

**SPECIFICATION**  
for  
**CONDUIT LINE - HEAD SUBSTATION TO WICHITA UNDERGROUND SYSTEM**

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**GENERAL**

**Description**

These specifications and plans accompanying same provide for the installation of conduit lines and manholes emanating from the Kansas Gas and Electric Company's Head Substation, located at 125 No. Rock Island St., Wichita, Kansas, to locations shown on drawing SS-1376, and connecting into owner's existing service hole #629. Plans include the following drawings:

- KA-3850 Details of 15 duct section
- KA-3851 Details of 10 duct section
- KB-1376 Manhole Frame and Cover 3P and 9C
- KD-1742 Two way manhole
- KE-1744 Three way manhole
- KE-1749 Four way manhole
- KE-1750 Three way manhole
- KE-1779 Two way manhole
- KE-1787 Service hole 629
- KE-3849 Conduit construction, 3 sheets

**Definition of Terms**

The term "owner" as used herein refers to and designates Kansas Gas and Electric Company. The term "contractor" refers to the party or parties contracting to perform the work as specified in these specifications, or shown on the accompanying plans.

**Scope of Work**

The contractor shall supply all labor, transportation, material and tools necessary for the proper completion of the above described work, except the owner will furnish all manhole castings. Any minor details of equipment or materials necessary and implied, but not specifically mentioned, shall be furnished without additional expense beyond the contract price.

**Material and Measurements**

Before ordering any material or doing any work, the contractor shall verify all measurements at the construction site and shall be responsible for the correctness of same. No extra charge or compensation will be allowed on account of difference between actual dimensions and the measurements indicated on the drawings.

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**Examination of Premises**

Before submitting proposals for his work, the contractor will be expected to have examined the premises and have satisfied himself as to the existing conditions under which he will be obliged to operate or that will in any manner affect the work under this contract. No allowances shall be made subsequently in this connection in behalf of the contractor for any error or negligence on his part.

**Bond**

The general contractor will be required to furnish a surety and statutory bond for the full amount of the contract price in such form and with such sureties as are satisfactory to the owner, and such as will release the owner from all labor and material claims or liens of any kind.

**Permits**

The contractor shall pay for all permits, royalties and license fees pertaining to his work. The contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of this work. If the contractor performs any work contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, he shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

**Insurance**

The contractor shall take out immediately upon accepting this contract insurance which shall include, but shall not be limited, to the following types:

1. Compensation Insurance
2. Public Liability Insurance
3. Property Damage Insurance
4. Vehicle Bodily Injury and Property Damage Insurance

This insurance must be carried with companies and in amounts acceptable to the owner. Contractor and owner shall be the beneficiaries as their respective interests shall appear as of insurable when any loss, injury or damage occurs. None of the insurance provided for herein shall be terminable except upon the written consent of both owner and contractor. Contractor shall likewise cause his sub-contractors, if any, to provide for such insurance. Contractor shall furnish owner with all requisite insurance policies or copies thereof or other satisfactory evidence thereof within ten days after accepting this contract and before starting work. No insurance coverage shall be construed as waiving or releasing any of contractor's responsibility under this contract.

**Construction and Personnel**

The contractor shall furnish competent labor and supervisors and shall carry on the work at his own risk until the job is completed in a manner

of the contractor and not of the owner, irrespective of who pays them. The contractor shall indemnify the owner and hold him harmless from and against any and all loss, costs, damage and expense, and the contractor agrees to defend at contractor's own expense any suit or suits that may be brought against the owner by reason of any act or omission of any employee, servant or agent of the contractor, including those, if any, originally employed by the owner and utilized by the contractor.

**Material and Workmanship**

All materials, including those not specifically called for herein, shall be new and the best of their respective kinds. The work shall be performed in a first class manner by competent, experienced workmen, and the completed job will be subject to the final acceptance of the owner. The contractor shall maintain a competent foreman on the job throughout the time of construction. The contractor shall lay out all measurements and be responsible for the correct construction and assembly of the various parts of the work.

