

RULE NO. 16

GAS SERVICE EXTENSIONS

APPLICABILITY

This rule is applicable in the Utility's South Lake Tahoe service territory to both: (1) the Utility's Service Facilities that extend from the Utility's Distribution Main facilities to the Service Delivery Point; and (2) the service-related equipment required of Applicant on Applicant's Premises to receive gas service. (Certain words are defined either within the provisions of this rule or in Section H of this rule.)

A. GENERAL

1. Design

The Utility will be responsible for planning, designing and engineering its Service Facilities and Service Lateral facilities using the Utility's standards for design, materials, and construction.

Applicants may also elect to design that portion of the new extension normally designed by the Utility, in accordance with the Applicant Design Option provisions of Rule No. 15, Section F.

2. Installation

a. The Applicant may select the Utility to install an extension in accordance with Section D.2, or

b. The Applicant may select to install an extension in accordance with Section D.1 and the Applicant Installation Option in Section D.3.

3. Service Facilities

For the purposes of this rule, the Utility's Service Facilities shall consist of (a) connection fittings; (b) service pipe; (c) valves; (d) regulators; (e) metering equipment; (f) other Utility-owned service-related equipment; and (g) excluding any required service equipment as provided in Sections D.1.c and D.1.f.

4. Ownership of Facilities

Service Facilities installed under the provisions of this rule shall be owned, operated, and maintained by the Utility. Applicant shall own, operate, and maintain facilities beyond the Service Delivery Point.

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5. Private Lines

The Utility shall not be required to connect Service Facilities to or serve any Applicant from gas facilities that are not owned, operated and maintained by the Utility.

6. Special or Added Facilities

Any special or added facilities the Utility agrees to install at the request of Applicant will be installed at Applicant's expense.

In accordance with The Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 and Title 49, Section 192.383 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the installation of an excess flow valve, as defined in Rule No. 1, shall be performed by the Utility on new or replaced single residence service lines. If any other customer requests the installation of an excess flow valve, the Utility shall perform the installation subject to the feasibility of such installation, and the customer assuming responsibility for all costs associated with installation.

7. Temporary Service Facilities

Facilities installed for temporary service or for operations of speculative character or questionable permanency shall be made in accordance with the fundamental installation and ownership provisions of this rule, except that all charges and refunds shall be made under the provisions of Rule No. 13, Temporary Service.

8. Contracts

Each Applicant requesting service may be required to execute written contracts prior to the Utility performing its work to establish service. Such contracts shall be in the form on file with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

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A. GENERAL (Continued)

9. Distribution Main Extensions

Whenever the Utility's distribution system is not complete to the point designated by the Utility where the Service Lateral is to be connected to the Utility's distribution system, the extension of Gas Main facilities will be installed in accordance with Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions.

10. Rights-of-Way

Rights-of-way or easements may be required by the Utility to install Service Facilities on Applicant's property to serve only the Applicant.

a. Service Facilities

If the Service Facilities must cross property owned by a third party to serve the Applicant, the Utility may, at its option, install such Service Facilities after appropriate rights-of-way or easements, satisfactory to the Utility, are obtained without cost to the Utility.

b. Main Extensions

If the Utility's facilities installed on Applicant's property, or third-party property, will be or are designed to serve adjacent property, then the Utility may, at its option, install its facilities under Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions, after appropriate rights-of-way or easements, satisfactory to the Utility, are obtained without cost to the Utility.

c. Clearances

Any necessary rights-of-way or easements for the Utility's facilities shall have provisions to maintain legal clearances from adjacent structures.

