

Underground Distribution Construction Manual

Section C3 – Padmount Transformer Sites

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PADMOUNTED SUBSTATION INSTALLATION

1. Site

Padmounted substation sites shall be recessed in the property alignment and shall be surveyed and dedicated as part of the road reservation. The required recessed area (Clearance Zone) is defined below.

PADMOUNT TYPE	All Estates Clear Road Reserve (Width & Depth)
SQUARE TYPE COMMON EARTH	4.8m x 5.0m for Flat Site & Sloping Site with Retaining Wall
SQUARE TYPE SEPARATE EARTH	12.6m x 8.9m
RECTANGULAR TYPE COMMON EARTH	4.6m x 6.7m for Flat Site & Sloping Site with Retaining Wall
RECTANGULAR TYPE SEPARATE EARTH	11.7m x 9.9m

All dimensions are clear internal dimensions. Square Padmounts are preferred.

Provision for separate earthing is always required unless the developer / consultant can prove (via test certificates) that common earthing requirements are satisfied.

Square padmount substations shall be centrally positioned and;

- recessed so that the concrete plinth is 1300mm from the R.P. street alignment or,
- have 2000mm dedicated clear area directly in front of the plinth.

The site shall be a location with:

- ♦ Stable soil conditions
- ◆ Level topography

- ♦ Where possible free from steep batters
- ♦ Where possible 4 metres minimum from edge of permissible residential dwelling construction area.

All new distribution network padmounted transformers, ground mounted transformers, and ring main units shall be installed above the 1:100 year or the Defined Flood Level (DFL), whatever is higher.

For coastal areas, substation site must be located as far as possible from the shoreline and sheltered from salt spray.

Landlocked padmount sites shall also have appropriate easements for electric cables and conduits. They should also allow an additional 700mm in front of the HV end to allow for 2m clear operating zone. Note the clearance zone in this case is not dedicated as part of the road reserve.

Guidelines for locating padmount and ground transformers with oil volumes above 500L but less than 2000L in sensitive areas, refer Supply & Planning Manual - Sect 3.2 - clause 3.2.6.1

Truncated Street Alignment

For substation site on a truncated section of the street alignment; The front edge of the substation plinth shall be 1300 mm from and as near to parallel as possible to the real property street alignment.

A minimum of 900 mm clear access around the substation sides and back shall be maintained to the real property boundary.

Hazardous Areas and Hydrants

The siting of padmount transformers in the vicinity of public swimming pools, service stations, flammable gas or liquid storage tanks should be avoided. Designers shall refer to the following standards:

AS/NZS 1596 - LP Gas - Storage & Handling

AS 1940 - Storage & handling of flammable and combustible liquids AS/NZS 2229.2 - Fuel Dispensing Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres.

AS 2430 - Classification of hazardous areas

Note also for the requirement in AS2419.1 - Fire Hydrant Installation that an external fire hydrant or Fire Booster Station shall not be installed within 10m from a distribution transformer (eg padmount or ground transformer), ring main unit, HV metering unit or other ground mounted HV equipment.

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2. Site Preparation

Substation sites shall be prepared in accordance with construction drawings. All excavation and reinstatement shall be in accordance with section C2-1.

3. Retaining Walls / FENCES

Retaining walls shall be installed where a change in ground level of 300mm or more occurs within 2000mm of the substation clearance zone. (Note the clearance zone for common earth substations applies to all situations for this clause).

Fences shall be installed for:

- Residential areas (Typically 1200mm high)
- Sloping sites (either front to back or left-right).

Fences and Retaining walls shall be constructed to ENERGEX standards to satisfy minimum clearance zones of common earth configurations. Refer to section C3-1 for retaining wall construction notes. Alternative designs to those provided in this manual will require a Civil Engineer's Certification.

Separate earth configuration may have a fence / retaining wall positioned outside the clearance zone of Common Earth Configuration but inside the clearance zone required by separate earth configuration.

Metal retaining wall fences shall be used in CMEN areas. (Refer C3.1 Sheet 6)

Non conductive fences shall be used in separate earth locations where the fence is inside the 5m clearance zone required by a separate earth configuration.

4. Padmount Substation Foundation

Where substation sites are very unstable, and conventional foundation construction techniques as described in this document cannot be applied, a special design shall be required.

In such circumstances, the developer shall provide a certified design from a Registered Professional Engineer Queensland (RPEQ) registered to practice in Geotechnical Engineering for ENERGEX consideration. No special designs for substation foundation construction shall be used without endorsement by ENERGEX.

5. Padmount Substation Foundation - Uniculvert

Uniculvert foundations for both stable and unstable soil conditions shall be constructed in accordance with the construction drawings.

6. Padmount Substation Foundation - Concrete Bored Piers

Concrete bored piers shall be installed where site ground conditions do not provide even/equal bearing capacity for padmount foundation.

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For 200 to 500kVA 11kV433 250V, concrete bored pier foundations may be used.

For 750 to 1000kVA 11kV/433 250, use the uniculvert foundation type if applicable.

Concrete bored piers shall be constructed in accordance with the construction drawings.

7. Substation Orientation

Front entry substations shall be oriented such that the LV and HV panels are easily accessible from the dedicated footpath. (ie. Door faces the footpath).

8. Backfilling And Final Restoration Of Surface

All backfill of the padmount substation site must be compacted before final restoration of the site surface. Sealing of the cable apertures in the precast concrete plinth and construction of the concrete surround slab over the ground surface shall be in accordance with the construction drawings.

9. Spacing Between Padmount Substation And Other Metal Objects

9.1 Separate Earthing Sites The distance between the edge of the plinth and the consumer's building/residences, fences, LV switchboard earth and metal builder's poles, shall be a minimum of 5 metres at sites where separate LV and HV earthing systems are installed.

The additional area shall be road reserve or an easement to prevent encroachment. The distance between the edge of the plinth and Telstra's plant and equipment shall be 15 metres at sites where separate LV and HV earthing systems are installed.

9.2 **Common Earthing Sites** The distance between the edge of the plinth and Telstra's plant and equipment shall be 2 metres at sites where common earthing systems (CMEN) are installed

10. Commercial and Industrial Installations

Substations shall be located in areas where a mobile crane can easily access the site to install and replace a substation at any time of the night or day, seven days a week.

ENERGEX cable conduits for the development may be placed in the substation site and shall pass down the sides or through the uniculvert foundation. No conduits shall pass under the uniculvert foundation. Conduits shall be 750 mm minimum depth below the finished surface level. Ensure end wall knockouts are grouted with a high strength sand and cement grout after conduit/cable installation through uniculvert foundation.

The site surface is to be finished with a concrete slab (refer site construction drawings). The 2.0m wide apron in front of the substation cabinet shall be finished with a concrete slab sectioned with construction joints for easy removal to excavate.

11. Padmounted Substations in Landscaped Areas

Substations in a landscaped area shall have a formed pathway from the footpath real property street alignment to the substation site. This is to provide safe access to the site for field personnel.

When planting vegetation in landscaped areas and gardens, take into consifderation the fully matured size of vegetation, ensuring access to the site, one metre clear access around the sides and back of the substation is maintained and 2m clear access to the front of the substation is maintained.

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Site surface to be finished with concrete slab (as per construction drawings). The 2.0 metre wide apron in front of the substation cabinet shall be finished with a concrete slab sectioned with construction joints for easy removal to excavate.

The formed pathway is to be a concrete slab (refer to the construction drawings). The concrete pathway slab shall be clear of cables and conduits to the substation.

The surface of the pathway slab may be finished with clay brick pavers or concrete tiles over the slab. Installation to be in accordance with the paver/tile manufacturer's installation specification.

ENERGEX cable conduits for the development may be placed in the substation site and shall pass down the sides or through the uniculvert foundation. No conduits shall pass under the uniculvert foundation. Conduits shall be 750 mm minimum depth below the finished surface level. Ensure end wall knockouts are grouted with a high strength sand and cement grout after conduit/cable installation through uniculvert foundation.

12. Padmounted Substation Installation in Council Parks

Substations located in Council parklands, shall be installed as per constructions drawings (refer C3.1 Sheet 5).

