

SECTION 333300 – Low Pressure Sewer System (LPSS)

SECTION 333310 – Low Pressure Sewer System Pumps

Definitions:

- A. Owner – For purposes of this specification, the Owner shall represent Dalton Utilities.
- B. Customer – For the purposes of this specification the Customer shall represent individual property owners connected to the public sewer system.

Scope:

The manufacturer shall furnish complete factory-built and tested Grinder Pump Station(s), each consisting of grinder pump(s) suitably mounted in a basin constructed of high density polyethylene (HDPE) for simplex stations and HDPE or Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester Resin for duplex stations, NEMA 6P electrical quick disconnect (EQD), pump removal system, shut-off valve, anti-siphon valve, check valve, each assembled in the basin, electrical alarm panel, and all necessary internal wiring and controls. Component type grinder pump systems that require field assembly will not be acceptable, due to the potential problems that can occur during field assembly. All components and materials shall be in accordance with the Product section of this Specification. For ease of design, system upgrade, and pump serviceability, all pump, motor/grinder units shall be of like type and horsepower throughout any single LPSS system. The simplex pumps will be used for all customer connections to Owner's LPSS and will be Customer (privately) owned and operated. Owner will assume no responsibility for these pumps and/or their operation and maintenance. Duplex stations will be used within the LPSS to provide boost for locations where elevations require additional head. These stations will be owned and operated by the Owner of the public LPSS.

Submittals:

After receipt of notice to proceed, the manufacturer shall furnish a minimum of three sets of shop drawings detailing the equipment to be furnished including dimensional data and materials of construction. The Owner shall promptly review this data, and return two copies as accepted, or with requested modifications. Upon receipt of accepted shop drawings and payment/agreement with/by Customer or Owner as applicable, the manufacturer shall proceed immediately with fabrication of the equipment.

General:

- A. **MANUFACTURER:** Grinder pump stations, complete with all appurtenances, form an integral system, and as such, shall be supplied by one grinder pump station manufacturer. The contractor shall be responsible for the satisfactory operation of the entire system. The equipment specified shall be a product of a company experienced in the design and manufacture of grinder pumps for specific use in low pressure sewage systems. The company shall submit detailed installation and user instructions for its product, submit evidence of an established service program including complete parts and service manuals, and be responsible for maintaining a continuing inventory of grinder pump replacement parts. The manufacturer shall provide a reference and contact list from ten of its largest contiguous grinder pump installations of the type of grinder pumps described within this specification.

The manufacturer of the grinder pump stations shall be Environment One Corporation (or Approved Equal).

Attention is directed to the fact that the drawings and overall system design are based on a particular piece of equipment from a particular manufacturer. These specifications are intended to

provide guidelines for standard equipment of a recognized manufacturer who already meets all the requirements of this specification.

- B. **ALTERNATE EQUIPMENT:** In the event that the contractor or another supplier proposes an Alternate to the specified manufacturer, the Owner recognizes that it will be difficult to conform to certain details of this Specification due to different manufacturing techniques or grinder pump station designs. If proposing an Alternate, the contractor (supplier) must submit, no less than 15 business days in advance of the bid date, a complete description of any changes that will be necessary to the system design, a complete submittal package as outlined in the Submittal Section of this specification, a system hydraulic analysis (including pipe sizes, flows, velocities, retention times and number and location of recommended valves and cleanouts, if any) based on the proposed pump, a list of exceptions to this Specification, and demonstration of compliance to the Experience Clause of this Specification. This information must be submitted to the Owner for pre-approval of the alternate equipment being proposed and determination of compliance with these Contract Documents. If the equipment differs materially or differs from the dimensions given on the drawings, the contractor (supplier) shall submit complete drawings showing elevations, dimensions, or any necessary changes to the Contract Documents for the proposed equipment and its installation. Pre-approval, if granted, will be provided in writing by the engineer to the contractor (supplier) at least five business days in advance of the bid date. If the engineer's approval is obtained for Alternate Equipment, the contractor (supplier) must make any needed changes in the structures, system design, piping or electrical systems necessary to accommodate the proposed equipment at the expense of the contractor (supplier).
- C. **EXPERIENCE CLAUSE:** The equipment furnished hereunder shall be the product of a company experienced in the design and manufacture of grinder pumps specifically designed for use in low pressure systems. All manufacturers proposing equipment for this project shall have at least ten years of experience in the design and manufacture of units of identical size(s) and performance to the specified units. All manufacturers proposing equipment for this project must also have not less than five hundred successful installations of low pressure sewer systems utilizing grinder pumps of like type to the grinder pumps specified herein. An installation is defined as a minimum of twenty-five (25) pumps discharging into a common force main which forms a low pressure sewer system. The contractor (supplier) proposing alternate equipment shall also submit, as part of the bid schedule, an installation list with contact person(s), phone number(s) and date(s) of installation of at least ten (10) installations of the type of pump specified herein that have been in operation for at least 10 years.
- In lieu of this experience clause and if approved by the Owner, the contractor (supplier) of alternate equipment will be required to submit a five year performance bond for one-hundred (100) percent of the stipulated cost of the equipment as bid and as shown in the Bid Schedule. This performance bond will be used to guarantee the replacement of the equipment in the event that it fails within the bond period.
- D. **OPERATING CONDITIONS:** The pumps shall be capable of delivering 15 GPM against a rated total dynamic head of 0 feet (0 PSIG) and 9 GPM against a rated total dynamic head of 138 feet (60 PSIG). The pump(s) must also be capable of operating at negative total dynamic head without overloading the motor(s). Under no conditions shall in-line piping or valving be allowed to create a false apparent head.
- E. **WARRANTY:** The grinder pump manufacturer shall provide a part(s) and labor warranty on the complete station and accessories, including, but not limited to, panel and redundant check valve, for a period of twenty-four (24) months after notice of OWNER'S/CUSTOMER'S (as applicable) acceptance, but no greater than twenty-seven (27) months after receipt of shipment. Any manufacturing defects found during the warranty period will be reported to the MANUFACTURER by the OWNER and will be corrected by the manufacturer at no cost to the OWNER/CUSTOMER (as applicable).

