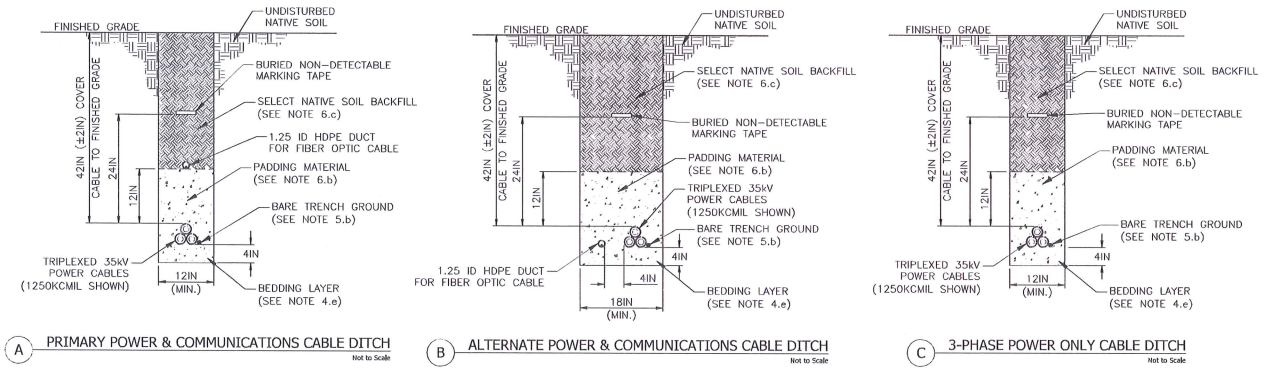

Figure 5: Typical Cable Trench Details

NOTES

1. ALL EXISTING UTILITIES MUST BE LOCATED BEFORE ANY EXCAVATION/TRENCHING IS STARTED. REGARDLESS OF OTHER UTILITY CONTACTS, CONTRACTOR MUST NOTIFY LOCAL LOCATING CLEARING HOUSE (I.E. ONECALL) OR OTHER STATE BODY.
2. ALL GRADE SURFACES THAT ARE DISTURBED SHALL BE RESTORED TO ESSENTIALLY ORIGINAL CONDITION AND TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OWNER.
3. THE CABLE ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE AS STAKED BY THE OWNER. ALL TRENCHES SHALL FOLLOW AS STRAIGHT A LINE AS PRACTICAL. ANY DEVIATION FROM THE ROUTING PROVIDED SHALL BE DISCUSSED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE OWNER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. ROCK MAY BE REMOVED BY ANY MEANS CONTRACTOR PREFERS, EXCEPT BLASTING. BLASTING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY OWNER.
4. IF THE GROUND WATER LEVEL IS ABOVE THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH THE CONTRACTOR AND OWNER SHALL DISCUSS AND AGREE UPON AN ALTERNATIVE CABLE INSTALLATION METHOD. IF THE GROUND WATER LEVEL IS BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE SATISFIED:
   - 4.a. EVERY TRENCH MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 12-INCHES-WIDE (WITH PROPER SLOPE FOR WEAK SOILS), AND MUST PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SPACE TO ALLOW COMPACTION AS SPECIFIED WITH THE EQUIPMENT BEING UTILIZED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF FINE SOIL IS ADDED ABOVE CABLE FOR BACKFILLS.
   - 4.b. THE TOP SOIL MUST BE PUSHED TO ONE SIDE OF THE TRENCH ROUTE AND KEPT SEPARATE FROM BASE MATERIAL. THE STORED TOP SOIL IS TO BE SPREAD UNIFORMLY OVER THE AREA DISTURBED BY TRENCHING FOLLOWING BACKFILL AND COMPACTION.
   - 4.c. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT ALL TRENCHES AND OTHER EXCAVATIONS FROM SURFACE WATER RUNOFF. ANY WATER THAT HAS ACCUMULATED IN THE EXCAVATION SHALL BE REMOVED AND ANY SOFT TRENCH BOTTOM REMOVED AND REPLACED PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE CABLES. THIS INCLUDES REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SAND BACKFILL THAT HAS BECOME CONTAMINATED WITH SILT, ROCKS, MUD, CLAY, ETC. THE REMOVAL OF WATER AND CORRECTION OF SOFT GROUND CONDITIONS DUE TO SURFACE WATER WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR.
   - 4.d. CONTRACTOR MUST PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND LIVESTOCK FROM ALL TRENCHES AND EXCAVATIONS BY UTILIZING SUITABLE BARRICADES OR OTHER WARNING DEVICES.
   - 4.e. ALL TRENCHES SHALL BE EXCAVATED TO DEPTH AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE SPECIFIED COVER OVER THE INSTALLED CABLE. IF THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH CONTAINS ROCKS, WOOD, VEGETATION MATERIAL OR OTHER HARD, ROUGH, OR SHARP MATERIALS THAT COULD DAMAGE THE CABLE, THE TRENCH SHALL BE OVER-EXCAVATED AND BACKFILLED WITH A 4-INCH LAYER OF COMPACTED FINE CLEAN SOIL (NOTHING LARGER THAN WHAT WOULD PASS THROUGH A 3/8-INCH SCREEN) OR SAND PRIOR TO THE CABLE BEING LAID IN PLACE.
5. ALL DIRECT BURIED POWER CABLES SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:
