

SECTION 13594

FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATION

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Furnish, install, and test communication system.

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. Section 13551: General ATMS Requirements
- B. Section 13553: ATMS Conduit
- C. Section 13554: Polymer Concrete Junction Box
- D. Section 13555: ATMS Cabinet

1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Bellcore Testing Requirements
- B. Electronic Industries Association (EIA) and Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) Specifications
- C. National Electric Code (NEC)
- D. Telcordia Guidance
- E. Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
- F. USDA Rural Electrification Administration (REA) Specifications

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. OTDR: Optical Time Domain Reflectometer
- B. OSP: Outside Plant

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Provide all submittals in accordance with Section 13551.
- B. Evidence of training and experience for all fiber optic staff, including but not limited to installation technician, splice technicians and test technicians. Include in the file for each technician a resume listing relevant education and experience, and a certificate of completion for the fiber optic training course.
- C. For approval:
 - 1. A detailed construction and installation procedure covering all aspects for the fiber optic cable installation on this project.
 - 2. All materials for the fiber optic cable installation on this project.
 - 3. Fiber labeling setup.
- D. Prior to the splicing of any fiber cable, submit to the Engineer the part number and manufacturer of the cleave tool along with an “end angle” distribution chart which demonstrates the actual 150 cut end angles.
- E. Submit to the Department and maintain on file a current calibration certificate for the OTDR being used.
- F. Submit OTDR test results to the Department in a neatly bound and printed format for acceptance. Electronic submittal to Engineer on floppy disk or CD is also required. All Electronic files will be compatible with Siecor OTDR 383PCW Version 1.21 or higher.
- G. Submit Power Meter/Light Source Test results to the Department for acceptance. Use the test form obtained during the preconstruction meeting or from the Department Fiber Representative.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL

- A. All materials are UL listed.
- B. Provide all incidental materials including but not limited to fiber optic jumpers, cable ties, labels, data cables, and connectors.
- C. All materials meet Fluid Penetration Test standards (TIA/EIA-455-82B).

2.2 FIBER OPTIC CABLE

- A. Contact the Engineer for approval of fiber that is to be used. Fiber must be approved by the USDA Rural Electrification Administration (PE-90).
- B. The fiber optic cable is an Outside Plant (OSP) type, nonarmored dielectric loose tube, single-mode cable.
- C. Include the manufacturer's test documentation . This documentation indicates the attenuation of each cable fiber in dB/km, measured at 1310 nm and 1550 nm for single-mode.
- D. Outside Plant (OSP) Single-mode.
 - 1. Fiber Optic Glass: Corning SMF-28E or approved equal.
 - 2. Fiber Optic Cable: Corning ALTOS or approved equal.
- E. Fiber optic cable must comply with Telcordia GR20-CORE and TIA/EIA-4720000-A.

2.3 FIBER OPTIC CONNECTORS

- A. With the following characteristics and as specified on the plans:
 - 1. ST
 - a. Factory installed or field installed ST or ST compatible connectors.
 - b. Ceramic ferrules and metallic connector bodies.
 - c. Maximum insertion loss: 0.30 dB.
 - d. Connector back reflection: greater than 35 dB.
 - 2. LC
 - a. Factory installed or field installed LC or LC compatible connectors.
 - b. Ceramic ferrules.
 - c. Maximum insertion loss: 0.30 dB.
 - d. Connector back reflection: greater than 35 dB.
- B. Clean all connectors with alcohol wipes and a compressed cleaning gas.
- C. Furnish and install new spider fan-out kits, to replace any existing fan-out kits that must be severed in order to make ST connections.
- D. Field polishing of connectors: Not acceptable.

2.4 TYPE A AND B FIBER OPTIC CABLE SPLICE ENCLOSURE

- A. Splice enclosures are to comply with Telcordia GR-771 that pass Bellcore Testing Requirements.
- B. Type A: For locations with more than 48 splices.
 - 1. Preformed Coyote Enclosure or approved equivalent
 - 2. One three section (six entry) end plate.
 - 3. One blank end plate.
 - 4. Two or more 36 fiber count fusion splice trays.
 - 5. All required accessories to complete the splice.
- C. Type B: For locations with up to 48 splices.
 - 1. Preformed Coyote Pup Enclosure or approved equivalent
 - 2. One three section (six entry) end plate.
 - 3. One blank end plate.
 - 4. Four 12 fiber count fusion splice trays.
 - 5. All required accessories to complete the splice.

2.5 SPLICE ENCLOSURE FIBER DETAILS

- A. Provide 3 feet of buffer tube slack from three section end plate.
- B. Provide label for each buffer tube located 1 inch from the splice tray. Description on label will identify as to which fiber cable and direction cable is coming from.
- C. Provide 3 to 4 feet of fiber optic strands, outside of buffer tube, from each cable before splicing.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLERS

- A. Complete a three-day course on the installation, splicing and testing of fiber optic cable.
 - 1. Course: conducted by the supplier of the fiber optic product or established education provider.
 - 2. In house and on the job training are not acceptable.

