REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE FLAGGING PROTECTION AND CABLE LOCATION FOR PROJECTS ON OR IN THE VICINITY OF CN PROPERTY
(Hereinafter called “Railroad”)
(Revised: Effective December 4th, 2018)

NOTE: Flagging and/or Cable Locate fees may apply

A utility or contractor shall not commence, or carry on, any work for installation, maintenance, repair, changing or renewal of any FACILITY, under, over, on, or near RAILROAD property at any location without giving notice to the RAILROAD authorized representative at the RAILROAD’s office located at Homewood, IL. If in the opinion of the RAILROAD the presence of an authorized representative of the RAILROAD is required to supervise the same, the RAILROAD shall render bills to the utility or contractor for all expenses incurred by it for such supervision. This includes all labor costs for flagmen or cable locate supplied by the RAILROAD to protect RAILROAD operation, and for the full cost of furnishing, installation and later removal of any temporary supports for said tracks, as the RAILROAD’s Chief Engineer’s Office may deem necessary.

A flagman is required any time any work is performed (i) under or across any Railroad track, regardless of whether said work involves a physical presence on the surface of the Railroad property; (ii) on the surface of the Railroad property within twenty-five (25) feet horizontally of the centerline of any railroad track; or (iii) on, near, or over Railroad property if the work may potentially encroach (intentionally or unintentionally) within twenty-five (25) feet from the centerline of any railroad track. Causes of potential encroachment include but are not limited to equipment that has the potential to swing, pivot, extend or mechanically fail. Potential encroachment must also account for a distance of one-half the length of the largest load that any equipment may lift. Additionally, Railroad reserves the right to require a flagman for work on Railroad property not meeting the above criteria when there are other conditions or considerations that would indicate the need for a flagman to safeguard Railroad’s operations, property and safety of any person.

Cable Location

A cable location of RAILROAD owned facilities may be required prior to the start of any work based on the RAILROAD’s review of the proposed project. The purpose of cable location is to identify and protect Signal & Communication cables that have been installed to provide power, signal control, and wayside communications. These cables are vital to a safe and reliable railway operation. The cable locate will be performed by a qualified RAILROAD employee.

The cost for a cable location is $350.00, and must be prepaid by check before RAILROAD will undertake the cable locate work.

Outside contractors are prohibited from driving on, along, or across any track that does not have a CN installed crossing. They may utilize an existing public crossing. The practice of allowing rubber tired equipment to operate over track with no crossing is strictly prohibited. Exceptions to this rule will require the express approval from CN Engineering.

Prior to any project being started, the RAILROAD requires a “Request for Flagging Services and Cable Location” form to be completed and submitted, including check for prepayment based on the number of days and hours flagging protection will be required and also prepayment for cable location as necessary. Separate checks must be issued for flagging protection and cable location. You must have an agreement with a CN railroad subsidiary, such as a Right of Entry, Permit, License, or Formal Agreement in addition to any necessary flagging before you may enter CN property.
Request for Flagging Services and Cable Location
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Is this a continuation of an existing project? Yes ☐ No ☐
If YES, please provide your Service Order #______________

All blanks below must be completely filled in before any flagman request will be honored.

Work Authorization:
Right of Entry/License/Permit No.: _____________________________ Dated: ________________ Railroad: _____________

Does your Right of Entry/License/Permit require a Railroad Cable Locate? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Project Information:
Please submit a detailed map of the location where protection is being requested.
Street Location/Intersection ___________________________________________________ City/State___________________________
Railroad Milepost___________________ Railroad Subdivision____________________
Description of work being performed: ___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Location for flagman to report: __________________________________________________________________________________

Name of Site Contact: _______________________ Site Contact Phone: (______) _______ - Alt: (______) _______

Requested Dates/Times: Dates requested are subject to flagman availability. Minimum 5 business days advance notice required.
Requested Dates for Flagging Protection: _______________.

_________________________________________ Anticipated Ending Time: _______________ Anticipated # Hours per Day: _______
Project Starting time: _______________

*Flagmen start and end time may vary based on type of protection required.

Billing Information: All blanks spaces must be filled out
Company Name: _____________________________ Requestor Name: _____________________________
Billing Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: ___________ Zip: _____________________________
Company Phone: _____________________ Company Fax: ___________________ E-Mail: _____________________________

CN required online training must be completed before Flagman Protection will be scheduled.
Prepayment must be received before Flagging Protection will be scheduled. There is an 8 hour minimum per day. The base rate per day for Flagman Protection is $1,300.00 for 10 hours; this includes 2 overtime hours for flagman to set up/take down protection if needed. Additional overtime hours must be prepaid at the rate of $150.00 per hour. Weekends and Holidays must be prepaid at the overtime rate with a $1,500.00 / 10 hour minimum. Any prepayment for additional days or overtime not used can be refunded.
Railroad Cable Location must be prepaid, the cost is $350.00 per locate.
Separate Checks must be issued for Flagging Protection and Cable Location. Checks should be made payable to the railroad subsidiary listed on your Right of Entry/Permit/License or, Formal Agreement.
If additional days of protection are required they must be prepaid in advance. Rates Effective January 1st 2017.

THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SENT WITH A MAP, PREPAYMENT CHECK(S), AND PROOF OF INSURANCE TO:
US-FLAGGING / 17641 SOUTH ASHLAND AVE. HOMewood, IL 60430

I agree to pay for flagging services as requested: _____________________________
(SIGN AND PRINT NAME)