**Protection against accidents, damages, etc.**

The owner shall not be responsible or be held liable for any damage to person or property consequent upon the use, misuse or failure of any hoist, rigging, blocking or other equipment used by the contractor or any of his sub-contractors even though said equipment be furnished or loaned to the contractor by the owner. The acceptance and/or use of any such equipment by the contractor or his sub-contractors shall be construed to mean that the contractor accepts all responsibility for any claim for damages whatsoever resulting from the use, misuse or failure of such equipment whether such damage be to his own employees or property, or to the employees or property of others.

**Payments**

Payments on contract or extra accounts shall be made in true and lawful funds on or before the 10th of each month for 50% of all labor and materials incorporated in the project on the first day of the month less all previous payments. The owner shall finally accept or reject the work within 30 days after its completion, and the final payment of all accounts shall be made within 30 days thereafter, provided however that the contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the owner that all labor and material accounts connected with the execution of this contract shall have been fully paid by the contractor.

**Drawings and Specifications**

Drawings and specifications are instruments of service only and as such are the property of the owner to whom they shall be returned at the completion of the work. All work shall be executed according to the true intent and meaning of the drawings and specifications which are intended to include everything requisite and necessary for the proper completion of the work. Any discrepancies or inaccuracies, if not in the drawings or specifications, or any question as to their meaning shall be reported

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to the owner and should comply with his interpretation of the intent and meaning of such. The owner accepts no responsibility for the location of obstructions as shown on the plans, but these obstructions are merely shown for the purpose of determining the best location for manholes and duct lines.

**Extra Work**

It is recognized that extra work is a necessary part of the construction of underground conduit lines where unknown obstructions may be encountered. Changes in plans due to these obstructions shall be approved in writing by the owner and shall be paid for on the basis of bids for extra costs submitted with contractor's original bid.

Other changes, alterations or additions involving extra labor and material which are approved and ordered in writing by the owner shall be paid for by the owner on the basis of cost of labor and material to the contractor plus 10% on such cost unless otherwise agreed at time of ordering such work.

Orders for changes as above specified shall in no way invalidate the original contract.

**Interference to Public**

All work shall be done in a manner resulting in the minimum inconvenience to the public and adjacent property owners. All material removed by excavation shall be piled carefully and removed as quickly as possible. All gutters and drains shall be kept clear of all construction materials and the flow of water therein shall not be obstructed. All fire hydrants and other points of entrance or egress for vehicles shall be kept clear of material and tools. Where necessary, bridging and staging shall be provided for the use of pedestrians and vehicles and all such bridging and staging shall be constructed in a manner and maintained in a condition such as to assure safety to the traveling public at all times. City ordinances pertaining to this type of work shall be strictly adhered to regardless of herein specifically mentioned or not.

**Inspection**

The owner and his representative shall at all times have access to the work whenever it is in preparation or progress. Owner shall be allowed to make measurements during the progress of the work as are necessary for the preparation of owner's maps and records.

**Cleaning Up**

The contractor shall keep the site of the work clean at all times and at the completion of the work, contractor shall leave the construction site in a neat and clean condition.

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**CONDUIT LINES**

**Conduits**

Conduits shall consist of 4 inch inside diameter Korbet, as manufactured by the Johns-Manville Company - Couplings and fittings shall be standard tapered fittings manufactured by said company. Conduits shall be installed in number and in the manner as shown on the drawings which accompany this specification.

**Concrete**

Concrete for duct lines shall consist of one part Portland cement and five parts of clean, sharp river sand having a fineness modulus of between 2.5 and 3.5. The water-cement ratio shall not exceed 7 1/2 gallons for each cubic yard of concrete.

**Excavation**

All excavations shall be made as nearly true to line as obstructions will permit. The trench shall be excavated entirely from manhole to manhole and to such a width and depth as may be required to accommodate the number of ducts specified. The grade of the trench shall be established by contractor to provide proper drainage into one manhole or both before any conduits between the two manholes in question are installed. In general, the ditch shall be excavated to provide a minimum depth of 2 feet 6 inches from the surface of the street or ground to the top of the conduit line.