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A. GENERAL (Continued)

11. Access to Applicant's Premises

The Utility shall at all times have the right to enter and leave Applicant's Premises for any purpose connected with the furnishing of gas service (meter reading, inspection, testing, routine repairs, replacement, maintenance, emergency work, etc.), and the exercise of any and all rights secured to it by law, or under the Utility's tariff schedules. These rights include, but are not limited to:

- a. The use of a utility-approved locking device, if Applicant desires to prevent unauthorized access to the Utility's facilities.
- b. Safe and ready access for Utility personnel, free from unrestrained animals.
- c. Unobstructed ready access for the Utility's vehicles and equipment to install, remove, repair, or maintain its facilities.
- d. Removal of any and all of its property installed on Applicant's Premises after the termination of service.

12. Service Connections

Only personnel duly authorized by the Utility are allowed to connect or disconnect service pipe to or from the Utility's Distribution Main, remove meters, remove Utility-owned Service Facilities, or perform any work upon Utility-owned existing facilities.

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B. METERING FACILITIES

1. General

A. Meter All Usage

The Utility will meter delivery of all gas energy, unless otherwise provided for by the Utility's tariff schedules or by other applicable laws.

B. Meter Location

All Utility meters and associated metering equipment shall be located at some protected location on Applicant's Premises as approved by the Utility.

2. Number of Meters

The Utility normally will install only one meter for a single-family residence or a single nonresidential enterprise on a single Premises, except:

- a. When otherwise required or allowed under the Utility's tariff schedules.
- b. At the option of and as determined by the Utility, for its operating convenience, consistent with its engineering design.
- c. When required by law or local ordinance.
- d. When additional services are granted by the Utility.

A single meter is required for each single enterprise operating in one building or a group of buildings or other development on a single Premises, such as, but not limited to, a commercial business, school campus, industrial manufacturer, or recreational vehicle parks, unless otherwise approved by the Utility. (See Rule No. 18, Supply to Separate Premises and Resale, for more information.)

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B. METERING FACILITIES *(Continued)*

3. Multiple Occupancy

In a building with two or more tenants, or where the Utility furnishes more than one meter on the same Premises, the Utility's meters normally shall be grouped at one central location, or as otherwise specified by the Utility, and each meter position shall be clearly and permanently marked by Applicant, customer or owner of the Premises to indicate the particular unit, occupancy or load supplied by it.

a. Residential

The Utility will individually meter gas service to every residential unit in a residential building or group of buildings or other development on a single Premises with multiple tenants, such as, but not limited to, apartment buildings, mobile home parks, etc., except as may be otherwise specified in Rule No. 18, Supply to Separate Premises and Resale, and applicable rate schedules.

b. Non-Residential

The Utility will individually meter gas service to each tenant in a non-residential building or group of buildings or other development on a single Premises with multiple tenants or enterprises, such as, but not limited to, an office building or shopping center complex. Alternative metering arrangements, as determined by the Utility, may be allowed only as specified in Rule No. 18, Supply to Separate Premises and Resale, and applicable rate schedules.

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C. SERVICE LATERAL FACILITIES

1. General Location

The location of the Service Lateral facilities shall extend:

a. Franchise Area

From the point of connection at the Distribution Main to Applicant's nearest property line abutting upon any street, highway, road or rights-of-way, along which it already has or will install Distribution Main; and,

b. Private Property

On private property, along the shortest, most practical and available route (clear of obstructions) as necessary to reach a Service Delivery Point designated by the Utility.

2. Number of Service Laterals

The Utility will not normally provide more than one Service Lateral, including associated facilities, for any one building or group of buildings, for a single enterprise on a single Premises, except:

a. Where otherwise allowed or required under the Utility's tariff schedules.

b. At the option of and as determined by the Utility, for its operating convenience, consistent with its engineering design or when replacing an existing service.

c. Where required by ordinance or other applicable law, for such things as gas-powered fire pumps, etc.

d. The Utility may charge for additional services provided under this paragraph, as special or added facilities.

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C. SERVICE LATERAL FACILITIES *(Continued)*

3. Branch Service

For additional approved Service Delivery Points to serve another Applicant on the same or adjoining Premises, the Utility may install a branch service at the option of the Utility and will grant allowances under the conditions as set forth in Section E.

