# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

POLICY: ENERGY RESOURCE AND

UTILITY ACTIVITY APPROACHES TO

**COUNTY ROADS** 

POLICY NO.: PDS 3

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The County has standards and requirements as indicted in this policy for approaches to County roads which are developed by energy resource and utility activity.

#### **GENERAL:**

- 1. Written requests for approval along with plans for all proposed approaches to County roads shall be submitted by the Company to the County of Minburn No. 27 office (Box 550, Vegreville, Alberta, T9C 1R6 or e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@minburncounty.ab.ca">info@minburncounty.ab.ca</a>) at least thirty (30) days prior to proposed construction date. The written notification shall at a minimum describe and give the location of the project, and include a statement as per Schedule 'B'.
- 2. The plans shall clearly indicate the location of the proposed approach relative to the County's road allowance, and shall include an indication of the sight line distance at both directions at the location where the approach meets the County road.
- 3. No construction shall commence until County approval has been given in writing.
- 4. The Company and/or contractor shall notify the County Office at least three (3) days prior to construction commencement to indicate the date upon which construction will commence and be completed.
- 5. Failure to advise the County of the location of the approach may result in the County not authorizing the subject Company to access the County road.
- 6. If deemed necessary, authorized County personnel may undertake pre and post inspections of the approach location with representative(s) of the Company and/or contractor concerned.
- 7. Where possible, new approaches shall be located directly across from an existing approach to provide for an "all directional" intersection.
- 8. Where possible, the new approach should be developed as a joint approach so the one approach provides access to more than one parcel of land. The approach will have to be wide enough to ensure each parcel/lease site has an equal and adequate portion of the approach accessing it.

### **APPLICATION PROCESSING:**

- 1. Utilize existing approach with/without upgrading \$100.00 per approach
- 2. Construct new permanent or temporary approach \$100.00 per approach.
- 3. Review of a revised plan after approval was given 50% of original fee.

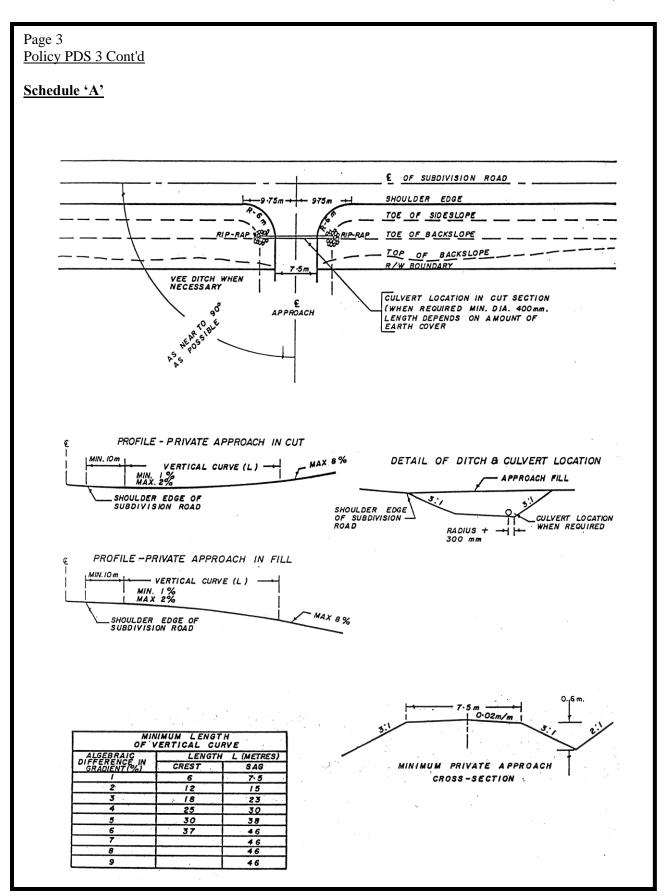
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## **DESIGN CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Minimum requirements for approaches shall be as per Schedule 'A'.
- 2. Loam stripped from road allowances during construction shall be stockpiled and then spread on ditches and back slopes to a depth at least equal to that of the natural loam in the immediate vicinity. Disturbed areas shall be re-graded to match the original contours.
- 3. Ditch and back slope shoulders shall be left in a smooth condition using either construction equipment, cultivation equipment, or a combination of both.
- 4. All rocks 7.5 cm (3 in.) in diameter shall be removed from road shoulders, ditches and back slopes.
- 5. Gravel shall be applied to all approaches at the rate of 8.0 cubic meters (10.5 cubic yards) per approach.
- 6. Approaches shall be constructed at 90 degrees to the County road.
- 7. Unless the approach is at a high point, culverts are required and shall be minimum 400 mm (16 inches) in diameter, corrugated metal or an approved equal.
- 8. Texas gates are not allowed within the County road allowance or road plan, and shall be set back 5.18 m (17.0 ft.) from the edge of the road allowance.

### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. The minimum sightline distance for an approach onto a developed road allowance or road plan is 150.0 m (492.1 ft.) for each direction.
- 2. Time shall be of the essence with regards to the disruption caused to the public roads. Where operations might affect traffic, barricades and/or "road closed"/warning signs shall be erected and maintained at the approach location and at the entrances to the portion of the affected road during construction. All work shall be undertaken in an expeditious and professional manner.
- 3. The company and/or contractor shall assume all legal liability (both personal and property) when approach construction and related works are undertaken within the County. (See Schedule 'B').
- 4. Construction shall only be carried out during daylight hours.
- 5. Existing drainage patters are to be accommodated and not altered.



Page 4 Policy PDS 3 Cont'd Schedule 'B' Indemnification: The Company, its successors and assigns shall indemnify and save harmless the County of and from any and all losses, costs, charges, liabilities, damages and expenses (including without limiting the generality of the foregoing any and all liabilities to third parties, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise) which the Company at any time or times hereafter shall or may bear, suffer, sustain or incur for or by reason of the Company, its successors or assigns use of the road allowance area or by reason of the negligence of the Company, its successors and assigns servants, agents, employees or contractors.