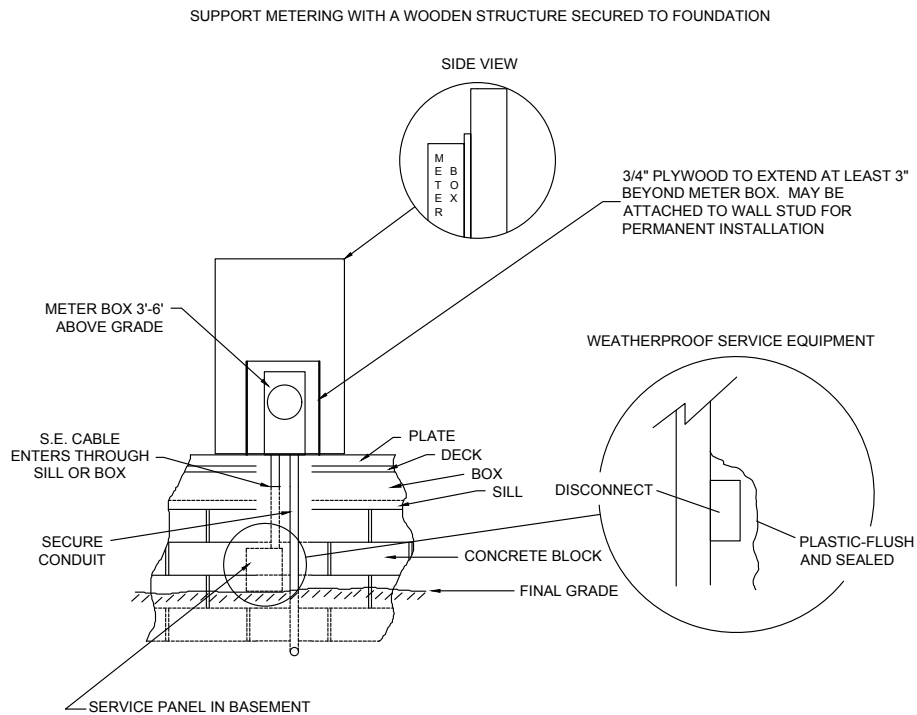


Figure 31

SECTION 4 **Non-Residential Services**

4 – 24 Non-Residential Overhead Services

General

A Non-Residential overhead service is a service that feeds single-phase or three-phase to a person, corporation, or other entity who is not a residential applicant requesting overhead service from the company. Generally, an overhead service drop is limited to supply service rated 800 amperes or less. The company recommends an underground service for services larger than 800 amperes.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

4 – 24a Customer/Contractor

- Install all three-phase metering equipment (refer to Section 8 for metering requirements).
- Provide and install service drop 600-volt insulator attachments for single-phase and three-phase services.

4 – 24b Company

- Designate the location of the service, if there is an obstruction or clearance issue.

4 – 25 Non-Residential Underground Service Connections from Overhead Lines Less Than 600 Volts

General

A Non-Residential underground service is a service that feeds single-phase or three-phase to a person, corporation, or other entity who is not a residential applicant requesting underground service from the company.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 –1b, these additional requirements apply.

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4 – 25a Customer/Contractor

- Consult with the company if requesting a single-phase or three-phase underground service lateral from the company's overhead distribution line.
- Contact the company before work begins to designate the service point at the pole, the conduit location from which service will be taken, the route to be followed, and the meter location.

Note: If the municipality refuses to permit the overhead crossing, the customer is responsible for obtaining a permit, then excavating or boring, and installing the road crossing to the company's existing distribution facilities according to company specifications.

Note: For Non-Residential underground services, an exception may be made for more than two conduits on the pole. **The exception must be approved by company engineering and meet the NEC requirements so that the service cables meet the service loading.**

- Install standpipe and bend. (Refer to Figure 32 on page 52)
- If #2 ground wire is already installed on the pole, it can be used for grounding customer standpipe.

4–25b Company

- Install a pole and appropriate guy on the customer premises to be served, if the company's distribution is on the opposite side of the highway. Charges may be applied according to the *Tariff Schedules for Electric Service*.
- Number of service conduits for Non-Residential will be proposed to company with sets of cables, RG&E engineering to review and approve before installed. If cables are larger than 4/0 AWG, the customer or contractor will schedule for the company to do its work at the time the cable is being installed.
- Provide and install, without charge, the protective covering above the standpipe, the necessary cable supports and fittings.
- Connect the cable to its secondary system.

