



# Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department

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## RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITY PERMIT APPLICATION

The Right-of-Way Utility Permit is for construction or improvements in Rio Blanco County road right-of-ways. A permit is required to improve roadways, install pipelines, telephone, electric, wire, power, or the like, along, across, upon, over and under road right-of-ways.

**PERMITTEE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONTRACTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RBC Contractor #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner of Land this pipeline accesses \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION/DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION:** Project/Job Ref. # \_\_\_\_\_ Decimal Lat/Long \_\_\_\_\_

Rio Blanco County Road # \_\_\_\_\_ Mile Post \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tnshp/Rng/Sec \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Work \_\_\_\_\_

| Construction Type  | Class of Work  | Planned Disturbance  | Trench Width   | Fee Schedule   |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Transmission<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other Trans. Line:<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Gas Service<br><input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Electric Svc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Phone Svc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Water Svc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Sewer Svc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Main<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Optic Line<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Bore(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open Cut(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: | Check all that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gravel Traveled Surface<br><input type="checkbox"/> Paved Traveled Surface<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dirt Traveled Surface<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gravel Shoulder<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dirt Shoulder<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ditch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Back Slope<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bridge<br><input type="checkbox"/> Box Culvert<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pipe (Poly or Metal)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 12"<br><input type="checkbox"/> 12" through 36"<br><input type="checkbox"/> 37" and Wider   | <b>Total Utility Length in County Right-of-Way for UNDERGROUND Installations:</b><br>_____ ft @ \$0.25 = \$ _____<br><br><b>OVERHEAD Utility Installations in County Right-of-Way:</b><br>_____ ft @ \$0.05 = \$ _____<br><br><b>plus \$65.00 Admin/Inspect Fee</b><br><br><b>Total Permit Fee: \$ _____</b><br><br><b>Bond Attached?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Amount determined by R & B Dept.)<br><b>Waived?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, waiver letter signed by Director must be attached.)<br><br><b>Cert. of Ins. Attached?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Permit will not be issued until proof of insurance is submitted) |
|  | Depth  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Feet Minimum<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Feet Minimum<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6 Feet Minimum<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: |  |

**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND SUBMITTAL QUESTIONS:** (Please notify Rio Blanco County 24 Hrs. before construction begins)

Planned Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Daily Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_ (If approved)

Planned Finish Date \_\_\_\_\_ Plans and/or sketch are required. Attached?  Yes  No

Will traffic be affected?  Yes  No If yes, an MHT (Method of Handling Traffic) is required and shall be attached to application. If yes, is MHT attached?  Yes  No

Does project disturb more than one acre?  Yes  No If yes, a Fugitive Dust Plan and Storm Water Plan need to be submitted. Attached?  Yes  No

By accepting this permit, the undersigned Permittee, under penalty of perjury, verifies that they have received all four pages of the permit application; they have read and understand all of the permit requirements and provisions set forth on all four pages; that they have the authority to sign for and bind the Permittee, if the Permittee is a corporation or other entity; and that by virtue of their signature the Permittee is bound by and agrees to comply with all said permit requirements and provisions, all Rio Blanco County Ordinances, and state laws regarding facilities construction.

Permittee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Permittee Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with the following Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOS FILE NAME & LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSIGNED CO. INSPECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Bond Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

County Rep. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## RIGHT OF WAY UTILITY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- Bond.** Permittee or Contractor shall provide a surety bond or other security for the total amount required to restore the right-of-way upon which the projected lines are to be installed or constructed, based upon current Rio Blanco County contract prices for the performance of such work. Said security shall remain in effect for a period of time of twenty-four (24) months after all installation and construction of said lines have been completed. The amount of the security shall be established by the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Director. Whether or not covered by a bond, Permittee shall reimburse Rio Blanco County for any and all expenses incurred by Rio Blanco County within 24 months after completion of any work, as a result of, or related to, failure by Contractor to perform all installation, construction, maintenance or other work pursuant to this permit, in a workmanlike manner.
- Insurance.** Permittee or Contractor shall secure and maintain insurance policies that will protect himself, his subcontractors, and Rio Blanco County from claims for bodily injury, death, or property damage, which may arise from the installation and/or construction contemplated herein, or caused by the lines which are installed and/or constructed as permitted herein. Rio Blanco County, Colorado, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Rio Blanco, its officers and employees, must be named as a "Certificate Holder" upon said insurance policies. The following insurance policies are required:

(a) Statutory Worker's Compensation

(b) Contractor's public liability and property damage in the following sums:

| Bodily Injury: |           | Property Damage: |           |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Each Person    | \$150,000 | Each Accident    | \$150,000 |
| Each Accident  | \$600,000 | Aggregate        | \$600,000 |

(c) Automobile public liability and property damage in the following sums:

| Bodily Injury: |           | Property Damage: |           |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Each Person    | \$150,000 | Each Accident    | \$150,000 |
| Each Accident  | \$600,000 |                  |           |

A Certificate of Insurance shall be delivered to the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department. Said Certificate of Insurance shall contain a thirty-day written notice of cancellation in favor of Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Said insurance must be in force during the period of installation and construction contemplated herein and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter. The requirement of insurance naming Rio Blanco County as a "Certificate Holder" may be waived by written consent of the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Director if the project is less than one-half miles long, if the work may be completed within two days, if there are no overnight road closures, and if there has not been a waiver for the same Permittee within the last six (6) months. This waiver will not eliminate the requirement for insurance to protect the Permittee required in this section.

- Cost to Rio Blanco County.** Permittee fully understands that all line installation and/or construction will be performed at no expense whatsoever to Rio Blanco County.
- Ownership and Maintenance.** Permittee shall own, maintain, operate and repair any line installed or constructed herein in accordance with the regulations, conditions, and terms of this Permit. No lines installed within a County right-of-way may be abandoned by the owner at any time. Although the lines may be retired, they may not be abandoned, and all responsibility for such lines remains with the owner. Even though such lines may be abandoned pursuant to other existing rules or regulations, Rio Blanco County does not recognize nor accept any lines designated by any other sources as abandoned and Rio Blanco County will continue to expect such lines to be maintained or removed by Permittee.
- Indemnification.** Permittee, its agents, employees, subcontractors, contractors, and assigns hereby agree to hold Rio Blanco County, Colorado, the agencies thereof, and their officers and employees harmless from any and all loss and damage or any claims which may arise out of or be connected with the construction, installation, maintenance, alteration, removal, or presence of the lines installed and/or constructed herein referred to or any work or facility connected therewith within the area covered by this permit; excluding any such loss and damage or any claims (including consequential damages) which may be caused solely by the negligence of Rio Blanco County, the agencies thereof, or its officers and employees.
- Stop Work.** Rio Blanco County shall have the right to order Permittee to stop work anytime Rio Blanco County believes that a violation of this permit has occurred or if there is danger to the public safety if the work continues.
- Revocability.** Rio Blanco County reserves the right to revoke this permit at any time, should Permittee fail to comply with any of the requirements of this permit. Should this permit be revoked, Permittee must obtain a new permit and pay all the required fees therein in order to continue with the project contemplated herein. Any lines or materials installed by Permittee prior to the revocation of the permit remain the responsibility of Permittee and shall be maintained or removed by Permittee at the discretion of Rio Blanco County.
- Venue.** Venue shall be in Rio Blanco County, Colorado in any civil court action brought pursuant to the permit.
- Warranty of Right-of-way.** Rio Blanco County does not warrant the right-of-way by the issuance of this permit. Permittee is responsible for determining the ownership of properties traversed by its lines, the location of all property boundary lines, and the ownership of all right-of-ways. A permit may be issued for a right-of-way apparently owned by Rio Blanco County but not regularly maintained as a road. Any Permittee who wishes to place lines within a right-of-way not maintained as a road must meet all requirements of the landowners to either side of the right-of-way.