- F. **WARRANTY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION:** As a bid certification requirement, each bidder shall provide with their bid schedule a Warranty Performance Certification statement executed by the most senior executive officer of the grinder pump manufacturer, which certifies a minimum of a twenty four (24) month warranty. They must further detail any exclusions from the warranty or additional cost items required to maintain the equipment in warrantable condition, including all associated labor and shipping fees, and certify that the manufacturer will bear all costs to correct any original equipment deficiency for the effective period of the warranty. All preventive maintenance type requirements shall be included in this form as exclusions. These requirements include, but are not limited to, unjamming of grinder mechanism, unplugging of lines, periodic motor maintenance, and periodic cleaning of liquid level controls. Should the contractor (supplier) elect to submit a performance bond in lieu of the experience clause outlined above, this Warranty Performance Certification shall also be used as a criterion to evaluate the contractor's (supplier's) performance over the warranty period. A Warranty Performance Certification form is included with the bid schedule and must be completed and submitted as part of the bid package. Bids with incomplete forms or missing forms will be considered non-responsive.

Products:

- A. **PUMP:** The pump shall be a custom designed, integral, vertical rotor, motor driven, solids handling pump of the progressing cavity type with a single mechanical seal. The rotor shall be through-hardened, highly polished, precipitation hardened stainless steel. Plating on the rotor will not be acceptable due to its tendency to delaminate. The stator shall be of a specifically compounded ethylene propylene synthetic elastomer. The material shall be suitable for domestic wastewater service. Its physical properties shall include high tear and abrasion resistance, grease resistance, water and detergent resistance, temperature stability, excellent aging properties, and outstanding wear resistance. Buna-N is not acceptable as a stator material because it does not exhibit the properties as outlined above and required for wastewater service.
- B. **GRINDER:** The grinder shall be placed immediately below the pumping elements and shall be direct-driven by a single, one-piece motor shaft. The grinder impeller assembly shall be securely fastened to the pump motor shaft by means of a threaded connection attaching the grinder impeller to the motor shaft. Attachment by means of pins or keys will not be acceptable. The grinder will be of the rotating type with a stationary hardened and ground stainless steel shredding ring spaced in close annular alignment with the driven impeller assembly, which shall carry two hardened type 400 series stainless steel cutter bars.

This assembly shall be dynamically balanced and operate without objectionable noise or vibration over the entire range of recommended operating pressures. The grinder shall be constructed so as to eliminate clogging and jamming under all normal operating conditions including starting. Sufficient vortex action shall be created to scour the tank free of deposits or sludge banks which would impair the operation of the pump. These requirements shall be accomplished by the following, in conjunction with the pump:

1. The grinder shall be positioned in such a way that solids are fed in an upward flow direction.
2. The maximum flow rate through the cutting mechanism must not exceed 4 feet per second. This is a critical design element to prevent jamming and as such must be adhered to.
3. The inlet shroud shall have a diameter of no less than 5 inches. Inlet shrouds that are less than 5 inches in diameter will not be accepted due to their inability to maintain the specified 4 feet per second maximum inlet velocity which by design prevents unnecessary jamming of the cutter mechanism and eliminates blinding of the pump by large objects blocking the inlet shroud.

4. The impeller mechanism must rotate at a nominal speed of no greater than 1800 rpm.

The grinder shall be capable of reducing all components in normal domestic sewage, including a reasonable amount of "foreign objects," such as paper, wood, plastic, glass, rubber and the like, to finely-divided particles which will pass freely through the passages of the pump and the 1-1/4" diameter stainless steel discharge piping.