13. Bollards Around Padmounts

Bollards shall be installed where padmounts are installed in car parks or other areas where padmounts are likely to be impacted by vehicles. The following outlines the minimum requirement for the design / installation of bollards: -

- Shall be manufactured of 5.6mm thick gal steel (medium)
- Circular tube min 140mm OD filled with concrete and capped.
- Buried 720mm in 400 x 400 x 720(D) concrete pad
- Installed 900mm above ground at 1.5m centres.

14. Enclosures Around Padmounts

A padmount can be enclosed on three sides by walls, but will be open to ventillation in front and no encumbrance above the site. If doors are required at the front, they will be louvered to allow air flow into the padmount, and all signs on the front of the padmount to be duplicated on the doors. Minimum door opening width 3.0m.

15. Structures Adjacent To And Overhanging Padmounts

- No building or permanent structure is allowed within 5m vertical clearance above ground level of the padmount transformer site.
- The LV side of the padmount should be positioned away from offices and livable areas.
- Where possible maintain 4m separation from transformer plinth to offices and livable areas

16. Multiple Padmount Transformer Site

Substations with two padmount transformers at a single site are acceptable under the following conditions:

- Layout as per drawing C3-2.1 Sheet 2.
- No more than two square type padmount transformers
- Not for industrial applications, or where standard HV switchgear in padmount is unacceptable.
- Transformers co-located at one site as a single source of supply
- No dual padmount sites over basements
- LV switchboards to be isolated or connected by castel key interlocks to prevent paralleling.

17. Access to Padmount Transformer Site

Site access to padmount site - 4m wide x 5m high. To suit Franna T25 crane or flatbed truck. Access track to support crane with axle loads up to 10 tonne.

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18. Artwork on Energex Padmounts and Outdoor RMUs

Artwork on Energex padmount transformers and outdoor RMU's may only be used in the following situations:

- When requested by developer or government authority
- When over-painting of graffiti on Energex's plant has failed.

Technical Requirements

- Water based paints are not suitable for high gloss powder coated surfaces. Metallic paints shall also not be used.
- Acrylic or enamel paints are acceptable.
- Locks, identification labels, nameplates and Site Identification numbers shall not be painted over.

Corporate Requirements

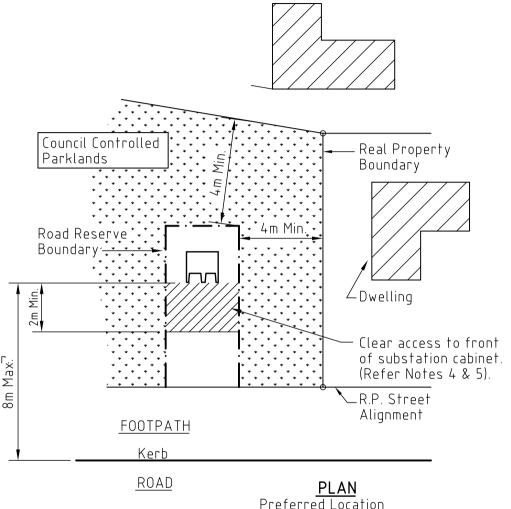
- Approval may be given by Energex Corporate
 Communications where the proposed artwork promotes the
 aesthetic values and blends in with surrounding environment.
- The local council and/or developer shall submit the proposed artwork to Energex Asset Manager for approval.
- The local council and/or developer's representative agrees to managing the ongoing maintenance of the artwork.
- All costs associated with the artwork to be borne by the applicant.
- The artwork shall be free of advertising or commercial mentions.
- The artist shall have no rights of claim or ownership of the artwork.

Artwork and posters on underground pillars is prohibited.

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Notes:

- 1. A transformer in parkland shall be located:
 - Away from residential dwellings and surrounding properties to minimise visual and sound impact;
 - As close as possible to the road kerb to allow conventional crane access to the transformer.
- 2. When planting vegetation in parklands, take into consideration the fully matured size of vegetation, ensuring crane access to the site and two metres clear access around the transformer is maintained.
- 3. The transfromer site in parkland may be turfed provided the Local Authority has a regular maintenance policy for vegetation management; and the site is mowed at least four times a year.
- 4. A minimum width of 2.0 metres of clear access shall be provided in front of the substation cabinet. This will provide a safe working platform and access around the lockable doors when opened for emergency operations.
- 5. If the property boundary does not adjoin the front boundary of the padmount transformer site, an additional 0.7m shall be added to the depth of the site to allow for 2m clear operating area at the front of the transformer.



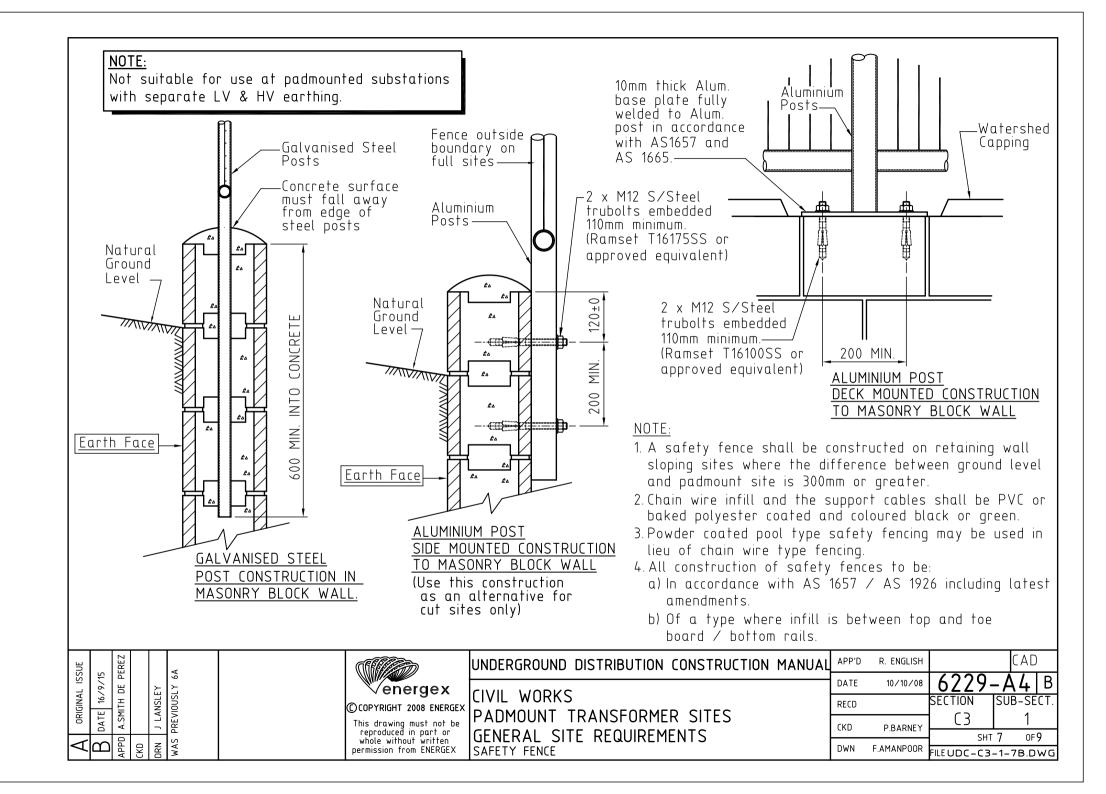
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RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION

1. Setting Out

The service provider shall be responsible for the correct setting out of works. The service provider shall establish the actual position of all services on site before commencing work on the site.

2. Compliance

The service provider shall comply with acts of parliament, statutory, municipal and other regulations, or bylaws in any way affecting the working particular with regard to:

- Workplace Health & Safety
- Protection of Public Utilities
- Traffic Hazards and Public Safety.

3. Damage Responsibility

The service provider shall be responsible for any damage to public utility service installations such as water, gas and sewer pipes, electrical, traffic signal or telephone conduits and shall bear the costs of reinstating any service damaged during construction of the works.