Where crossing under railroad tracks, the cover over the concrete shall be increased to a minimum of 3 feet 6 inches in order to protect the construction from excessive concentrated wheel loads. Where it is impossible or impractical to obtain the increased cover, the additional protection to the conduit may be secured by increasing the thickness of the concrete slab above the ducts or by installing a reinforced mat over the construction in order to distribute the load. This shall be done in a manner approved by the owner.

The bottom of the trench shall be graded accurately before any conduits are installed in order to assure that no low pockets exist. Where it becomes

be used and this material shall be thoroughly and effectively tamped before the conduits are installed in order to establish a firm foundation and avoid any sagging of the construction.

The side walls of the trench shall be cut as nearly vertical as possible and shall be shored where necessary to prevent caving of the banks due to traffic and other disturbing conditions.

Where it is necessary to sheath to the bottom of the trench, the width of the trench shall be increased by the amount corresponding to the thickness of the sheathing in order to maintain the specified cross-section of the construction.

The trench shall be kept as free as possible from water at all times. Conduits shall not be installed in a wet ditch without the permission of a representative of the owner.

**Conduit Installation**

All ducts shall be laid true to line and grade, and all joints shall be staggered both horizontally and vertically. The conduit line shall be graded so as to provide drainage of the duct bank into one or both of the adjoining manholes with a minimum gradient of 3 inches per 100 feet of conduit line.

Where changes in formations are deemed expedient in order to avoid excessive depth or extraordinary interferences, explicit permission shall be obtained from the owner for such changes, and particular care shall be exercised in such construction to avoid pockets or dips in the conduit line on account of such construction.

When it becomes necessary to lay the conduit under, over or adjacent to any gas, water or sewer pipes or any other sub-surface structures, full and proper protection shall be afforded such pipes or other structures and the construction shall be made in a manner which will provide satisfactory clearance to the owners of said structures. Where necessary to straddle a gas, water or other pipe or pipes, particular care shall be exercised to prevent the weight of the new construction from resting on such pipes. In no case shall edges of any nature be solidly encased in a concrete envelope of the conduit line. Proper protection of such structures demands that they be surrounded with a sand or earth cushion or a protecting shell of boards, conduit or other material as may be required where they pass through the duct construction.

Concrete separators shall be placed crosswise in the trench at approximately 3 foot intervals and levelled to form the grade for the first duct layer. There shall be a space of 3 inches between the bottom of the trench and the conduits. The ducts shall then be laid by the built-up method, using conduit separators placed near the end of each conduit and No. 6 hemp line to hold the ducts in place. The joints shall be staggered both horizontally and vertically and each joint shall be painted or dipped at the time of laying with an asphalt base paint. The concrete shall be poured around and on top of the conduits with great

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care being taken to puddle the concrete between the ducts in order to insure that each duct is entirely surrounded by concrete and that no voids exist. The concrete shall be poured so that a layer not to exceed two ducts high is formed longitudinally of sufficient length to allow the initial pouring to become partially solidified so that the ducts will not float as the concrete envelope is poured. Weights may be placed on top of the conduit bank to hold the conduits in position while concrete is poured. If weights are used to keep the conduit firm floating, these weights should be removed before the concrete sets completely, and the voids filled with concrete. Concrete shall be carried to a height at least 3 inches above the top tier of the conduits. Care should be taken that concrete is poured in such a manner that the fall of the concrete will not disturb the alignment of ducts.

Conduits shall be laid in a straight line and as true to grade as possible and in no case shall ducts be installed with a divergence from a straight line of more than 1/2 inch per foot of duct, and all bends which are necessary shall be made with as long a radius and as smooth a curve as possible.

A mandrel for the purpose of cleaning the ducts shall be drawn through the ducts at the completion of each conduit run.