- C. **ELECTRIC MOTOR:** As a maximum, the motor shall be a 1 HP, 1725 RPM, 240 Volt 60 Hertz, 1 Phase, capacitor start, ball bearing, air-cooled induction type with a low starting current not to exceed 30 amperes and high starting torque of 8.4 foot pounds. Inherent protection against running overloads or locked rotor conditions for the pump motor shall be provided by the use of an automatic-reset, integral thermal overload protector incorporated into the motor. This motor protector combination shall have been specifically investigated and listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., for the application. Non-capacitor start motors or permanent split capacitor motors will not be accepted because of their reduced starting torque and consequent diminished grinding capability. To reduce the potential of environmental concerns, the expense of handling and disposing of oil, and the associated maintenance costs, oil-filled motors will not be accepted.
- D. **MECHANICAL SEAL:** The pump/core shall be provided with a mechanical shaft seal to prevent leakage between the motor and pump. The seal shall have a stationary ceramic seat and carbon rotating surface with faces precision lapped and held in position by a stainless steel spring.
- E. **TANK AND INTEGRAL ACCESSWAY: (Model 2010) High Density Polyethylene Construction.** The tank shall be made of high density polyethylene, with a melt index of 2.0 grams/10 minutes or lower to assure high environmental stress cracking resistance. Corrugated sections are to be made of a double wall construction with the internal wall being generally smooth to promote scouring. Corrugations of the outside wall are to be of minimum amplitude of 1 1/2" to provide necessary transverse stiffness. Any incidental sections of a single wall construction are to be a minimum .250 inch thick. All seams created during tank construction are to be thermally welded and factory tested for leak tightness. Tank wall and bottom must withstand the pressure exerted by saturated soil loading at maximum burial depth. All station components must function normally when exposed to 150 percent of the maximum external soil and hydrostatic pressure.

The tank shall be furnished with one EPDM grommet fitting to accept a 4.50" OD DWV or Schedule 40 pipe. Tank capacities shall be as shown on the contract drawings.

The access way shall be an integral extension of the wet well assembly and include a lockable cover assembly providing low profile mounting and watertight capability. Access way design and construction shall enable field adjustment of station height in increments of 4" or less without the use of any adhesives or sealants requiring cure time before installation can be completed.

The station shall have all necessary penetrations molded in and factory sealed. To ensure a leak free installation no field penetrations shall be acceptable.

All discharge piping shall be constructed of 304 Series Stainless Steel and terminate outside the access way bulkhead with a stainless steel, 1 1/4 inch female NPT fitting. The discharge piping shall include a stainless steel ball valve rated for 200 psi WOG; PVC ball valves will not be accepted. The bulkhead penetration shall be factory installed and warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight.

The access way shall include a single NEMA 6P electrical quick disconnect (EQD) for all power and control functions, factory installed with access way penetrations warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight. Plug-type connections of the power cable onto the pump housing

will not be acceptable due to the potential for leaks and electrical shorts. The access way shall also include a 2-inch PVC vent to prevent sewage gases from accumulating in the tank.

- F. **TANK & INTEGRAL ACCESSWAY: (Models 2012 & 2014) High Density Polyethylene Construction.** The tank shall be made of rotationally molded high density polyethylene, with a melt index of 2.0 grams/10 minutes or lower to assure high environmental stress cracking resistance. The tank shall have a nominal thickness of 1/2". All seams created during tank construction are to be thermally welded and factory tested for leak tightness. Tank wall and bottom must withstand the pressure exerted by saturated soil loading at maximum burial depth. All station components must function normally when exposed to 150 percent of the maximum external soil and hydrostatic pressure.

The tank shall be furnished with one EPDM grommet fitting to accept a 4.50" OD DWV or schedule 40 pipe. Tank capacities shall be as shown on the contract drawings.

The access way shall be an integral extension of the wet well assembly and include a lockable cover assembly providing low profile mounting and watertight capability. Access way design and construction shall facilitate field adjustment of station height in increments of 3" without the use of any adhesives or sealants requiring cure time before installation can be completed.

The station shall have all necessary penetrations molded in and factory sealed. To ensure a leak-free installation, no field penetrations shall be acceptable.

All discharge piping shall be constructed of 304 Series Stainless Steel and terminate outside the access way bulkhead with a stainless steel, 1 1/4 inch female NPT fitting. The discharge piping shall include a stainless steel ball valve rated for 200 psi WOG; PVC ball valve will not be accepted. The bulkhead penetration shall be factory installed and warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight.

The access way shall include a single NEMA 6P electrical quick disconnect (EQD) for all power and control functions, factory installed with access way penetrations warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight. Plug-type connections of the power cable onto the pump housing will not be acceptable due to the potential for leaks and electrical shorts. The access way shall also include a 2 inch PVC vent to prevent sewage gases from accumulating in the tank.

- G. **TANK & INTEGRAL ACCESSWAY: (Models 2015 & 2016) Fiberglass reinforced polyester resin.** The tank shall be custom molded of fiberglass reinforced polyester resin. Tank wall and bottom must withstand the pressure exerted by saturated soil loading at maximum burial depth. All station components must function normally when exposed to 150 percent maximum external soil and hydrostatic pressure.

The tank shall be furnished with one EPDM grommet fitting to accept a 4.50" OD DWV, schedule 40 pipe, or a fitting applicable for a low pressure sewer main sized as shown on the plans for booster stations. Tank capacities shall be as shown on the contract drawings.

The access way shall be an integral extension of the wet well assembly and include a lockable cover assembly providing low profile mounting and watertight capability. Access way design and construction shall facilitate field adjustment of station height in increments of 3" without the use of any adhesives or sealants requiring cure time before installation can be completed.

The station shall have all necessary penetrations molded in and factory sealed. To ensure a leak-free installation, no field penetrations shall be acceptable.