Special Conditions

These retaining wall constructions drawings provided by ENERGEX are to be applied in normal situations. Where special conditions exist, (in the opinion of the supervising Civil Engineer) such as:

- Extra heavy surcharge
- Unstable ground conditions
- Property boundary limitations
- Excavation or backfilling restrictions,

the developer shall provide a certified design from a Civil Engineer (RPEQ) for Energex's consideration. No special designs for retaining wall construction shall be used without the approval of Energex (Design).

4. Additional Requests

Additional requests will be required if the developer, or his representative, choose to :

- construct the substation on a slope where the retaining wall would be higher than 2m (refer to the construction drawings); or
- use a different method of construction for the retaining wall.

Requests shall be accompanied by a certified design from a Civil Engineer (RPEQ) for ENERGEX's consideration. No special design for retaining wall construction shall be used without the approval of ENERGEX (Design).

5. Masonry

Concrete masonry materials and workmanship shall comply with AS 3700.

Masonry blocks shall be 200 and 300 series and shall comply with AS/NZS 4455.

Mortar shall consist of 1 part cement, 1/10 part slaked lime and 3 parts sand measured by volume.

The bottom course blocks shall contain an opening to permit clean out of the cell space.

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6. Foundation

Where the bearing surface under the foundation is silt or clay soil; a 100 mm layer of compacted sand or gravel, bedding material shall be placed under the concrete foundation.

7. Concrete

Concrete work shall comply with AS 3600 and the following table:

	F'c	SLUMP	MAX.AGG.	
FOUNDATION	25 MPa	75 mm	20 mm	
CORE FILLING	17.5 MPa	150 mm	10 mm	

Concrete foundation slab with continuous reinforcement over lapped at joints shall be poured MONOLITHICALLY (in one operation).

8. Reinforcement

Hot rolled deformed bar - "TEMPCORE" complying with AS/NZS 4671. Hard-drawn steel wire reinforcement fabric complying with AS 1303 and AS/NZS 4671.

9. Drainage

50 mm weepholes at 1 200 mm centres shall be provided through walls.

A porous backfill such as gravel or coarse sand shall be provided directly behind the wall to allow water to reach the weepholes. It is essential to have suitable filter material between the wall and the natural ground.

10. Backfilling

Clay soils and organic silts shall not be used as backfill as they have poor drainage characteristics.

Backfill should not be placed or compacted until the wall has cured (14 days minimum for 17.5 MPa concrete) so as to have sufficient strength to withstand backfilling loads.

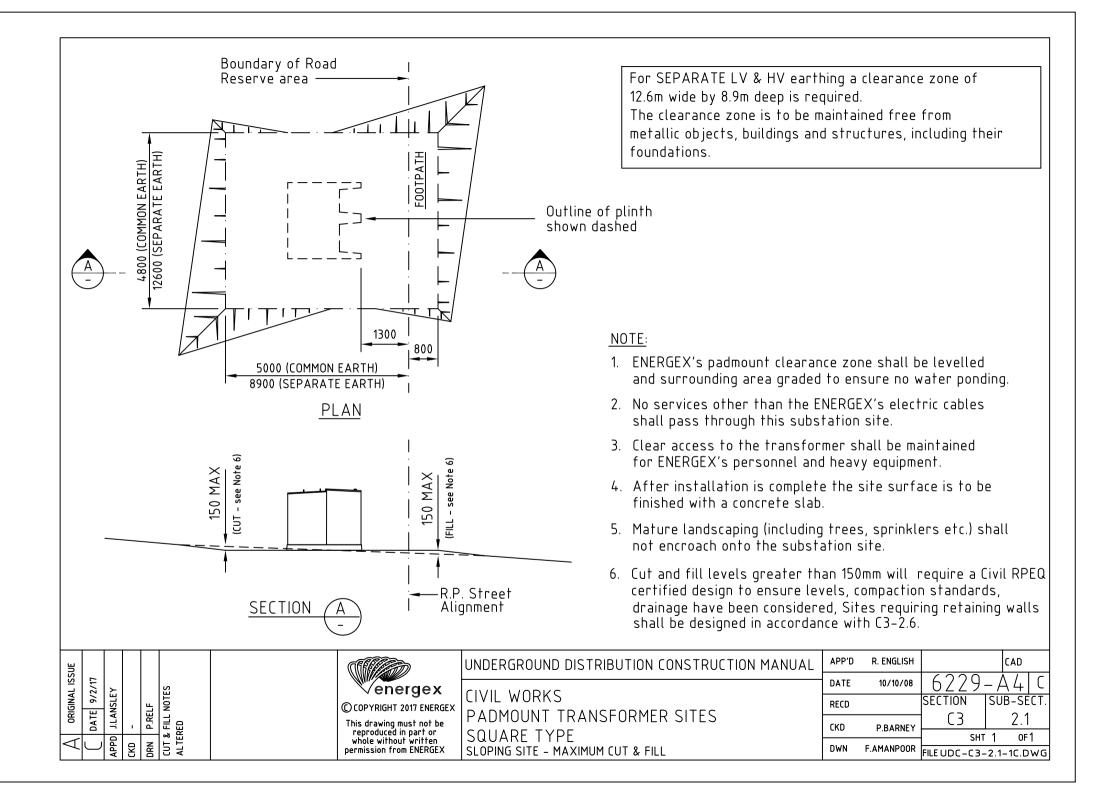
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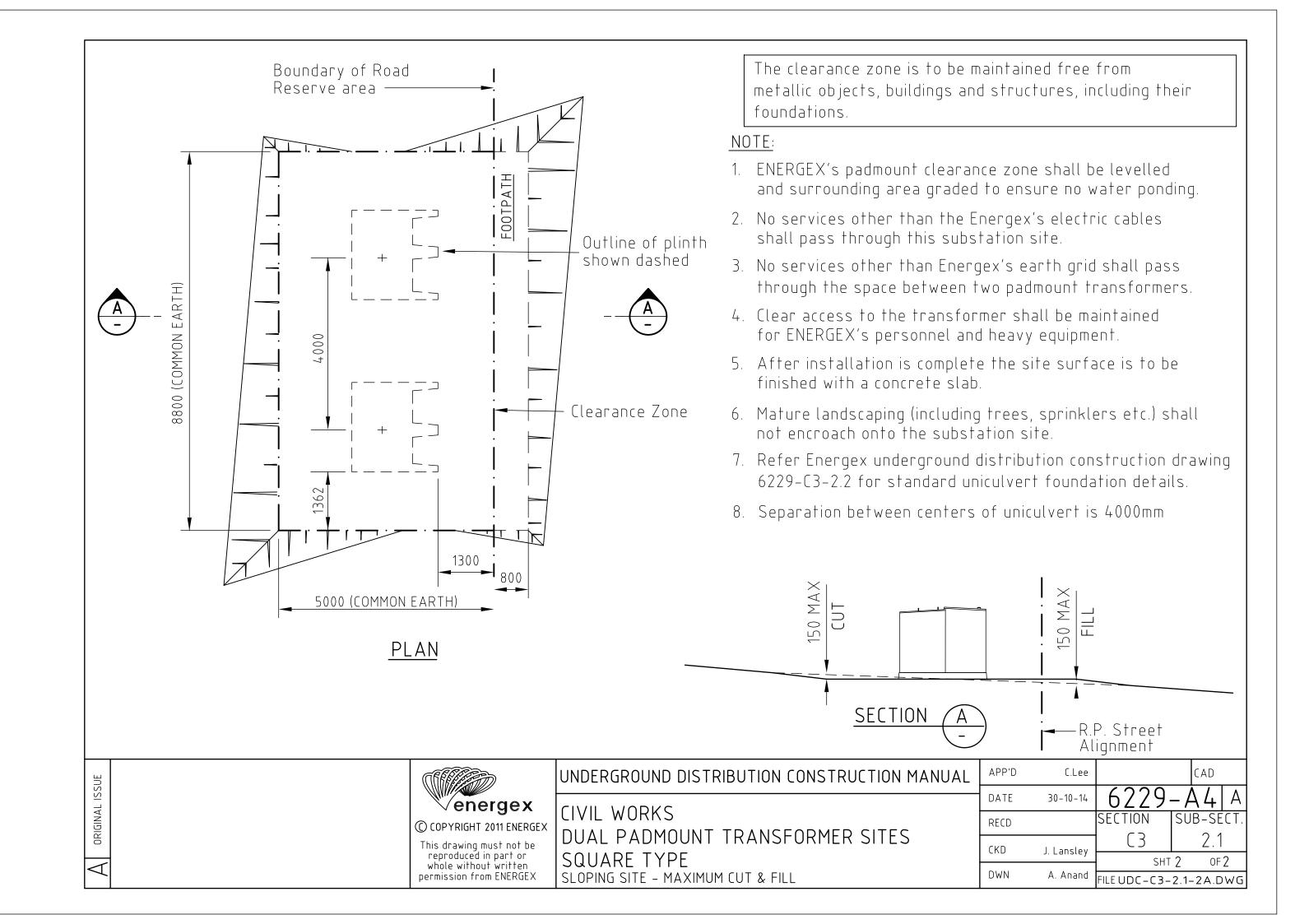
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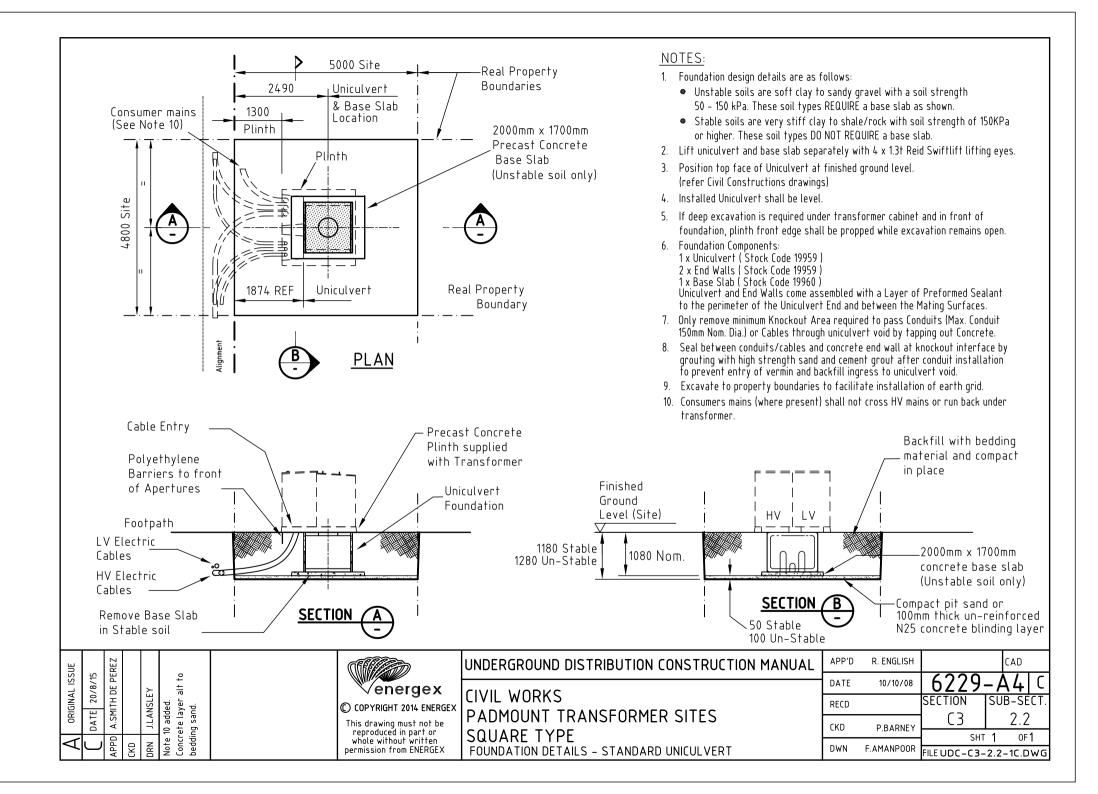


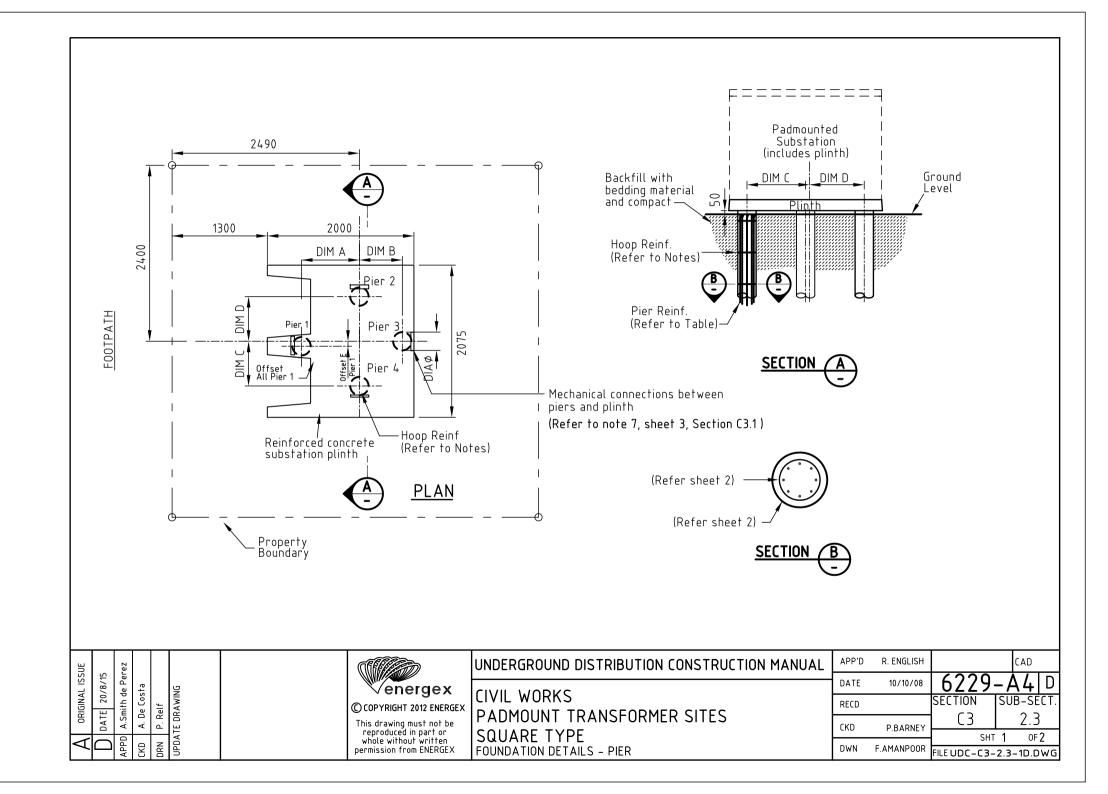
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NOTES:

- 1. The foundation is suitable for substations from 200 to 500kVa-11kV/433-250V only. For 750 to 1000kVa-11kv/433-250V use the uniculvert foundation.
- 2. The diameters of concrete bored piers is dependant on the supporting stratum bearing capacity as detailed from the table below.
- 3. The minimum depth of a pier shall be at least 2x diameter into the stratum of the undisturbed natural soil and 600mm below cable entry excavation.

 If the material is unsuitable then the hole shall be drilled deeper until a firm bearing stratum is reached.
- 4. All bored piers shall be reinforced according to constructions drawings prepared by the service provider's RPEQ and approved by Energex Principal Civil Engineer. Minimum requirements are shown in the table below.

- 5. All reinforcement shall comply to AS/NZS 4671
- 6. Hoop reinforcement shall be R10 @ 150 C/C
- 7. The minimum concrete cover to steel shall be 70mm.
- 8. The minimum concrete strength shall be 32MPa.
- 9. Concrete piers shall be constructed using a continuous single concrete pour.
- 10. The top of piers shall be level. The maximum variation between the 4 piers shall be 3mm.

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STRATUM	CAPACITY (kPa)	DIA 'Ø' (mm)	'A' (mm)	'B' (mm)	'C' (mm)	'D' (mm)	'E' (mm)	'F' (mm)	No. OF BARS	DIA. OF LONGITUDINAL RODS(mm)
FIRM	50	550	382	515	700	700	68	1150	9	12
STIFF	100	450	447	585	675	675	68	1250	7	12
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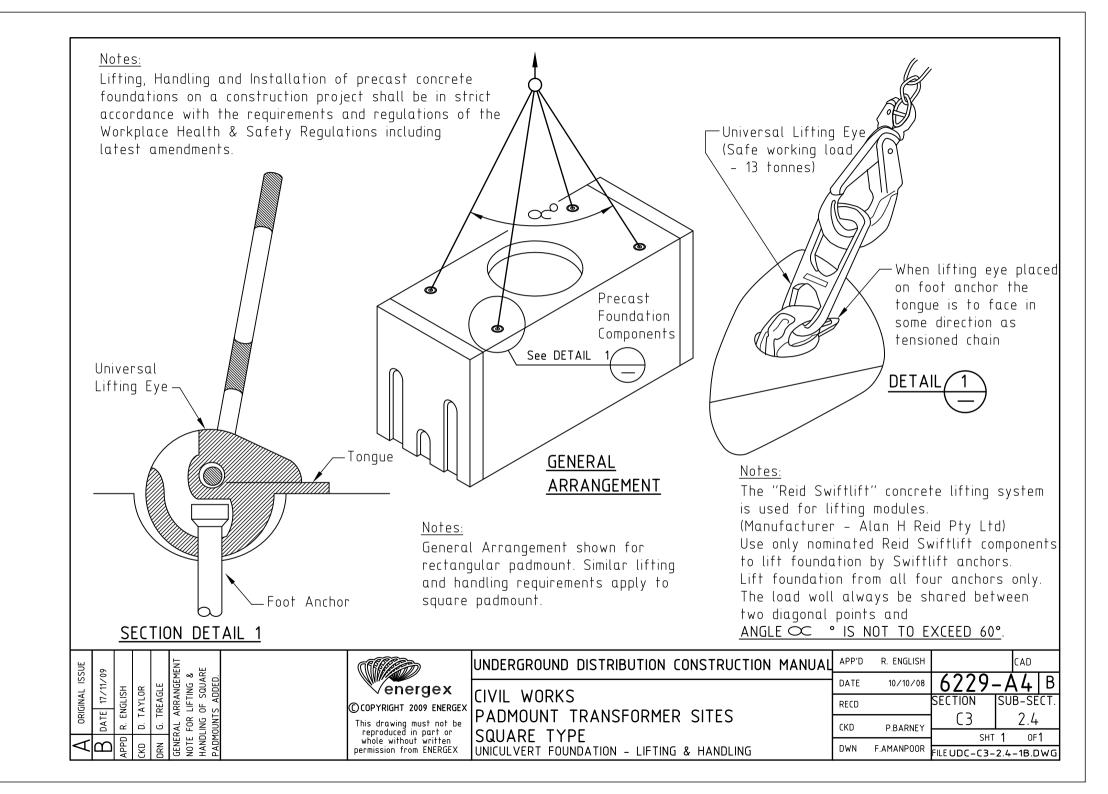
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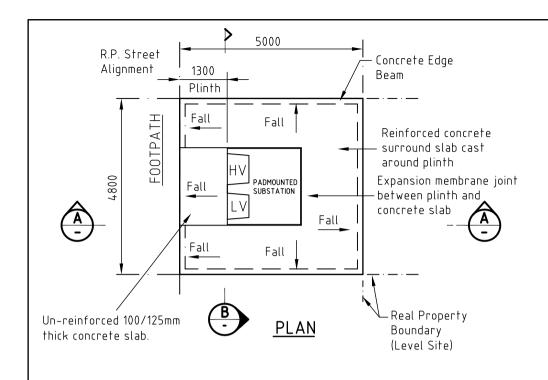


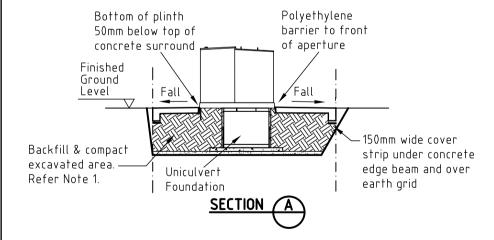
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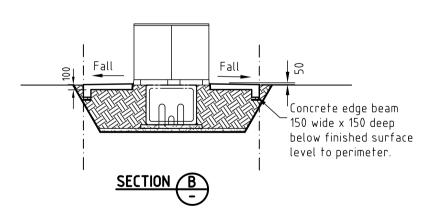






NOTE:

- 1. Backfill excavated area with crusher dust, deco or pit sand and compact in place. Ensuring that only pit sand is used around direct laid cables.
- 2. Reinforced concrete surround slab:
 - a) 100/125mm thick slab;
 - b) F62 mesh reinforcement in centre of slab;
 - c) 25 MPa grade concrete;
 - d) Finish by wood float or by nylon broom.
- 3. The top face of the concrete surround slab shall be 25mm above the final surface level (when turf is laid).
- 4. The concrete slab is to slope away from plinth falling at a slope of 1 in 25.
- 5. Cable apertures through the precast concrete plinth shall be backfilled to 50mm from the top of plinth. A 30mm deep layer of 1:16 ratio weak mix concrete shall be placed to seal aperture.
- 6. The surface of the surround slab may be finished with a stencil pattern surface to match the surrounding pavements of the development. (Use Textcrete or equivalent product. Construct to supplier's specifications.)



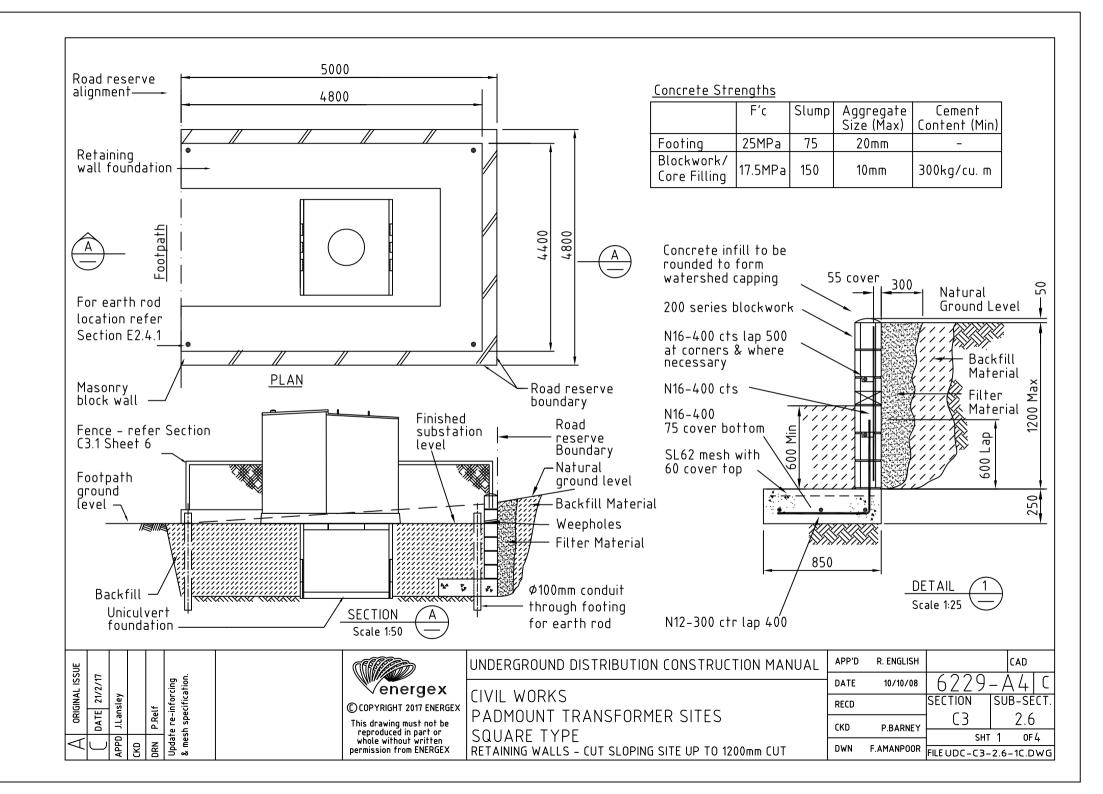
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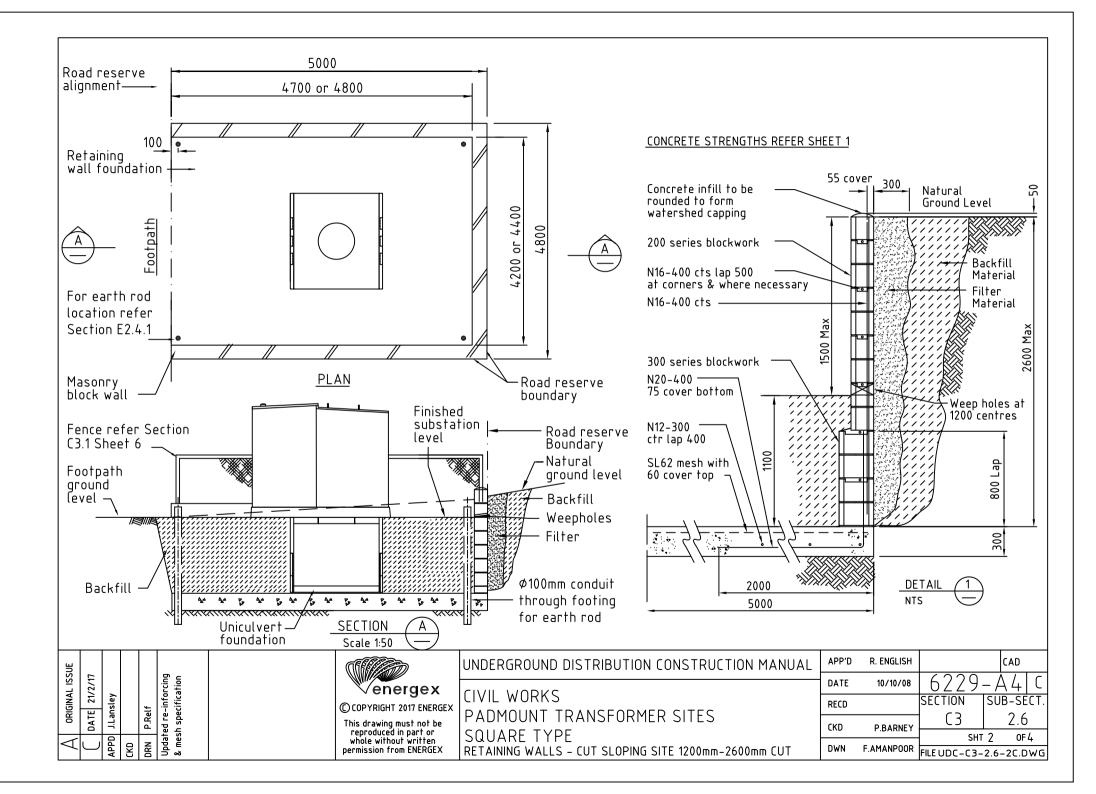


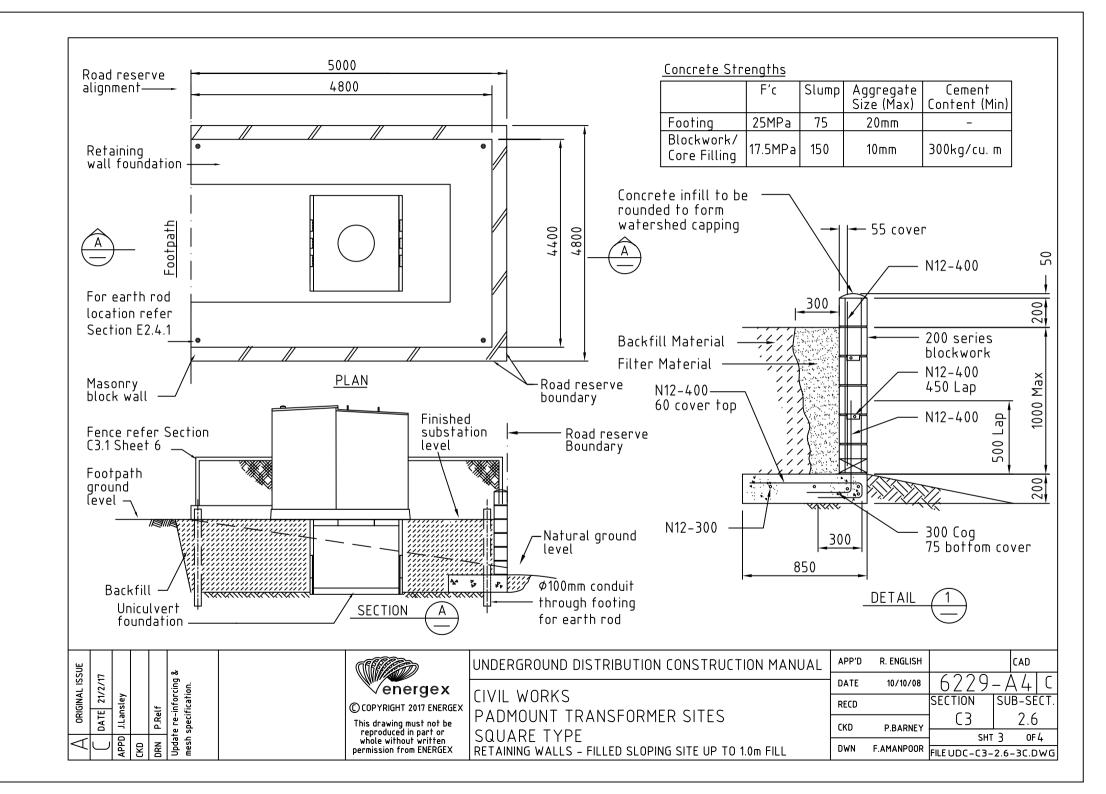
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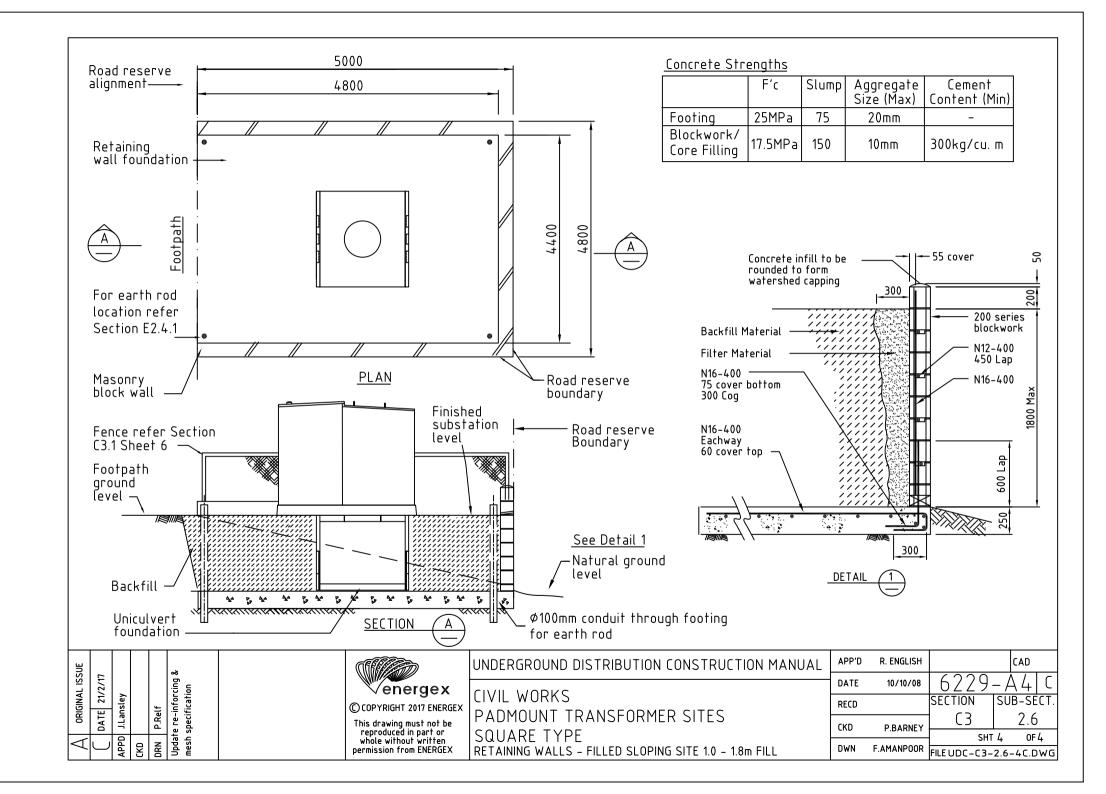
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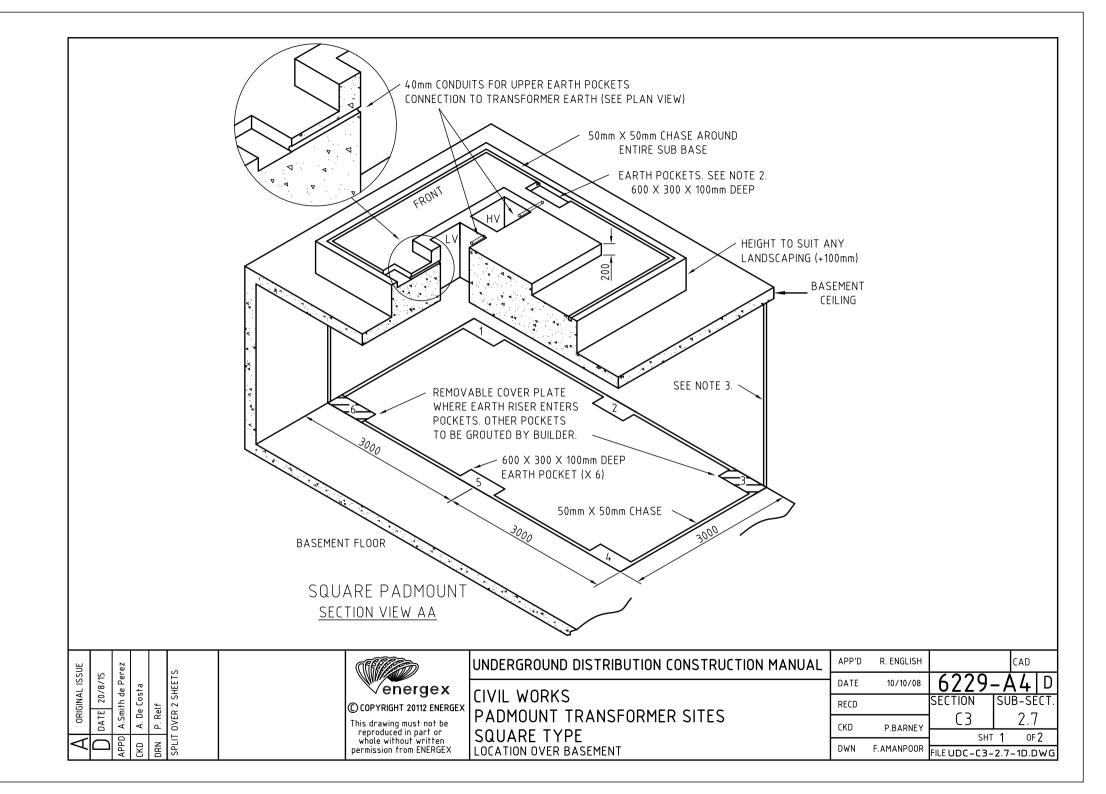
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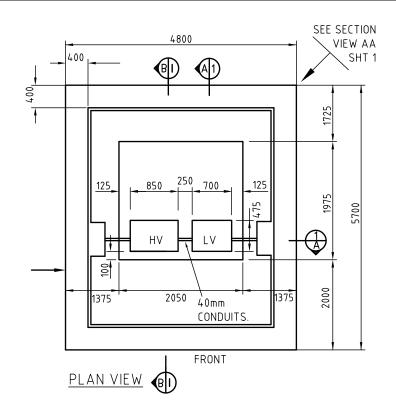