4. Other Service Connections

Where Applicant or customer requests another type of service connection, such as stub services, curb meters and vaults, or service from gas transmission lines, the Utility will consider each such request and will grant appropriate allowances as it may determine.

5. Unusual Site Conditions

In cases where Applicant's building or facility is located a considerable distance from the available Distribution Main or where there is an obstruction or other deterrent obstacle or hazard, such as plowed land, ditches or inaccessible security areas between the Utility's Distribution Main and the building or facility to be served that would prevent the Utility from prudently installing, owning and maintaining its Service Facilities, the Utility may, at its discretion, modify the normal Service Delivery Point location. In such cases, the Service Delivery Point shall be at such other location on Applicant's property as may be mutually agreed upon; or, alternatively, the Service Delivery Point may be located at or near Applicant's property line, as close as practical to the available Distribution Main.

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D. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NEW SERVICE FACILITIES

1. Applicant Responsibility

In accordance with the Utility's design, specifications and requirements for the installation of Service Facilities, subject to the Utility's inspection and approval, Applicant is responsible for:

a. Service Lateral Facilities

(1) Clear Route

Applicant shall provide (or pay for) a route on any private property that is clear of obstructions which would inhibit the construction of the Service Facilities.

(2) Substructures

(a) Furnishing, installing, owning and maintaining all support pads, meter or regulator vaults or other Substructures on Applicant's Premises.

(b) Furnishing and installing any Substructures in the Utility's Franchise Area (or rights-of-way, if applicable) as necessary to install the Service Lateral.

(c) Convey ownership to the Utility upon its acceptance of those Substructures not on Applicant's Premises.

(3) Protective Structures

Furnishing, installing, owning and maintaining all necessary Protective Structures, as specified by the Utility, for the Utility's facilities on Applicant's Premises.

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D. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NEW SERVICE FACILITIES *(Continued)*

1. Applicant Responsibility *(Continued)*

b. Applicant's Facility Design and Operation

Applicant shall be solely responsible to plan, design, install, own, maintain and operate facilities and equipment beyond the Service Delivery Point in order to properly receive and utilize the type of gas service available from the Utility. Refer to Rule No. 2, Description of Service, for a description, among other things, of:

- (1) The available service delivery pressures and the technical requirements and conditions to qualify for them.
- (2) Heating values of natural gas.
- (3) Delivery volume adjustments due to altitude.

c. Required Service Equipment

Applicant shall, at its sole liability, risk and expense, be responsible to furnish, install, own, maintain, inspect and keep in good and safe condition, all facilities of any kind or character on Applicant's Premises, that are not the responsibility of the Utility, but are required by the Utility for Applicant to receive service. Such facilities shall include, but are not limited to, gas pipe, valves, regulators, appliances, fixtures and apparatus of any kind or character. Detailed information on the Utility's service equipment requirements will be furnished by the Utility.

d. Liability

The Utility shall incur no liability whatsoever for any damage, loss or injury occasioned by:

- (1) Applicant-owned equipment or Applicant's transmission and delivery of energy.
- (2) The negligence, omission of proper shut-off valves or other protective and safety devices, want of proper care or wrongful act of Applicant or any agents, employees or licensees of Applicant, on the part of Applicant installing, maintaining, using, operating or interfering with any such pipes, valves, regulators or apparatus.

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e. Facility Tampering

Applicant shall provide a suitable means acceptable to the Utility for placing its seals on meters and related equipment. All Utility-owned meters shall be sealed only by the Utility's authorized employees and such seals shall be broken only by the Utility's authorized employees. However, in an emergency, the Utility may allow a public authority or other appropriate party, to break the seal. Any unauthorized tampering with Utility-owned seals or equipment or connection of customer-owned facilities to Utility's service pipe at any time is prohibited and is subject to the provisions of Rule No. 11, Discontinuance of Service, for unauthorized use.

f. Large Metering Installations on Applicant's Premises

If it is necessary to have large, specifically designed, Utility-owned metering and related equipment installed on Applicant's Premises to serve Applicant, Applicant shall be responsible for complying with the following general provisions:

(1) Required Access and Clearance

Applicant shall provide adequate access, clearance and space, including working space, on Applicant's Premises, at a location approved by the Utility, for a metering installation, including any necessary regulators, pipes and valves.