All discharge piping shall be constructed of 304 Series Stainless Steel and terminate outside the access way bulkhead with a stainless steel, 1 1/4 inch female NPT fitting. The discharge piping shall include a stainless steel ball valve rated for 200 psi WOG; PVC ball valve will not be

accepted. The bulkhead penetration shall be factory installed and warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight.

The access way shall include a single NEMA 6P electrical quick disconnect (EQD) for all power and control functions, factory installed with access way penetrations warranted by the manufacturer to be watertight. Plug-type connections of the power cable onto the pump housing will not be acceptable due to the potential for leaks and electrical shorts. The access way shall also include a 2 inch PVC vent to prevent sewage gases from accumulating in the tank.

- H. **CHECK VALVE:** The pump discharge shall be equipped with a factory installed, gravity operated, flapper-type integral check valve built into the stainless steel or other applicable discharge piping. The check valve will provide a full-ported passageway when open, and shall introduce a friction loss of less than 6 inches of water at maximum rated flow. Moving parts will be made of a 300 series stainless steel and fabric reinforced synthetic elastomer to ensure corrosion resistance, dimensional stability, and fatigue strength. A nonmetallic hinge shall be an integral part of the flapper assembly providing a maximum degree of freedom to assure seating even at a very low back-pressure. The valve body shall be an injection molded part made of glass filled PVC. Ball type check valves are unacceptable due to their limited sealing capacity in slurry applications.

Each grinder pump installation shall also include one separate check valve of the type detailed in this section of the specification for installation in the 1 1/4" service lateral between the grinder pump station and the sewer main, preferably next to the isolation valve and located within the public road right of way. This separate check valve shall also be furnished and installed on the duplex booster stations as well. The separate check valve shall be provided as a separate line item in the bid schedule.

- I. **ANTI-SIPHON VALVE:** The pump discharge shall be equipped with a factory-installed, gravity-operated, flapper-type integral anti-siphon valve built into the stainless steel discharge piping. Moving parts will be made of 300 series stainless steel and fabric-reinforced synthetic elastomer to ensure corrosion resistance, dimensional stability, and fatigue strength. A nonmetallic hinge shall be an integral part of the flapper assembly, providing a maximum degree of freedom to ensure proper operation even at a very low pressure. The valve body shall be injection-molded from a glass-filled thermoplastic resin. Holes or ports in the discharge piping are not acceptable anti-siphon devices, due to their tendency to clog from the solids in the slurry being pumped.
- J. **CORE UNIT:** The Grinder Pump Station shall have cartridge type, easily removable core assembly consisting of pump, motor, grinder, all motor controls, check valve, anti-siphon valve, level control, electrical quick disconnect and wiring. The watertight integrity of each core unit, shall be established by 100 percent factory test at a minimum of 5 PSIG.
- K. **CONTROLS:** All necessary controls, including motor and level controls, shall be located in the top housing of the core unit. The top housing will be attached with stainless steel fasteners.

Non-fouling wastewater level controls for controlling pump operation shall be accomplished by monitoring the pressure changes in an integral air column connected to a pressure switch. The level detection device shall have no moving parts in direct contact with the wastewater. High-level sensing will be accomplished in the manner detailed above by a separate air-bell sensor and pressure switch of the same type. Closure of the high-level sensing device will energize an alarm circuit as well as a redundant pump-on circuit. For increased reliability, pump ON/OFF and High-level alarm functions shall not be controlled by the same switch. Float switches of any kind, including float trees, will not be accepted due to the periodic need to maintain (rinsing, cleaning) such devices.

To assure reliable operation of the pressure switches, each core shall be equipped with a breather assembly, complete with a suitable means to prevent accidental entry of water into the motor

compartment. The grinder pump will be furnished with a 6 conductor 14 gauge, type SJOW cable, pre-wired and watertight to meet UL requirements with a FACTORY INSTALLED NEMA 6P EQD half attached to it.

For the Booster Duplex stations that will be owned and operated by Owner, all controls must be compatible with the OWNER'S existing SCADA System and the control panels must be capable of providing the pump status (i.e. run, auto, off) and tank level to the SCADA System.

- L. **ALARM PANEL:** Each grinder pump station shall include a NEMA 4X, UL listed ALARM PANEL suitable for wall mounting. The NEMA 4X enclosure shall be manufactured of thermoplastic to assure corrosion resistance. The enclosure shall include a hinged, lockable cover, padlock, and secured dead front. The enclosure shall not exceed 11.38"W x13.5"H x 5.63"D.

For each core, the panel shall contain one (1) 15 amp, double pole circuit breaker for the power circuit and one (1) 15 amp single pole circuit breaker for the alarm circuit. The panel shall contain terminal blocks, integral power bus, push to run feature and a complete alarm circuit.

The Alarm Panel shall include the following features: audio & visual alarm, push-to-run switch, and high level (redundant) pump starting control. The alarm sequence is to be as follows:

1. When liquid level in the sewage wet-well rises above the alarm level, visual and audio alarms will be activated. The contacts on the alarm pressure switch will close. The redundant pump starting system will be energized.
2. The audio alarm may be silenced by means of the externally mounted, push-to-silence button.
3. Visual alarm remains illuminated until the sewage level in the wet-well drops below the "off" setting of the alarm pressure switch.