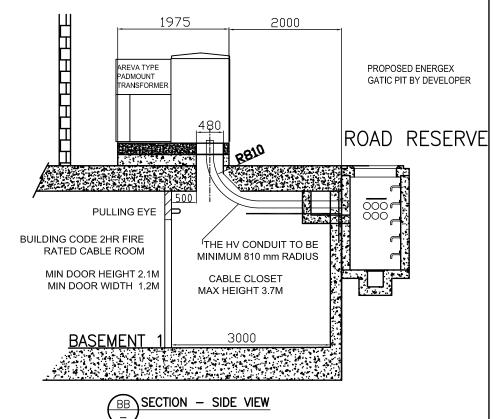












NOTES: 1. ALL CHASES TO BE GROUTED IN BY BUILDER AFTER ENERGEX WORK COMPLETED.

- 2. UPPER GRID TO BE CONNECTED TO PADMOUNT VIA 40mm CONDUITS AS PER PLAN VIEW.
- 3. LOWER GRID TO BE CONNECTED TO PADMOUNT VIA CABLE TRAY, 40mm CONDUIT AND/OR WALL CHASES AS REQUIRED.
- 4. LOWER GRID LOCATION TO BE DIRECTLY BELOW PADMOUNT SITE, OR AS AGREED BY ENERGEX
- 5. FOR REMOTE EARTH GRID DETAILS, SEE C&I MANUAL SECTION 15.

- 6. CABLES TO BE RUN IN A 2HR FIRE PROOFED DEDICATED CABLE ROOM IN BASEMENT. FIRE PROOF SHEETING AROUND CABLES IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. ENERGEX LOCK ON DOOR.
- 7. SHOWN ON THIS DRAWING ARE THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS. CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER'S RPEQ.
- 8. ENERGEX APPROVED PIT TO BE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF THE TRANSFORMER IN FOOTPATH FOR INCOMING CABLES.
- 9. CABLE CLOSET TO HAVE DRAINAGE FOR ANY WATER THAT ENTERS.

