



Title: Utility Construction Beyond Project Limits

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Background:

It is common practice at MaineDOT to allow underground water and sewer utilities to construct new or replacement facilities as part our transportation project contract. This provides the contractor greater control over construction activities and schedule. The process requires MaineDOT utility coordinators to draft and administer agreements with the utility, outlining the proposed utility construction work. MaineDOT pays the contractor for utility facility construction as work progresses and then is reimbursed by the utilities in a billing process tracked by the MaineDOT Contracts Section.

During construction, the utility coordinator and project manager administer the billing process for reimbursement from the utility. The MaineDOT project Resident confirms utility construction pay item quantities in the field with the on-site utility representative and contractor, and provides that data to the coordinator on a regular basis for billing. In addition to the billing process, MaineDOT is responsible for QA/QC and contractor payment for subgrade backfill above the pipe bedding and backfill zone, roadway subbase and base, and pavement. In some cases, the utility wants to reach a valve or pump station location, or tap into a source line, etc. beyond the established limits of MaineDOT's transportation project.

Practice:

Because of the significant cost of MaineDOT personnel time and materials, MaineDOT will limit the amount of utility construction work beyond the established project limits carried in our project contract to a distance of 200 feet. For any additional utility construction work beyond that 200 foot limit, utilities will be required to administer their own separate construction contract with a contractor of their choice.