The visual alarm lamp shall be inside a red fluted lens at least 2 5/8" in diameter and 1 11/16" in height. Visual alarm shall be mounted to the top of the enclosure in such a manner as to maintain NEMA 4X rating. For duplex units, in addition to the above, two high level indicator lights shall be mounted behind the access cover.

During a high level alarm condition on a duplex station, the appropriate light will illuminate to indicate which pump core requires servicing. The audio alarm shall be a printed circuit board in conjunction with an 86 dB buzzer with quick mounting terminal strip mounted in the interior of the enclosure. The audio alarm shall be capable of being deactivated by depressing a push-type switch which is encapsulated in a weatherproof silicone boot and mounted on the bottom of the enclosure.

For the Booster Duplex stations that will be owned and operated by Owner, all controls must be compatible with the OWNER'S existing SCADA System and the control panels must be capable of providing the pump status (i.e. run, auto, off) and tank level to the SCADA System.

The entire Alarm Panel as manufactured, shall be listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

- M. **SERVICEABILITY:** The grinder pump core unit shall have two lifting hooks complete with nylon lift-out harness connected to its top housing to facilitate easy core removal when necessary. All mechanical and electrical connections must provide easy disconnect capability for core unit removal and installation. A push-to-run feature will be provided for field trouble shooting. All motor control components shall be mounted on a readily replaceable bracket for ease of field service.

- N. **OSHA CONFINED SPACE:** All maintenance tasks for the grinder pump station must be possible without entry into the grinder pump station (as per OSHA 1910.146, permit-required

confined spaces). "Entry means the action by which a person passes through an opening into a permit-required confined space. Entry includes ensuing work activities in that space and is considered to have occurred as soon as any part of the entrant's body breaks the plane of an opening into the space."

- O. **SAFETY:** The Grinder Pump shall be free from electrical and fire hazards as required in a residential environment. As evidence of compliance with this requirement, the completely assembled and wired Grinder Pump Station shall be listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., to be safe and appropriate for the intended use. UL listing of components of the station, or third-party testing to UL standard will not be acceptable.

The grinder pump shall meet accepted standards for plumbing equipment for use in or near residences, shall be free from noise, odor, or health hazards, and shall have been tested by an independent laboratory to certify its capability to perform as specified in either individual or low pressure sewer system applications. As evidence of compliance with this requirement, the grinder pump shall bear the seal of NSF International. Third-party testing to NSF standard will not be acceptable.

Implementation:

- A. **FACTORY TEST:** Each grinder pump shall be submerged and operated for 5 minutes (minimum). Included in this procedure will be the testing of all ancillary components such as, the anti-siphon valve, check valve, discharge assembly and each unit's dedicated level controls and motor controls. All factory tests shall incorporate each of the above listed items. Actual appurtenances and controls which will be installed in the field shall be particular to the tested pump only. A common set of appurtenances and controls for all pumps will not be acceptable. Certified test results shall be available upon request showing the operation of each grinder pump at two (2) different points on its curve, with the maximum pressure no less than 60 psi. The Owner reserves the right to inspect such testing procedures at the Grinder Pump manufacturer's facility.

All completed stations shall be factory leak tested to assure the integrity of all joints, seams and penetrations. All necessary penetrations such as inlets, discharge fittings and cable connectors shall be included in this test along with their respective sealing means (grommets, gaskets etc.).

- B. **DELIVERY:** All Grinder Pump units will be delivered to the job site 100 percent completely assembled, including testing, ready for installation. Grinder pump units will be individually mounted on wooden pallets.
- C. **INSTALLATION:** Earth excavation and backfill are specified under SITE WORK, but are also to be done as a part of the work under this section, including any necessary sheeting and bracing.

The Customer's (**PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER'S**) or **OWNER'S (as applicable)** contractor shall be responsible for handling ground water to provide a firm, dry subgrade for the structure, and shall guard against flotation or other damage resulting from general water or flooding.

The Grinder Pump Stations shall not be set into the excavation until the installation procedures and excavation have been approved by the Owner/Customer (as applicable).

Remove packing material. Users instructions **MUST** be given to the owner. Hardware supplied with the unit, if required, will be used at installation. The basin will be supplied with a standard 4" inlet grommet (4.50" OD) for connecting the incoming sewer line. Appropriate inlet piping must be used. The basin may not be dropped, rolled or laid on its side for any reason.

Installation shall be accomplished so that 1" to 4" of access way, below the bottom of the lid, extends above the finished grade line. The finished grade shall slope away from the unit. The diameter of the excavated hole must be large enough to allow for the concrete anchor.

A 6" inch (minimum) layer of naturally rounded aggregate, clean and free flowing, with particle size of not less than 1/8" or more than 3/4" shall be used as bedding material under each unit.

A concrete anti-flotation collar, as detailed on the drawings, and sized according to the manufacturer's instructions, shall be required and shall be pre-cast to the grinder pump or poured in place. Each Grinder Pump Station with its pre-cast anti-flotation collar shall have a minimum of three (3) lifting eyes for loading and unloading purposes.

If the concrete is poured in place, the unit shall be leveled, and filled with water, to the bottom of the inlet, to help prevent the unit from shifting while the concrete is being poured. The concrete must be manually vibrated to ensure there are no voids. If it is necessary to pour the concrete to a level higher than the inlet piping, an 8" sleeve is required over the inlet prior to the concrete being poured.

The Customer's contractor will provide and install a four (4) foot piece of four inch SCH 40 PVC pipe with water tight cap, to stub-out the inlet for the property owners' installation contractor, as depicted on the contract drawings.

The electrical enclosure shall be furnished, installed and wired to the Grinder Pump Station by the Owner/Customer's contractor. An alarm device is required on every installation, there shall be NO EXCEPTIONS. It will be the responsibility of the contractor and the Owner to coordinate with the individual Customers (property owner(s)) to determine the optimum location for the Alarm Panel.

The contractor shall mount the alarm device in a conspicuous location, as per national and local codes. The Alarm Panel will be connected to the Grinder Pump Station by a length of six (6) conductor 12 gauge type TC cable as shown on the contract drawings. The power and alarm circuits must be on separate power circuits. The grinder pump stations will be provided with a minimum of 32', 25' of useable electrical supply cable outside the station, to connect to the alarm panel. This cable shall be supplied with a FACTORY INSTALLED EQD half to connect to the mating EQD half on the core.

- D. **BACKFILL REQUIREMENTS:** Proper backfill is essential to the long-term reliability of any underground structure. Several methods of backfill are available to produce favorable results with different native soil conditions. The most highly recommended method of backfilling is to surround the unit to grade using Class I or Class II backfill material as defined in ASTM 2321. Class 1A and Class 1B are recommended where frost heave is a concern, Class 1B is a better choice when the native soil is sand or if a high, fluctuating water table is expected. Class 1, angular crushed stone offers an added benefit in that it doesn't need to be compacted.

Class II, naturally rounded stone, may require more compactive effort, or tamping, to achieve the proper density. If the native soil condition consists of clean compactible soil, with less than 12 percent fines, free of ice, rocks, roots and organic material, it may be an acceptable backfill. Soil must be compacted in lifts not to exceed one foot to reach a final Proctor Density of between 85 percent and 90 percent. Heavy, non-compactible clays and silts are not suitable backfill for this or any underground structure such as inlet or discharge lines.

If you are unsure of the consistency of the native soil, it is recommended that a geotechnical evaluation of the material is obtained before specifying backfill.

Another option is the use of a flowable fill (i.e., low slump concrete). This is particularly attractive when installing grinder pump stations in augured holes where tight clearances make it difficult to

assure proper backfilling and compaction with dry materials. Flowable fills should not be dropped more than four feet from the discharge to the bottom of the hole to avoid separation of the constituent materials.

Backfill of clean native earth, free of rocks, roots, and foreign objects shall be thoroughly compacted in lifts not exceeding 12" to a final Proctor Density of not less than 85 percent. Improper backfilling may result in damaged access ways. The Grinder Pump Station shall be installed at a minimum depth from grade to the top of the 1 1/4" discharge line, to assure maximum frost protection. The finish grade line shall be 1" to 4" below the bottom of the lid, and final grade shall slope away from the Grinder Pump Station.

All restoration will be the responsibility of the Owner/Customer's (as applicable) contractor. Per unit costs for Owner Booster Stations for this item shall be included in the contractor's bid price for the individual Owner Grinder Pump Stations. The properties shall be restored to their original condition in all respects, including, but not limited to, curb and sidewalk replacement, landscaping, loaming and seeding, and restoration of the traveled ways, as directed by the Owner.

- E. **START-UP AND FIELD TESTING:** The manufacturer shall provide the services of qualified factory trained technician(s) who shall inspect the placement and wiring of each station, perform field tests as specified herein, and instruct the owner's personnel in the operation and maintenance of the equipment before the stations are accepted by the Customer (property owner) and connected to the OWNER'S public LPSS.

All equipment and materials necessary to perform testing shall be the responsibility of the installing contractor. This will include, as a minimum, a portable generator (if temporary power is required) and water in each basin.

The services of a trained factory-authorized technician shall be provided at a rate of two days for every 200 grinder pump stations supplied. Each day shall be ten (10) person hours in duration.

Upon completion of the installation, the authorized factory technician(s) will perform the following test on each station:

1. Make certain the discharge shut-off valve is fully open. This valve must not be closed when the pump is operating. In some installations, there may be a valve(s) at the street main that must also be open.
2. Turn ON the alarm power circuit.
3. Fill the wet well with water to a depth sufficient to verify the high level alarm is operating. Shut off water.
4. Turn ON pump power circuit. Initiate pump operation to verify automatic "on/off" controls are operative. Pump should immediately turn ON. Within one (1) minute alarm light will turn OFF. Within three (3) minutes the pump will turn OFF.

Upon completion of the start-up and testing, the manufacturer shall submit to the engineer the start-up authorization form describing the results of the tests performed for each Grinder Pump Station. Final acceptance of the system will not occur until authorization forms have been received for each pump station installed and any installation deficiencies corrected.

Operations And Maintenance:

- A. **SPARE CORE:** The manufacturer will supply one (1) spare grinder pump core to the Owner for every 50 grinder pump stations installed, complete with all operational controls, level sensors, check valve, anti-siphon valve, pump/motor unit, and grinder.
- B. **MANUALS:** The manufacturer shall supply four (4) copies of Operation and Maintenance Manuals to the Owner/Customer (as applicable).

SECTION 333320 – Low Pressure Sewer System Piping

Scope:

The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment and materials to install low pressure force mains using high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe for the collection of sanitary sewage from low pressure sewer system pumps in accordance with these specifications.

Submittals:

- A. The Contractor will submit complete product data from named vendor on all products proposed for use in the project.
- B. Results from recording of each fuse on HDPE pipe will be submitted to the Owner as part of the installation record.
- C. Contractor will submit a proposed method for cleaning lines for approval by the Owner after installation.
- D. Contractor shall provide proof of qualification for all labor involved in fusing of HDPE pipe. Proof of qualification shall be written confirmation of training by a manufacturer involved in the manufacture of HDPE pipe for more than two years. Only individuals with such qualifications will be allowed to perform fusing operations.
- E. Contractor shall submit proposed pressure testing methodology for review by the Owner prior to initiating any final pressure testing of pipe.

Products:

This section of the specification details the requirements for pressurized sanitary sewer force mains and related accessories. Unless noted otherwise, force mains will be constructed of high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) meeting the requirements in this section.

- A. **High Density Polyethylene Pipe:** The Contractor shall furnish High Density Polyethylene Pipe and Fittings conforming to ANSI/AWWA Standard C 906-90 and ASTM D3350-02. The pipe shall be PE 3408 with an SDR of 11 or less as directed by the owner and be rated for a pressure of 160 psi or more. The carbon black content shall measure 2% to 3% by weight when tested according to ANSI/ASTM D 1603 or ASTM D4211. The pipe shall be provided in iron pipe sizes (IPS). The pipe shall be produced by Rinker, J-M PE Corporation, or equal. Pipe shall be “prisma” coated with a green exterior color or the pipe shall have a green stripe impregnated into the wall of the pipe to make it easily identifiable when excavated. The manufacturer shall have an ISO 9001 listing covering the HDPE manufacturing facility as well as the corporate office. The Owner at no additional cost may require quality audits. All pipe 4-inch and larger will be provided in standard straight lengths. No coiled pipe will be accepted for installation on the project unless it is smaller than 4-inch.

- (1) **Quality and Inspection:** All pipe shall be smooth on both the interior and exterior surfaces; be free of noticeable imperfections such as cracks, blisters, or kinks in the pipe. The Owner, if Owner so chooses, shall be able to inspect the pipe at the pipe plant, trench, and other various storage sites. Based on these observations the Owner will have the right to reject any and all piping not conforming to these stated requirements, independent of laboratory tests. Field repair of any damaged piping shall not be permitted. The Owner reserves the right to require the removal of fused connections for destructive testing to verify the integrity of fused joints, etc.
 - (2) **Experience of Manufacturer:** The pipe manufacturer shall provide evidence, if requested by the Owner, of having provided quality pipe and joints that have shown satisfactory results in service for a period of no less than two years. Evidence of completion of projects of similar size and timing for HDPE pipe will also be provided upon Owner request. All pipe within any given phase shall be from the same manufacturer.
 - (3) **Fittings:** The fittings shall meet all of the requirements of the pipe to which they are to be fused. They shall be homogeneous throughout and essentially uniform in color, opacity, density and other properties. Fittings should also be free of such defects as cuts, cracks, or holes. Fabricated fittings will not be allowed where molded or machined fittings are available. All fittings will be manufactured in accordance with AWWA C906 with a minimum pressure class equal to that of the pipe.
 - (4) **Markings:** Markings shall be legible during usual handling of the pipe and be applied in a manner that will not damage the pipe. The following markings shall be provided as shown below:
 - a. Nominal size and OD base
 - b. Standard material code designation
 - c. Dimension ratio
 - d. Pressure class
 - e. AWWA designation for this standard (AWWA C 906-90)
 - f. Manufacturers production code
 - g. Material test category of pipe
 - h. NSF 61 approved
- B. Locating Wire & Detector Tape:** The Contractor will supply all locating wire and detector tape. Locating wire shall be 8 gage, coated wire. Detection tape shall be composed of a solid aluminum foil encased in a protective plastic jacket. Tapes shall be color coded in accordance with AWWA color codes with the following legends: Sewer Systems, Safety Precaution Green, "Caution Sewer Line Buried Below". Tape shall be permanently printed with no surface printing allowed. Tape width shall be a minimum of 2-inches when buried less than 10-inches below surface and 3-inches when buried greater than 10-inches. Tape shall be Lineguard Type II Detectable, Allen Systems Detectatape, or equal.
- C. Electrofusion Couplings:** Electrofusion couplings and saddles will not be used on this Project without written approval of Owner.
- D. Flange Assemblies:** Flange assemblies shall consist of a metal back-up flange or ring and a polyethylene flange adapter. The back-up flange shall be slipped over the pipe profile flange adapter and then be fused into the plain end pipe.
- E. Mechanical Joint:** Mechanical joints are to be made with stiffeners which are inserted into the HDPE pipe. Stiffener manufacturer's directions shall be followed when installing stiffeners and mechanical joints. Stiffeners shall be Romac Industries 501-H & RC501-H or equal.