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## RIGHT OF WAY UTILITY PERMIT CONSTRUCTION PROVISIONS

1. **Work Without Permit.** Commencement of construction prior to payment of fees and granting of approvals will result in applicable fees being doubled. Construction without inspection is subject to rejection. Permits or copies of Permits shall be kept on the site of the work while it is in progress in the custody of the individual in charge and shall be exhibited upon request made by any county official.
2. **Inspections.** Inspection of the work performed in the Rio Blanco County right-of-way is required. Permittee shall notify Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department at least 24 hours prior to the start of construction and 24 hours prior to completion of the project so that inspection may be conducted by the County. The presence of Rio Blanco County employees on the construction site shall not guarantee or qualify the Permittee and/or contractor's performance.
3. **Expiration.** Permit expires six (6) months from date issued unless the construction has commenced and is being diligently pursued to completion.
4. **Traffic Flow.** Traffic shall be maintained on all right-of-ways. A "Method of Handling Traffic" Plan (MHT) shall be submitted and approved prior to approval of any utility permit for any work location where the orderly flow of traffic is interrupted. Detour routing shall require seventy-two (72) hours advance notice to the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Dept.
5. **MUTCD Compliance.** Permittee shall provide all necessary signs, barricades and work zone traffic control in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and its latest Colorado Supplement in order to warn oncoming motorists of any installation or construction work.
6. **No Cleats, Track Equipment, or Haul Trucks.** No cleated or track equipment may work or move over asphalt surfaces without mats. Haul trucks designed for off-road work are prohibited on asphalt surfaces without a waiver letter from the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Director.
7. **Surety Bond Forfeiture.** All disturbed portions of the right-of-way are to be returned to their original condition at the time designated by Rio Blanco County. If not, Rio Blanco County will perform or contract such remedial work and Permittee shall forfeit its surety bond in order to pay for all work done. Permittee shall be billed by Rio Blanco County for an additional twenty-five (25%) percent of the remedial cost as an administrative fee in effectuating such remedial work.
8. **After Hours Work Area.** At the end of each day during the installation and construction:
  - (a) All materials must be removed from the traveled portion of the right-of-way.
  - (b) All excavations upon the traveled portions of the right-of-way must be back filled and compacted.
  - (c) All materials and excavations off the traveled portions of the right-of-way must be properly signed, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and its latest Colorado Supplement.
9. **No Asphalt Surface Cuts.** Under no condition are asphalt surfaces to be cut unless otherwise specified in the "Special Requirements" section of the issued permit. If an asphalt road cut is granted, the cut shall be repaired with an all weather surface (hot bituminous pavement or cold mix asphalt) prior to opening the road or lane to traffic. Cold mix asphalt is considered a temporary patch and will need to be replaced with hot bituminous pavement as soon as possible. All backfill and compaction requirements apply prior to replacing a temporary or finished surface.
10. **Frozen Working Conditions.** No installation or construction is to be performed when the ground is frozen to a depth which will cause damage to the right-of-way as determined by the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department.
11. **Inadvertent Utility Damage.** No culverts, irrigation structures, drain lines, utility lines, or any other facilities within the right-of-way are to be cut or damaged. In the event Permittee inadvertently damages a facility within a right-of-way, Permittee must first notify the owner of the damaged facility, and Permittee must either immediately repair and replace the damaged facility or pay for the owner to repair and replace the same, in accordance with the desires of the owner. All damaged facilities are to be inspected by Rio Blanco County before being concealed in any manner. Drainage and barrow ditches are to be restored to original condition immediately after backfilling is completed. It is the duty of Permittee to anticipate all underground obstructions such as culverts, irrigation structures, drain lines, or utility lines. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the excavator to call for locates as per C.R.S. 9-1.5-105.
12. **Lines and Bridges.** No utility lines or cable shall be attached in any manner to any bridges unless written approval for such attachment is first obtained from the Rio Blanco County Director. When fiber optic lines are being installed in a portion of right-of-way where a bridge is located, the fiber optic lines must be installed at the extreme outside edge of the right-of-way, if existing utility lines conflict with the installation location, the fiber optic company will need to pursue either a private right-of-way or an alternate depth of installation.
13. **Line Markers.** Permittee shall mark all lines installed or constructed herein with markers acceptable to Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Permittee shall place a minimum of two markers per mile, a marker at each end of any bridge or ditch crossing which the lines are installed or constructed upon, and a marker at each side of any bridge or ditch crossing which the lines are installed or constructed upon, and a marker at each side of any road which is crossed by said lines.
14. **Non-Ferrous Lines.** The installation of non-ferrous lines in any right-of-way shall require a suitable means to facilitate future line location, such as metallic warning tape installed above the line.

