

## **GUIDELINES TO IOWA OVERHEAD WIRELINE CROSSING**

- 1. Horizontal distances, in cross section AB on the Specification Exhibit, to be measured at right angles from centerline of track.
- 2. Allowable fixed objects include: back walls of bridges, centerline of road crossings and overhead viaducts (give road name), or centerline of culverts.
- 3. Installation shall be in accordance with Iowa Utilities Board Rule 199 IAC 42.6.
- 4. In determining the minimum above top-of-rail clearance, the height of a rail car shall be assumed to be 23 feet instead of the 20 feet presumed for most applications by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C-2, the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).
- 5. Minimum 4' clearance required above signal and communication lines.
- 6. The perpendicular distance of poles from the center line of the tracks shall not be less than largest of the following:
  - unguyed poles shall be located a minimum distance equal to the height of the poles above ground line plus 10 feet. If guys are installed, they shall be placed in a manner that would prevent the pole from leaning or falling in the direction of the tracks,
  - 2) 50 feet near straight tracks, except for industry track where 10 feet is permitted provided there remains 50 feet from the center line of main line tracks. If located adjacent to curved track, the clearance shall be increased by 1.5 inches per degree of track curvature, and
  - 3) multi-pole or lattice structured towers, if other structures are used, for electric lines capable of operating 34,500 volts or more shall not be located on railroad right of way.
- 7. Poles shall be located a minimum distance from overhead railroad signal or communication lines equal to the height of the pole above ground line, or must be guyed at a right angle away from such lines.
- 8. Crossing shall not be install under or within 500 feet of a railroad bridge, or 300 feet from the centerline of a culvert or switch area.
- 9. The form specifies that one or more available dimensions are requested, but providing additional dimensions will help the Railroad process the application more quickly.
- 10. It is recommended that the Railroad be contacted in advance for fiber optic cable and railroad signal locations.
- 11. Nearest Railroad Town means nearest town on the railroad in each direction. If not known, reference lowa DOT Rail map at http://www.iowadot.gov/iowarail/railroads/maps/maphome.htm