

Encroachment

Access Break: Permanent Temporary

Permit/Franchise #:		Date:
SR:	MP Limits:	
Applicant:		
Installation Description (include project duration):		

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read each question carefully and provide thorough and complete answers in all sections. Unanswered questions or vague, incomplete justifications will delay review of your utility permit or franchise application. The WSDOT Region Utilities Office must complete Section 2, *Regional Considerations*. (It is attached for your information only.)

SECTION 1 – VARIANCE DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION (to be completed by applicant)

Part A – Conditions, Alternatives, and Preferred Route Selection

1. Reason for Installation Inside Limited Access Right of Way

Explain why it is unusually difficult or impossible to install the proposed utility outside limited access right of way:

2. Alternative Routes/Access Considered

Identify all other route and/or installation alternatives considered, and explain why they were rejected. Is alternate access available? If so, explain why it can't be used? Attach a plan or sketch showing all routes considered:

3. Basis for Selection of Proposed Route

Explain the basis for selection of the chosen route and why it is critical to the alignment of the utility:

4. Cost Justification

If cost is a basis for justification, explain in detail what elements make the alternative locations cost-prohibitive. (If this is for the Access Break 'only', cost alone is not sufficient reason to allow access break)

5. **Utility Maintenance**

Will utility maintenance be necessary during the life of this utility? Yes No

If yes, explain the nature, frequency, duration, and management of maintenance operations, including proposed access to the utility, traffic control methods, and other aspects of maintenance operations:

6. **Existing Conditions**

Provide photographs showing existing conditions at the location of the proposed installation. Include vegetated areas, slope treatment, guardrail, drainage facilities, existing utilities, geologic or other natural features, and other items that will be impacted by this proposal:

7. **Additional Information**

Provide additional information in support of this Variance Request:

Part B – Variance Justification Submittal Requirements

All accommodation applications that include a variance proposal to occupy access controlled right of way must include:

- This Limited Access Encroachment Variance Request Justification Questionnaire.
- Plan showing all alternative routes considered.
- Right of way plans, profiles, and details for the chosen route.
- Roadway cross section of the entire right of way at regular intervals (maximum 300-foot spacing and at all changes in terrain and topography). Show details relating to width of travel lanes, turn lanes, shoulders, and widened areas, and location of existing and proposed utilities.
- Description of how the right of way fence will be secured at the end of each work day (if applicable)
- Open trench cross section showing pipe and casing (if applicable), trench width, pipe zone bedding material, backfill material, and existing and replacement surfacing material, width, depth, and specification.
- Utility Maintenance Plan (if necessary).
- Cost estimate (if cost is the reason for rejection of alternatives).
- For Interstate projects environmental documentation will be necessary. For Utility installations a categorical exclusion needs to be obtained from the Region Environmental section.
- Additional supporting information.
- Traffic Control Plan

Applicant Certification and Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein by me, employees under my supervision, or consultants hired by me is complete and accurate and factually represents all aspects of the proposed utility installation.

Signature

Date

Print name

Title

SECTION 2 – REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (to be completed by WSDOT)

Background

Is the proposed installation a Franchise Amendment? Yes No

If yes, what is the franchise number that authorizes the parent utility?

Is the parent franchise expired? If yes, process the application using the Franchise Consolidation process. Yes No

Administrative Assessment and Coordination

Is there a need for a Notice of Filing? Yes No

If yes, explain why:

Will the proposal have adverse effects on the design, construction, stability, structural integrity, maintenance, appearance, or operation of the limited access facility or its appurtenances due to the proposal? Yes No

If yes, explain the adverse effects and how their impacts will be mitigated:

Will the proposal have negative impacts or potentially adverse effects on traffic and/or pedestrian movements or on the overall operation of the limited access facility that may occur in the future due to the proposed installation? Yes No

If yes, explain the negative impacts and how they will be mitigated:

Will the utility installation affect design or construction of currently programmed projects? Yes No

If yes, list the projects and explain the effects of the proposed utility installation:

Have appropriate design and construction offices been given an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed installation? Yes No

If so, what steps will be taken to coordinate utility installation with affected projects?

Is a lease or easement needed? Yes No

Region Utility Office Recommendation

What is the region's recommendation regarding approval of this application? Application Approved
 Application Denied

Explain the reason(s) for approval or denial: