



**ENGINEERING POLICY: 2023-02**  
**Removal of Abandoned Utilities**  
**Date: January 13, 2023**

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If a utility service line or main line is abandoned within the public right-of-way, it shall be removed from the ROW entirely when feasible.

Removal of the abandoned utility line is considered feasible under the following circumstances:

- (1) The proposed replacement utility line is within 3' horizontally of the abandoned line, or
- (2) The abandoned line is within the trench extents required for the installation of the proposed line or any other proposed utility line within the project scope.

Removal of the abandoned pipe is not considered feasible and abandonment in place shall be considered under the following circumstances:

- (1) When the impact to the public is increased due to increased duration or footprint of the project.

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