(2) Room or Vault

Where Applicant requests and the Utility approves the installation of the meter(s) or regulator(s) in a vault or room on Applicant's Premises, rather than the Utility's standard outdoor installation:

(a) The room or vault on Applicant's Premises shall be furnished, installed, owned and maintained by customer and shall meet the Utility's specifications for such things as access, ventilation, drainage, etc.

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1. Applicant Responsibility *(Continued)*

f. Large Metering Installations on Applicant's Premises *(Continued)*

(b) If space cannot be provided on Applicant's Premises for the installation of a meter and regulator, a vault may be installed, at Applicant's expense, in the street area near property line. It shall be Applicant's responsibility to install such vault, if not restricted by the governmental authority having jurisdiction and Applicant shall convey ownership of the vault to the Utility upon its acceptance.

(c) If the Utility's installed cost for the meter or regulator in the room or vault is more costly than the standard outdoor installation, the additional costs shall be paid by Applicant.

g. Building Code Requirements

Any service equipment and other service-related equipment owned by Applicant, as well as any vault, room, enclosure, shall conform with applicable laws, codes and ordinances of all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

h. Reasonable Care

Applicant shall exercise reasonable care to prevent the Utility's Service Lateral, meters and other facilities owned by the Utility on Applicant's Premises from being damaged or destroyed and shall refrain from interfering with the Utility's operation of the facilities and shall notify the Utility of any obvious defect. Applicant may be required to provide and install suitable protection (barrier posts, etc.) as required by the Utility.

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D. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NEW SERVICE FACILITIES *(Continued)*

2. Utility Responsibility

a. Install Service Facilities

The Utility, if selected by the Applicant, will furnish, install, own and maintain the Service Facilities including Trenching, as applicable after Applicant meets all requirements to receive service.

Applicant may elect to provide the trench. If Applicant chooses to perform the Trenching, it must also secure permits from the governmental authorities having jurisdiction. If Applicant qualifies for a Service Extension allowance, the Utility will provide Applicant with a reimbursement or credit for the Utility's project-specific estimated cost-per-foot of trench.

b. Government Inspection

The Utility will establish gas service to Applicant following notice from the governmental authorities having jurisdiction that the customer-owned facilities have been installed and inspected in accordance with any applicable laws, codes ordinances, rules or regulations and are safe to pressurize.

3. Installation Options

a. Utility Performed Work

Where requested by Applicant and mutually agreed upon, the Utility may perform that portion of the new service extension work normally the responsibility of Applicant according to Section D.1, provided Applicant pays the Utility its total estimated installed cost.

b. Applicant Performed Work

Applicant may elect to use competitive bidding to install that portion of the new Service Facilities normally installed and owned by the Utility, in accordance with the same provisions outlined in Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions.

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1. General

The Utility will provide the Service Lateral extension without charge provided the Utility's total estimated installed cost (including Meter Set Assemblies) does not exceed the allowances as determined from permanent, bona-fide loads to be served by the extension within a reasonable time as determined by the Utility.

2. Allowances

The allowance for Permanent Residential Service per meter or residential dwelling unit, on a per-unit basis, is as follows:

Water Heating	\$ 271
Space Heating	\$1,008
Oven/Range	\$ 33
Dryer Stub	\$ 82

a. Residential Applicants for both main and service extensions who are entitled to a service extension allowance in excess of the total estimated cost of the service extension may apply the amount of the unused portion of such service extension allowance toward the cost of the Main Extension, provided that the sum of the main and service allowances granted by the Utility does not exceed the total allowances provided in Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions and Rule No. 16, Gas Service Extensions.

b. Allowances will be applied first to the Meter Set Assemblies; then services; then mains.

c. For non-residential Applicants for Distribution Main and Service Extensions, refer to Section C of Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions.