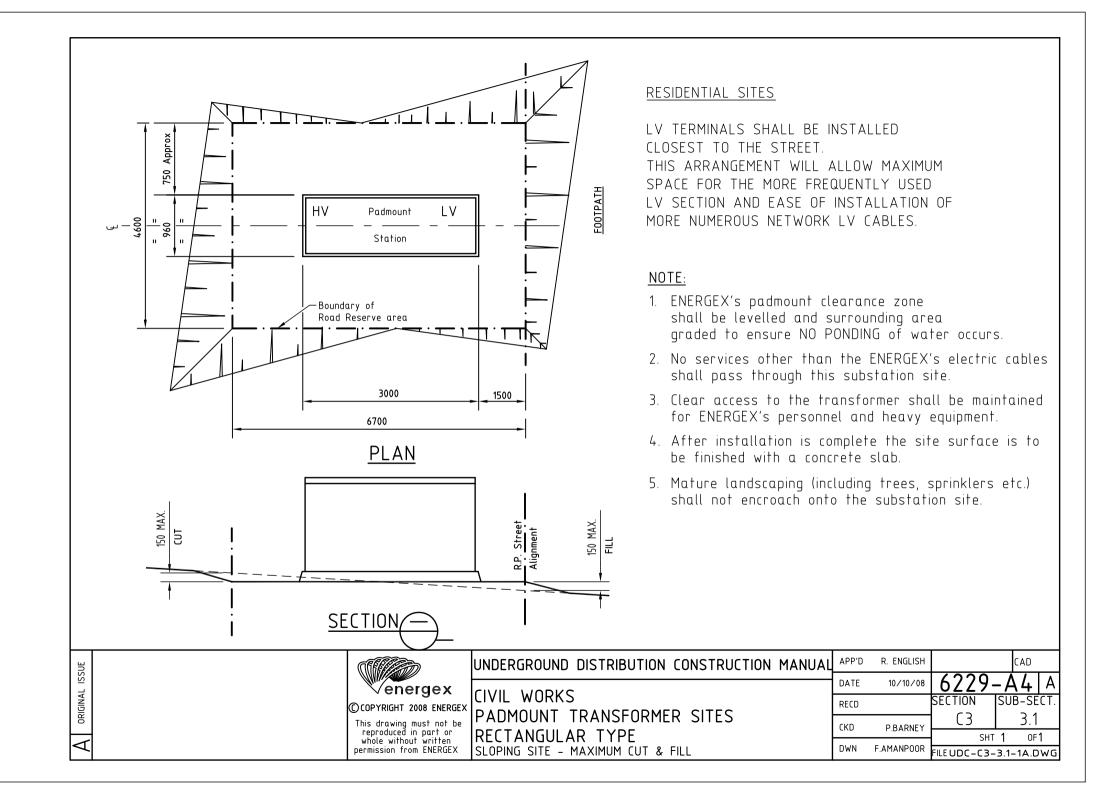


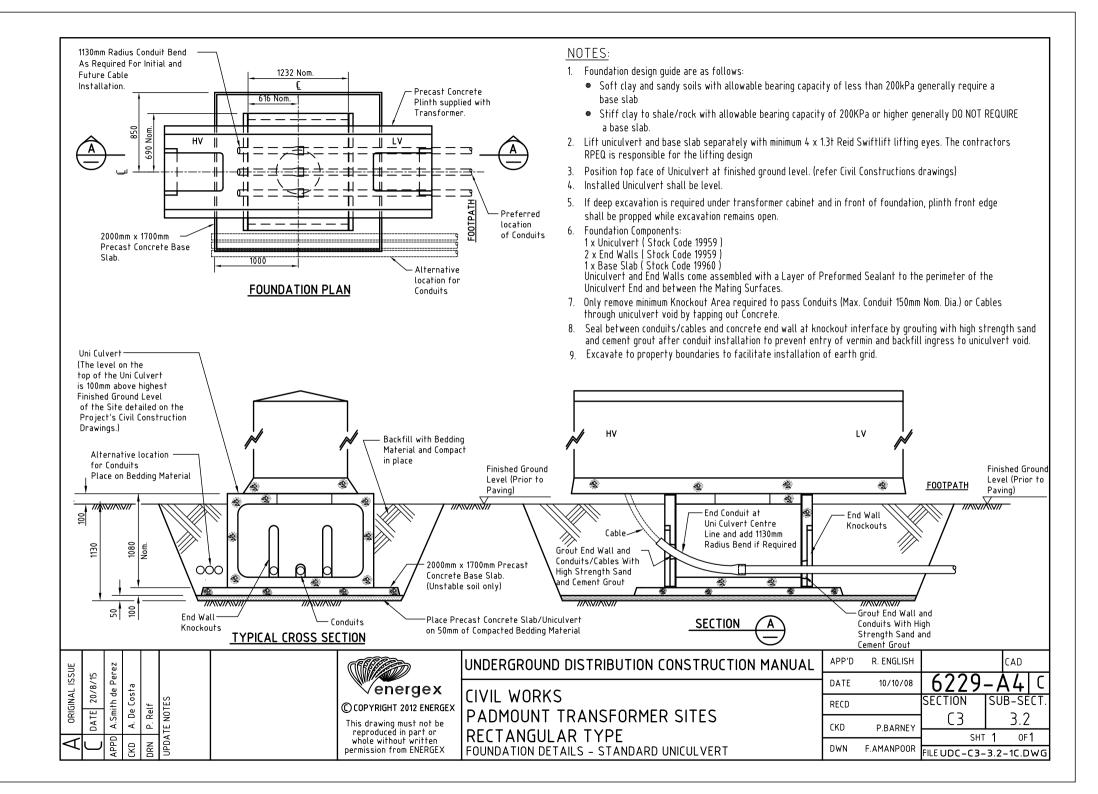
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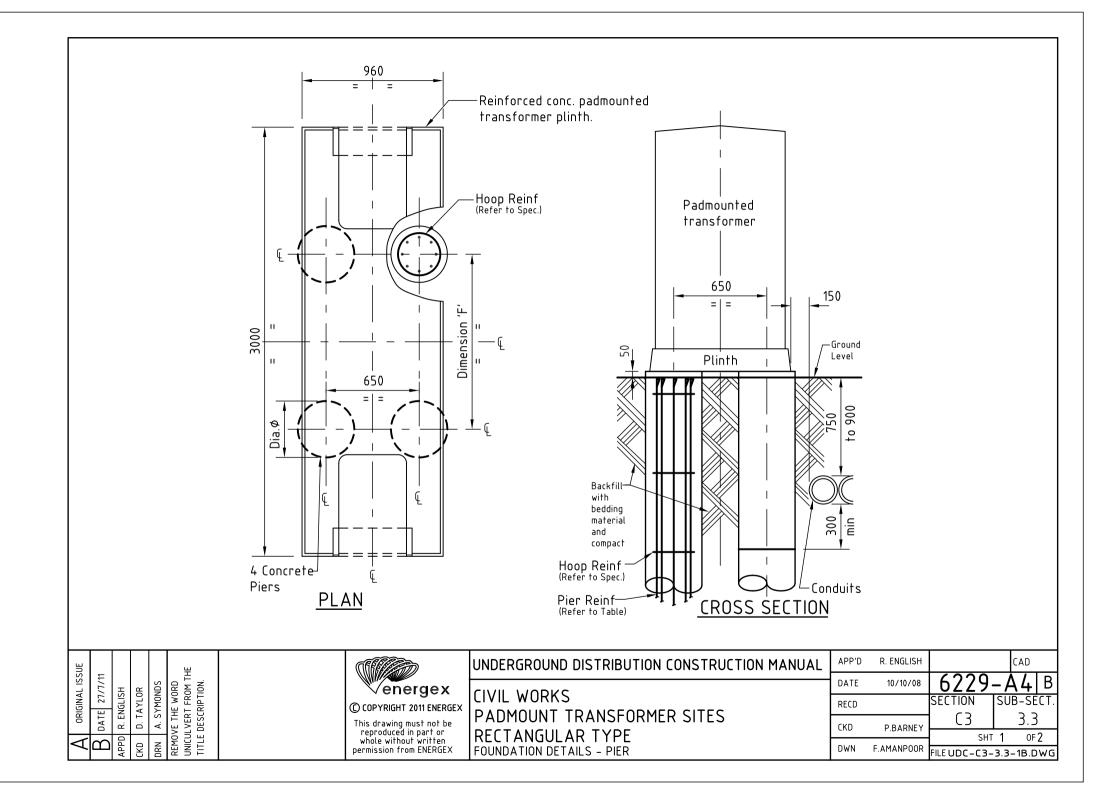
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NOTES:

- 1. The foundation is suitable for substations from 200 to 500kVa-11kV/433-250V only. For 750 to 1000kVa-11kv/433-250V use the uniculvert foundation.
- 2. The diameters of concrete bored piers is dependant on the supporting stratum bearing capacity as detailed from the table below.
- 3. The minimum depth of a pier shall be at least 2x diameter into the stratum of the undisturbed natural soil and 600mm below cable entry excavation.

 If the material is unsuitable then the hole shall be drilled deeper until a firm bearing stratum is reached.

- 4. All reinforcement shall comply to AS/NZS 4671
- 5. Hoop reinforcement shall be R10 @ 150 C/C
- 6. The minimum concrete cover to steel shall be 70mm.
- 7. The minimum concrete strength shall be 32MPa.
- 8. Concrete piers shall be constructed using a continuous single concrete pour.
- 9. The top of piers shall be level. The maximum variation between the 4 piers shall be 3mm.

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STRATUM	CAPACITY (kPa)	DIA 'Ø' (mm)	'A' (mm)	'B' (mm)	'C' (mm)	'D' (mm)	'E' (mm)	'F' (mm)	No. OF BARS	DIA. OF LONGITUDINAL RODS(mm)
FIRM	50	550	382	515	700	700	68	1150	9	12
STIFF	100	450	447	585	675	675	68	1250	7	12
VERY STIFF	200	300	640	585	675	675	68	1350	5	12
HARD	400	300	640	585	675	675	68	1350	5	12

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