Whenever it becomes necessary to make a vertical split in the construction, it is required that the full amount of concrete envelopes specified shall be installed above and below each section of the construction, and that the space between the sections shall be carefully and completely filled with concrete up to a maximum of 6 inches. Where the trench is shored, care must be exercised in withdrawing such timbers in order not to disturb the concrete envelope of the conduit.

**Obstructions**

No pipes, conduits, sewers or other obstructions belonging to or operated by other utilities, the city or private individuals shall be disturbed or removed without the explicit permission of the owners of said pipes, conduits or sewers. Any change or relocation of interferences of any kind shall be done in a manner satisfactory to the owner of said interferences.

**Backfill**

All ditches shall be carefully backfilled with sand in such a manner as to assure a minimum amount of settlement over the conduit bank and in such a manner as to meet City Ordinances regarding this type of backfill. No backfilling shall take place until the concrete covers of the conduits has set sufficiently to permit backfilling without disturbance to the concrete structure.

**Repaing**

All repaving shall be done in accordance with City Ordinances.

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**MANHOLES**

**General**

All manholes shall be constructed in accordance with the detail drawings furnished with this specification.

**Excavation and Construction**

All excavation shall conform closely to dimensions necessary to permit the proper thickness of the wall to be installed. Floor or foundations of the structure shall be put in place first and permitted to become hard before the side wall forms and reinforcing steel are set. All steel shall be placed and held securely 1/8 inch from the face of the form to the center of the steel and shall be tied in such a manner as to preserve its alignment during the pouring of the concrete.

It is recommended that the side walls be poured before the placing of the concrete roof and provision for such type of construction has been made in the construction plans.

The finished inside walls shall be smooth and free from sharp burrs of concrete.

The conduits shall enter the structures at the locations indicated on the plans unless changes are specified by the owner. Porcelain conduit bells shall be installed as shown on the plans.

The walls shall be poured in one solid mass, the pouring of the concrete taking place in successive stages around the wall in order to avoid undue lateral pressure against any one section of the form. If it should become necessary to cease work before the walls have been brought to their finished height, provision shall be exercised to provide doors in order to assure a solid unit structure throughout.

All roof forms shall be substantially supported from the floor of the structure so that in the event that external loads are applied to the roof before completion of the 28 day set, the concrete roof will not be compelled to carry the entire load.

After the roof of manhole has become firm and hard, the manhole casting shall be set with at least 4 inches of concrete between the top of the roof and the base of the casting in such a way as to permit proper distribution of load from casting to the roof structure. All castings shall be set carefully by means of shalk lines from the adjacent, undisturbed edges of the existing paving. A and shall be set approximately 1/16 inch higher than existing paving. Proper consideration shall be given to the curvature of the street when setting the castings, especially where the location of the manhole cover is such as to be involved with more than one street.

**Backfill**

Excavation above manholes shall be carefully backfilled with sand in such a manner as to assure a minimum amount of settlement over the manhole and in such a manner as to meet City Ordinances regarding this type of backfill. No backfilling shall take place until the concrete roof of the manhole has set sufficiently to permit backfilling without disturbance to the concrete structure.

**Manhole Castings**

All manhole castings will be furnished by Kansas Gas and Electric Company according to drawings included in the plans and shall be installed by the contractor.

**Concrete**

Concrete in manholes shall be mixed by volume of 1:2:4, using 1 inch or smaller coarse aggregate, requiring 8 sacks of cement per cu yd and acquiring minimum tested compressive strength of 3000 lb per sq in. in 28 days.

The concrete shall be thoroughly compacted by vibrating or by tamping and puddling.

All concrete shall be made with hard, well-graded aggregates and shall contain not more than 6 gal. of water for each sack of cement. It shall be of a plastic mix which can be placed without honeycombing or permitting excess water to accumulate on the surface.

**Barricades**

Each manhole shall be barricaded with a substantial guard rail and such barricade shall be maintained for at least 14 days in order to protect the structure from traffic.

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