3. Seasonal, Intermittent, Insignificant and Emergency Loads

When Applicant requests service that requires an extension to serve loads that are seasonal or intermittent, the allowance for such loads shall be determined using the formula in Rule 15. No allowance shall be provided where service is used only for emergency purposes or for Insignificant Loads.

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E. ALLOWANCES AND PAYMENTS BY APPLICANT *(Continued)*

4. Payments

Applicant is responsible to pay the Utility the following non-refundable costs, as applicable under this rule and in advance of the Utility commencing its work:

a. Excess Service

The Utility's total estimated installed cost (including Trenching and appurtenant facilities such as fittings, valves, etc.) in excess of the total allowance.

b. Tax

Any payments or Contributions of facilities by Applicant are taxable Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) and shall include an Income Tax Component of Contribution (ITCC) for state and federal tax at the rate provided in the Utility's Preliminary Statements.

c. Other

The Utility's total estimated cost for any work it performs that is Applicant's responsibility or performs for the convenience of Applicant.

5. Refunds

No refunds apply to the installation of Gas Service Facilities under this rule.

6. Periodic Review

The Utility will periodically review the factors it uses to determine the allowances and costs stated in this rule. If such review results in a change of more than five percent (5%), the Utility will submit a tariff revision proposal to the Commission for review and approval. Such proposed changes shall be submitted no sooner than six (6) months after the last revision.

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F. EXISTING SERVICE FACILITIES

1. Service Reinforcement

a. Utility-Owned

When the Utility determines that its existing Service Facilities require replacement, the existing Service Facilities shall be replaced as new Service Facilities under the provisions of this rule.

b. Applicant-Owned

The Applicant shall replace or reinforce that portion of the Service Lateral which the Applicant will continue to own under the provisions of this rule.

2. Service Relocation or Rearrangement

a. Utility Convenience

When, in the judgment of the Utility, the relocation or rearrangement of a service is necessary for the maintenance of adequate service or for the operating convenience of the Utility, the Utility normally will perform such work at its own expense, except as provided in Sections F.2.b, F.3 and F.4.

b. Applicant Convenience

Any relocation or rearrangement of the Utility's existing Service Facilities, at the request of Applicant (aesthetics, building additions, remodeling, etc.) and agreed upon by the Utility, the work shall be performed in accordance with Section D, except that Applicant shall pay the Utility its total estimated costs.

In all instances, the Utility shall abandon or remove, at the option of the Utility, the existing facilities rendered idle by the relocation or rearrangement.

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F. EXISTING SERVICE FACILITIES *(Continued)*

3. Impaired Access and Clearances

Whenever the Utility determines that:

- a. Its existing Service Lateral facilities have become inaccessible for inspections, operating, maintenance, meter reading or testing; or,
- b. A hazardous condition exists or any of the required clearances between the existing Service Facilities and any object become impaired, under any applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations of the Utility or of public authorities, then the following applies:
- c. Corrective Action

Applicant or owner shall, at Applicant's or owner's expense, either correct the access or clearance infractions or pay the Utility its total estimated cost to relocate its facilities to a new location which is acceptable to the Utility. Applicant or owner shall also be responsible for the expense to relocate any equipment which Applicant owns and maintains. Failure to comply with corrective measures within a reasonable time may result in discontinuance of service.

4. Damaged Facilities

When the Utility's facilities are damaged by others, the repair will be made by the Utility at the expense of the party responsible for the damage. Applicants are responsible for repairing their own facilities.

5. Subdivision of Premises

When the Utility's Service Facilities are located on private property and such private property is subsequently subdivided into separate Premises, with ownership transferred to other than Applicant or customer, the subdivider is required to provide the Utility with adequate rights-of-way, satisfactory to the Utility, for its existing facilities and to notify property owners of the subdivided Premises of the existence of the rights-of-way.