   - 5.a. 34.5kV CABLES SHALL BE PLACED IN A TRIANGULAR CONFIGURATION, WITH NO INTENTIONAL SEPARATION, SECURED TOGETHER AS NEEDED WITH CABLE TIES TO ENSURE THEY REMAIN IN THIS CONFIGURATION DURING AND AFTER INSTALLATION & BACK-FILL. PROPER TIE-WRAP TOOLS SHALL BE USED TO PREVENT OVER-TIGHTENING OF THE CABLE TIE.
   - 5.b. A 4/0 BARE COPPER WIRE SHALL RUN IN THE TRENCH WITH THE POWER CABLES. THERE SHALL BE NO INTENTIONAL SEPARATION BETWEEN THIS WIRE AND THE POWER CONDUCTORS.
   - 5.c. WHEN INSTALLED ABOVE THE POWER CABLES, THE INNERDUCT FOR FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATION CABLE SHALL BE LAID ON TOP OF THE PADDING MATERIAL. WHEN INSTALLED AT THE SAME DEPTH AS THE POWER CABLE, THE INNERDUCT AND THE POWER CABLE SHALL BE SEPARATED BY A MINIMUM OF 4 INCHES.
   - 5.d. WHERE TWO OR MORE PARALLEL COMMUNICATION CABLES ARE REQUIRED IN TRENCH, LAY EACH INNERDUCT NEXT TO EACH OTHER WHILE STILL MAINTAINING CLEARANCES SHOWN.
6. BACKFILL AND COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
   - 6.a. ALL EXCAVATED AREAS, INCLUDING TRENCHES AND BELL HOLES MUST BE THOROUGHLY COMPACTED TO NO LESS THAN 85% STANDARD PROCTOR OR 105 PCF, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. COMPACTION SHALL BE BY PROVEN METHODOLOGY. SPECIAL CARE MUST BE TAKEN IN THE AREAS WHERE THE THERMAL TESTING OF SOILS IN THAT AREA INDICATES A POTENTIALLY HIGH RESISTIVITY. COMPACTION BY FLOODING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
   - 6.b. THE FIRST 12-INCHES OF BACKFILL ABOVE THE CABLE (THIS IS THE CABLE PADDING) MUST BE FREE OF ROCKS, TOP SOIL, ROOTS, AND OTHER ORGANIC MATTER (NOTHING LARGER THAN WHAT WOULD PASS THROUGH A 3/8-INCH SCREEN). IF HEAVY STIFF CLAY IS ENCOUNTERED, THE NATIVE MATERIAL MUST BE EITHER MIXED WITH SANDY SOIL FROM OTHER STRATA IN THE SAME TRENCH, MIXED WITH FINE GRADE SAND THAT IS IMPORTED, OR REPLACED WITH IMPORTED MATERIAL.
   - 6.c. SELECT NATIVE SOIL CAN BE USED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TRENCH BACKFILL EXCEPT THAT LARGE CLUMPS AND ROCKS LARGER THAN 4-INCHES MUST BE EXCLUDED AND SUFFICIENT FINES PROVIDED TO ELIMINATE VOIDS.
   - 6.d. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRENCH BACKFILLING OPERATION, THE CONTRACTOR AND THE OWNER SHALL DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF THE NATIVE SOIL FOR USE AS BACKFILL, AND ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE COMPACTION.
   - 6.e. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FILL THE TRENCH TO PRE-CONSTRUCTION GRADE WITH THE STOCKPILED TOP SOIL AND WITH ADDITIONAL BACKFILL ADDED TO ALLOW FOR SETTLING. CONTRACTOR MAY SLIGHTLY OVERFILL TRENCH IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR SETTLING.
7. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE AND INSTALL A PLASTIC WARNING TAPE IN ALL TRENCHES DURING BACKFILLING. THIS TAPE SHALL BE INSTALLED APPROXIMATELY 24-INCHES ABOVE THE CABLES. THE TAPE SHALL BE 6" WIDE, RED WITH BLACK LETTERS, MARKED "CAUTION - BURIED ELECTRIC LINES BELOW".
8. EXCAVATED SOIL AND ROCK THAT IS NOT REUSED IN BACKFILLING THE TRENCHES IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE SITE PER THE DIRECTION OF THE OWNER.
9. ALL EXCAVATION, TRENCHING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMAL STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) FOR THE PROJECT.

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