- B. Demonstrate two years total and one year continuous work experience with the splicing, termination, and testing of fiber optic cable.
- C. Perform all work with qualified staff.

3.2 FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Do not perform fiber splices that are not shown in approved splice details without prior written authorization from UDOT ITS Fiber Division located at the UDOT Traffic Operation Center, 2060 S., 2760 W., Salt Lake City. Splice all drop cables to the main run of fiber with a mid span entry to the cable, unless shown differently on project plans.
- B. Notify the Engineer 72 hours in advance of fiber optic cable installation into any existing conduit or building facility.
- C. The Engineer may initiate special inspection procedures to verify the condition of existing communications facilities. Observe inspections as desired.
- D. Perform all work in facilities on conduits, junction boxes, cabinets, and buildings for example containing the Department's existing communications equipment only in the presence of Department's representative.
 - 1. Refer to Section 13554 for conduits and junction boxes.
 - 2. Refer to Section 13555 for cabinets.
- E. Restore Contractor damaged facilities within 48 hours.
- F. Lubricate cable with a lubricant designed for fiber optic cable installation.
- G. Use shear pins or other failsafe means to prevent exceeding the maximum cable pulling tension specified by the cable manufacturer.
- H. Maintain the following minimum bend radiuses:
 - 1. 20 times Cable Diameter Short Term During Installation.
 - 2. 10 times Cable Diameter Long Term Installed.
- I. Maintain the following minimum slack requirements:
 - 1. Splice Points: 35 ft. from installed splice case to conduit on all cables
 - 2. All Other Junction Boxes: 15 ft.
 - 3. Cabinets: 15 ft.
- J. Replace any fiber optic cable segment not meeting the requirements of the specifications in its entirety between splice points shown on the plans.

- K. Place the locator wire in the dedicated 1 inch conduit (Refer to Section 13553) as shown in the plan details.

3.3 FIBER OPTIC CABLE PREPARATION

- A. Clean the fibers and buffer tubes using a solvent designed to remove all water blocking gel from each exposed fiber.
- B. Solvent requirements:
 - 1. Must not remove any color from individual fibers (Refer to TIA/EIA-598-A) or buffer tubes.
 - 2. Not harmful to the polyethylene cable jacket.

3.4 ENTRY AND REENTRY OF FIBER OPTIC SPLICE CLOSURES

- A. Perform all work in a suitable environment free from excess dust and moisture. Acceptable environments to work on splice closures include office type environments in buildings, splice trailers, and splicing tents with floors.
- B. Do not perform fiber splicing, testing, or connecting in freezing temperatures.
- C. Do not expose open splice closures and fiber ends to rain, snow, or wind-blown dust.

3.5 FUSION SPLICING

- A. All fiber splicing: fusion splice method.
- B. Perform fusion splices as follows:
 - 1. Use equipment with automatic fiber alignment and automatic light injection with detection devices or profile alignment algorithms to estimate splice losses.
 - 2. Provide splice closure as a protection for all splices and stripped cable.
 - 3. House all splices in splice trays or organizers.
 - 4. Use glass capillaries, heat shrink tubing, or silicone sealant to provide additional protection and strain relief.
 - 5. Comply with maximum splice loss allowance of 0.05 dB.
- C. Install new splice enclosure end plates at each location where there is a new fusion splice in an existing splice enclosure per manufacturer's recommendations.

3.6 CABLE LABELING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Label all fiber optic cables with a high quality permanent label, indicating the street name or location and type of circuit (drop cable, distribution, backbone-96 count).
- B. Use Panduit MP-150-C or equivalent.

3.7 ACCEPTANCE TESTING

- A. Contact the Engineer 72 hours prior to performing all acceptance testing (Post Termination and Splicing OTDR and Power Meter).
- B. Perform all fiber optic testing with an OTDR capable of producing output files compatible with the Siecot OTDR 383PCW Version 1.21 or higher.
- C. Repair any damaged fiber strands using fusion splicing methods and repeat all tests described below.
- D. OTDR Testing Requirements:
 - 1. After completing the required work, test every fiber strand passing through any open splice tray.
 - 2. Conduct all traces with a pigtail or fiber box between the OTDR and the fiber under test. Use pigtail of sufficient length as to show the connector, or the start of the strand under test.
 - 3. Do not exceed launch transition of 0.6 dB.
 - 4. Conduct all traces at both 1310 nm and 1550 nm.
 - 5. Unless otherwise noted, uni-directional traces are acceptable.
 - 6. Provide traces with the following information:
 - a. Horizontal Axis: Distance in Feet and Kilometers.
 - b. Vertical Axis: Attenuation scale in dB.
 - c. Traces showing attenuation versus distance.
 - d. Cursors positioned at cable ends.
 - 7. Tabulate for each trace: method, fiber type, wavelength, pulse width, refraction index, range, search threshold, reflection threshold, end threshold, warning threshold, backscatter, jumper length, file date, file time, fiber ID, cable ID, OTDR location, far end location, operator initials.
 - 8. Provide an event table showing all events having more than 0.05 dB loss, containing event type, position from OTDR end, loss and reflectance.
 - 9. For cables less than 3300 ft (1 km) in length, the maximum total allowable attenuation is 1.0 dB.
 - 10. Identify fibers by strand number.