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15. **Encasement.** Encasement of lines shall be required from toe of slope to toe of slope under all paved Rio Blanco County roads, intersections, and approaches, unless otherwise specified in the "Special Requirements" section of this Permit.
16. **Fiber Optic Lines.** Fiber optic lines shall be encased in a minimum of Schedule 80 classification conduit.
17. **Manholes.** Manholes and other points of access to underground lines are to be permitted within the right-of-way only when such manholes or other points of access are located beyond the shoulder of the through traffic roadways and do not obstruct maintenance operations within the right-of-ways.
18. **Appurtenances.** Above ground appurtenances, including but not limited to, meters, launchers, receivers, or valve stations shall be allowed within the right-of-way only upon the approval of the Rio Blanco County Director, as specified in the "Special Requirements" section of the issued permit.
19. **Vegetation in Right-of-Way.** Burning or disking operations and/or the use of chemicals to control or kill trees, brush and other vegetation is prohibited without prior written consent by the Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge Department.
20. **Wet, Non-Compactable Material.** If any wet or non-compactable materials are produced from excavations, they shall be completely removed from the right-of-way and replaced with compactable materials. The right-of-way shall then be returned to the original grades and cross-sections. Rio Blanco County will have the authority to determine what materials shall be discarded and what materials shall be acceptable as replacement.
21. **Right-of-Way Damage.** Permittee shall place gravel on all surfaces where any damage has occurred to the road surface from equipment, trenching, or storage of material. Rio Blanco County shall determine the damaged areas, remedial work required, and timing for said work.
22. **Gravel Contamination.** To prevent contamination of gravel surface, gravel must be stripped back prior to trenching or plowing. Any contamination of the gravel surface shall be considered the responsibility of the Permittee for replacement.
23. **Gravel Road Excavation.** On gravel roads where excavation is done in the road surfaces or excavation materials are stacked on the road surfaces, road base of 900 tons of ¾ inch crushed gravel meeting the Colorado Dept. of Transportation specifications for Class 6 gravel per mile shall be spread over the road surfaces upon completion of the work. Shoulders on paved roads or barrow ditches where excavation is done shall require 300 tons per mile upon completion. These amounts are to coat the road surfaces and do not supersede any requirements within the permit.
24. **Minimum Depth.** With the exception of gas and fiber optic lines, all underground lines installed or constructed within Rio Blanco County right-of-way shall have a minimum of three (3) feet of ground cover. All gas and fiber optic lines installed or constructed within Rio Blanco County right-of-way shall have a minimum of four (4) feet below the flow line of all culverts.
25. **Warning Tape.** A warning tape will be installed two (2) feet above any and all fiber optic conduit.
26. **Restoration.** Complete road restoration including, but not limited to, clean-up, repair of damaged facilities, trench compaction, and replacement of gravel shall be kept within one (1) mile of new excavation. Backfilling lifts greater than eight (8) inches, but not exceeding twelve (12) inches, shall be permitted, providing that the Permittee has suitable equipment to properly compact the depth of lift placed. Rio Blanco County shall determine if the Permittee's equipment and the depth of backfill lift is appropriate. Ninety-five (95%) percent of a standard proctor shall be required at any trench depth or in replacement of any materials.
27. **Survey Markers.** Permittee is responsible for preserving or replacing all survey monuments or benchmarks at each work site. If such monuments or bench marks are destroyed, Permittee shall be responsible to hire a Registered Land Surveyor to replace destroyed monuments or bench marks. If Permittee chooses to preserve such monuments or benchmarks, Permittee shall also hire a Registered Land Surveyor to complete such preservation.
28. **Future Right-of-Way Changes.** In the event any changes are made in the future to the roadway or its appurtenances within the right-of-way contemplated herein that would necessitate removal or relocation of the lines installed or constructed herein, Permittee shall do so promptly at its own expense upon the written request from Rio Blanco County.
29. **Line Shut-off.** When requested to do so by Rio Blanco County, Colorado, because of necessary road construction and/or maintenance operations. Permittee shall promptly shut off Permittee's lines and remove all of Permittee's combustible materials from the Rio Blanco County right-of-way areas.
30. **Storm Water Plan.** Any construction project disturbing one acre or more of ground within the Rio Blanco County right-of-way shall submit a Storm Water Management and Fugitive Dust Plan with the permit application.
31. **OSHA Compliance.** Open trenches shall be excavated in accordance with current OSHA Standards.

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