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F. EXISTING SERVICE FACILITIES (Continued)

5. Subdivision of Premises (Continued)

When adequate rights-of-way are not granted as a result of the property subdivision, the Utility shall have the right, upon written notice to the current customer, to discontinue service without obligation or liability. The existing owner, Applicant or customer shall pay to the Utility the total estimated cost of any required relocation of the Utility's facilities. A new gas service will be reestablished in accordance with the provisions of Section D for new services and the provisions of any other applicable Utility rules.

G. EXCEPTIONAL CASES

When the application of this rule appears impractical or unjust to either party or the ratepayers, the Utility or Applicant may refer the matter to the Commission for a special ruling or for the approval of special conditions which may be mutually agreed upon.

H. DEFINITIONS FOR RULE NO. 16

- Advance: Cash payment made to the Utility prior to the initiation of any work done by the Utility which is not covered by allowances.
- Applicant: A person or agency requesting the Utility to supply gas service.
- Contribution: In-kind services and/or the value of all property conveyed to the Utility at any time during the Utility's work on an extension which is part of the Utility's total estimated installed cost of its facilities or cash payments not covered by Applicant's allowances.
- Distribution Mains: The Utility's gas facilities, which are operated at distribution pressure and which are designed to supply three or more services.

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- Excavation: All necessary Trenching, backfilling and other digging as required to install extension facilities, including furnishing of any imported backfill material and disposal of spoil as required, surface repair and replacement and landscape repair and replacement.
- Excess Flow Valve: A device designed to restrict the flow of gas in a customer's natural gas service line by automatically closing in the event of a service line break, thus mitigating the consequences of service line failures.
- Franchise Area: Public streets, roads, highways and other public ways and places where the Utility has a legal right to occupy under franchise agreements with governmental bodies having jurisdiction.
- Insignificant Loads: Small operating loads such as log lighters, barbecues, outdoor lighting, etc.
- Intermittent Loads: Loads which, in the opinion of the Utility, are subject to discontinuance for a time or at intervals.
- Meter Set Assembly: Consists of the customer meter, service pressure regulator and associated pipe and fittings.
- Premises: All of the real property and apparatus employed in a single enterprise on an integral parcel of land undivided (except in the case of industrial, agricultural, oil field, resort enterprises and public or quasi-public institutions), by a dedicated street, highway or other public thoroughfare, or a railway. Automobile parking lots constituting a part of and adjacent to a single enterprise may be separated by an alley from the remainder of the premises served.
- Protective Structures: Fences, retaining walls (in lieu of grading), barriers, posts, barricades and other structures as required by the Utility.
- Residential Development: Five (5) or more dwelling units in two (2) or more buildings located on a single parcel of land.

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- Residential Subdivision: An area of five (5) or more lots for residential dwelling units which may be identified by filed subdivision plans or an area in which a group of dwellings may be constructed about the same time, either by a builder or several builders working on a coordinated basis.
- Seasonal Service: Gas service to establishments which are occupied seasonally or intermittently, such as seasonal resorts, cottages or other part-time establishments.
- Service Delivery Point: Where the Utility's Service Lateral is connected to Applicant's pipe (house line), normally adjacent to the location of the Meter Set Assembly.
- Service Lateral: The pipe, valves, Meter Set Assemblies and associated equipment extending from the point of connection at the Distribution Main to the Service Delivery Point, which is normally on Applicant's Premises.
- Substructures: The surface and subsurface structures which are necessary to contain or support the Utility's gas facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, equipment vaults and boxes, required sleeves for street crossings and enclosures, foundations or pads for surface-mounted equipment.
- Trenching: All necessary Excavation, backfilling and other digging to install extension facilities, including furnishing of any imported backfill material and disposal of spoil as required, surface repair and replacement, and landscape repair and replacement.