11. Submit results in printed form on 8 ½ x 11 paper in a suitable binder organized by cable and strand number.
12. A cover sheet is required for each binder indicating which cable(s) were tested, the OTDR users name, the reviewers name, the type of test performed and the date(s) of the test.
13. Cover sheets for final test results bearing the reviewers signature, the date, and a statement indicating that the installation complies with the requirements of this section is required.
14. The Contractor's employee who has reviewed the traces is required to sign or initial them. A check mark is required on all traces that satisfy the requirements identified herein. For intermediate test results, flag any discrepancies that may exist with a short description of the proposed corrective action. (e.g. resplice).
15. Submit to the Engineer on 3 ½ inch floppy disk or CD electronic media with a printed index.

E. Receiving Test:

1. Fibers Tested: Normally, one strand per buffer tube. Test every strand when evidence of physical damage exists or when any damaged strand is found.
2. Light Frequency: 1310 nm and 1550 nm.
3. Direction: Uni-directional.
4. Location of test: Contractor's yard.
5. Test after receiving material, before releasing to installation crew.
6. Tested by: Qualified Staff.
7. Cable meets factory attenuation specifications.
 - a. Cable attenuation 0.4 dB/km at 1310 nm.
 - b. Cable attenuation 0.25 dB/km at 1550 nm.
 - c. Strand lengths are consistent.
 - d. Launch Transition < 0.6 dB.
 - e. No event > 0.10 dB.
8. Trace available for one strand in every buffer tube in the cable.

F. Post Blowing/Pulling - Pre Splicing Test:

1. Fibers Tested: Normally, one strand per buffer tube. Test every strand when evidence of physical damage, excessive pulling tension, and kinks exist, or when any damaged strand is found.
2. Light Frequency: 1310 nm and 1550 nm.
3. Direction: Uni-directional.
4. Location of test: One field location for each cable installed.
5. Test after installing cable in duct but before splicing.
6. Tested by: Qualified Staff.
7. Witnessed/Approved by: Department inspector may witness and must approve before splicing.

8. Acceptance Criteria:
 - a. Cable attenuation 0.4 dB/km at 1310 nm.
 - b. Cable attenuation 0.25 dB/km at 1550 nm.
 - c. Strand lengths are consistent.
 - d. Launch Transition < 0.6 dB.
 - e. No event > 0.10 dB.
 9. Trace available for one strand in every buffer tube in the cable.
- G. Post Termination and Splicing Test:
1. Test every strand in all cable segments including connectorized strands of drop cables.
 2. Light Frequency: 1310 nm and 1550 nm.
 3. Direction: Unidirectional.
 4. Location of test: Every field location required to obtain access to each cable segment.
 5. Test after terminating and splicing at all points shown on the plans.
 6. Cable Tested by: Certified Staff.
 7. Department inspector witnesses and approves before final approval by the Engineer.
 8. Acceptance Criteria:
 - a. Cable attenuation 0.4 dB/km at 1310 nm excluding splices shown on the plans or authorized by the Engineer.
 - b. Cable attenuation 0.25 dB/km at 1550 nm excluding splices shown on the plans or authorized by the Engineer.
 - c. Strand lengths are consistent.
 - d. Launch Transition < 0.6 dB.
 - e. No event > 0.30 dB.
 - f. Maximum splice attenuation 0.05 dB per splice unless otherwise shown on the plans.
 9. Trace available for each strand in all cable segments.
- H. Power Meter/Light Test:
1. Connect the light source to the connectorized fiber at the location identified on the Fiber Optic Light Source Power Meter Test Form provided by the Resident Engineer or Department Fiber Representative at the pre-construction meeting. Connect a power meter to the other end of the fiber at the location identified on the Test Form. Record the results and submit the completed form to the Engineer.
 2. Use the light frequencies of 1310 nm and 1550 nm, or as indicated in test forms.
 3. Perform the test bi-directional.
 4. Test every field location required to obtain access to each cable segment.
 5. Perform all testing using a qualified staff member.
 6. A Department inspector witnesses and approves the results before final approval by the Engineer.

7. Acceptance Criteria:
 - a. Cable attenuation as called for in test plans.
 - b. Test is available for each strand indicated in test plans. Otherwise, test will be available for each strand in each cable segment.

- I. All work to conform to the National Electric Code.

END OF SECTION