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4 – 26 Standpipe and Bend

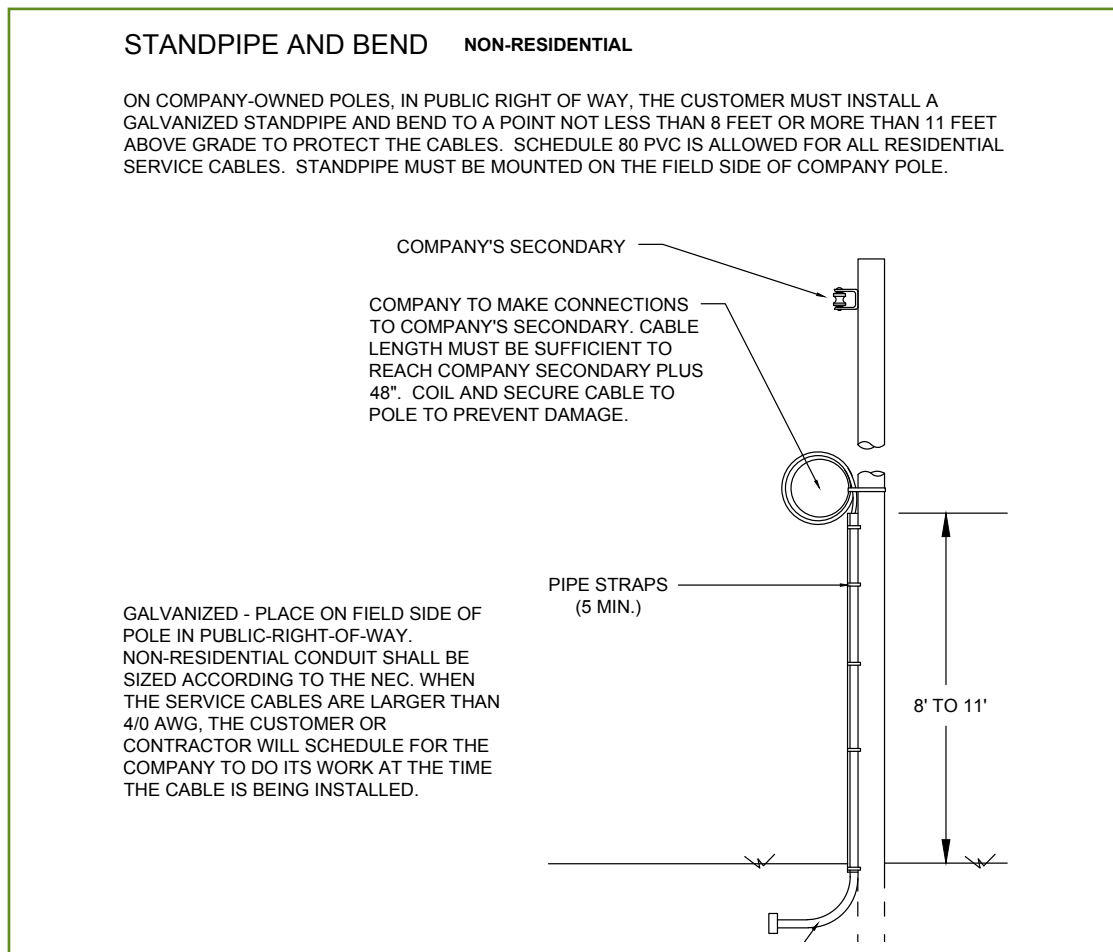


Figure 32

In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 4 – 1a and 4 – 1b, these additional requirements apply.

4 – 27 Non-Residential Underground Service Connection in Padmounted Transformers

General

A Non-Residential underground service is a service that feeds single-phase or three-phase to a person, corporation, or other entity, who is not a residential applicant, requesting underground service from the company.

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4 – 27a Customer/Contractor

- Provide the company with final approved site plans.
- Allow sufficient lead time for the company to design the underground electric facilities.
- Provide property on which to construct the transformer foundation and paved access by vehicle to the transformer pad according to company requirements.
- Install, own, and maintain the concrete pad foundation for the transformer according to company specifications.
- Ensure proper grounding system is in place.
- Install and maintain service laterals, service cables, and conduits in accordance with the NEC and company requirements.
- Ensure cables are long enough to form a coil at the floor of the pad to the roof, plus eight feet of additional cable for support.
- Ensure cables are insulated and terminated at the **dead** transformer end with Burndy Type YA or approved equivalent type lugs, one-half-inch stainless steel or bronze bolts, washers, and nuts, according to company specifications. The customer must purchase bronze bolts, washers, and nuts, and ensure that these lugs have a two-hole NEMA drilled tongue and a long shank for a minimum of two compression indents one-and-three-quarter inches in width.

Note: If there is an existing padmounted transformer, the customer must make shutdown arrangements to de-energize the transformer. In addition, the customer must pull in new service cables terminated with one-and-three-quarter-inch lugs according to company specifications. The company must terminate on the transformer's two-hole spade on the customer's additional cables.

- Contribute to the cost of the service connection as well as the charges associated with the shutdown if it occurs after regular working hours.

The company will refuse to energize services until all requirements are met.

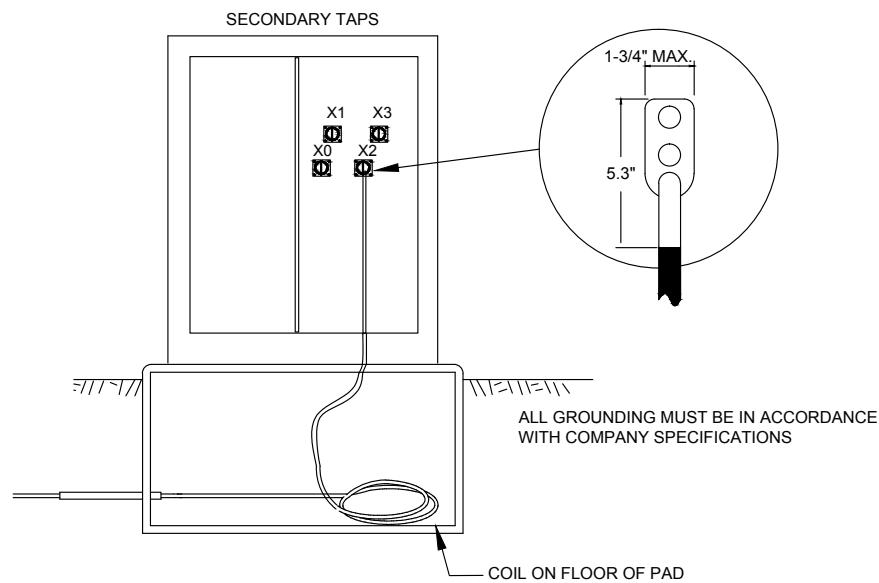
4 – 27b Company

- Provide underground distribution systems to Non-Residential service loads using at-grade transformers and switchgear.
- Supply design requirements for the installation of this type of service.
- Provide to the customer a copy of the design sketch and copies of the company standards for Outdoor Three-Phase Padmounted Transformer and Customer Provided Primary Conduit Systems. The company will provide the sketch and cost estimate.

PADMOUNTED TRANSFORMER

THREE-PHASE PAD-MOUNTED INSTALLATIONS MUST BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPANY SPECIFICATIONS.

THE CUSTOMER'S CABLES MUST BE INSULATED STRANDED CABLE TERMINATED AT THE TRANSFORMER END WITH BURNDY TYPE YA (OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT) COMPRESSION-TYPE LUGS. THESE LUGS MUST HAVE A TWO-HOLE NEMA-DRILLED TONGUE AND A LONG SHANK FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO COMPRESSION INDENTS 1 3/4" WIDE. THE CUSTOMER MUST TERMINATE THE LUGS ON THE DE-ENERGIZED TRANSFORMER SPADES ACCORDING TO COMPANY REQUIREMENTS.



THE CUSTOMER/DEVELOPER MUST INSTALL, OWN, AND MAINTAIN THE CONCRETE PAD FOUNDATION FOR THE TRANSFORMER. THE FOUNDATION MUST BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPANY SPECIFICATIONS.

Figure 33