- F. **Restrained Mechanical Joints:** Restrained mechanical joints shall be made using mechanical joint adapters manufactured by Performance Pipe, or equal.
- G. **Vacuum Breaker / Air Relief Valve:** A combination air relief and vacuum breaker valve shall be installed at high points and grade changes within the force main piping as specified on the plans. The valve shall be as manufactured by Cla-Val, Model Number 36WW, or approved equal. The valve shall be mounted in the vertical position on the top of the pipeline with an isolation valve installed below each valve to allow for maintenance of the valve. The valve shall be installed in a vault or manhole which has adequate drainage and venting.
- H. **Plug Valves:** Plug valves shall be used on sewage, and shall be furnished complete with operators and accessories shown on the Drawings or specified or both. Valves shall be of the eccentric, non-lubricated resilient seat type, designed for sewage at 125 psi working pressure and shall have mechanical joint ends. The valve body shall be semi-steel conforming to ASTM A 126, Class B. Seats shall have a welded-in or cast overlay of not less than 90% pure nickel on all surfaces which will contact the rubber seating area. Upper and lower plug stem bushings shall be of stainless steel and permanently lubricated. Valves shall be manufactured by DeZurik, Clow or equal. Extension stems shall extend from the valves to the connections with the operators. Operators for buried valves shall have extension stems, 2-inch square operating nuts and valve boxes. Extension stems shall be furnished for all buried valves to bring the 2-inch square AWWA operating nut within six inches of the top of the valve box. Operating nuts shall have an arrow cast on the top indicating the direction for opening the valve. Valve boxes shall be two piece, with covers. The bottom part of the valve box may be 6-inch cast iron pipe. The top part shall be of the sliding type sized to fit over the 6-inch pipe and be 36-inches in length. Valve boxes and covers shall be constructed of cast iron. The 6-inch pipe shall extend not less than 18-inches into the sliding top. All valve boxes shall be bushed and furnished with extension stem.
- I. **Manhole Protection:** Manholes where force mains are connected must be protected using a manhole liner equal to Spectrashield Liner Systems.
- J. **Valve Boxes and Lateral Stations:** Each service tap location shall be constructed in accordance with the detail shown on the plans and include an isolation valve at the main, a check valve with isolation valves on both sides installed in a large meter box as shown on the plans. A full port ball valve (Poly-Gas valve Fig No. 86111 as made by Nordstrom Valve, or equal, shall serve as the isolation valve at the main. Check valves will be 1-1/4" full flow flap type valves as manufactured by Nibco, or equal. Isolation valves for the check valve will include a full port 2-inch meter stop with locking wing.
- K. **Flushing Stations:** Each flushing station shall be constructed in accordance with the details shown on the plans depending on whether it is a mid line or end of the line station. Valves will be full port 2-inch meter stops with locking wings.

Implementation:

- A. **Unloading:** Equipment and facilities for unloading, hauling, distributing and storing materials shall be furnished by the Contractor and shall at all times be available for use in unloading materials. Delays in unloading railroad cars, unloading trucks, or hauling from freight terminal that incur demurrage, truck waiting charges or terminal charges shall be at the expense of the Contractor.
- B. **Handling:** Pipe, fittings and other material shall be carefully handled so as to prevent breaking and/or damage. Pipe may be unloaded individually by hand but shall not be unloaded by rolling or dropping off of trucks or cars. Preferred unloading is in units using mechanical equipment, such as forklifts, cherry pickers or front end loaders with forks. If

forklift equipment is not available units may be unloaded with use of spreader bar on top and nylon straps looped under the unit.

- C. **Distributing:** Materials shall be distributed and placed so as to least interfere with traffic. No street or roadway may be closed without first obtaining permission from the proper authorities. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain proper warning signs and obstruction lights for protection of traffic along highways, streets, and roadways upon which material is disturbed. No distributed material shall be placed in drainage ditches.
- D. **Storage:** All pipe, fittings and other materials which cannot be distributed along the route of the work shall be stored for subsequent use when needed. The Contractor shall make his own arrangements for the use of storage areas; except that, with permission, he may make reasonable use of the Owner's storage yards.
- E. **Joining Methods for HDPE Pipe:** The pipe and fittings shall be joined by butt or saddle fusion, mechanical joint adapters, or by flange connections in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. All joints shall be fused, not including connections to existing utilities, unless otherwise shown on Drawings or requested by the Owner.
- (1). Fusion: The pipe shall be joined by heat fusion of the ends. Prior to fusion the pipe shall be clean and the ends shall be cut square. Fusion system operators shall be trained in the use of the equipment by the pipe supplier or manufacturer of the fusing machine and be experienced in the operation of the equipment. All fuses shall be recorded, the recording of the information must be provided to the Owner, and the recorded information must meet the standard requirements of the pipe manufacturer. All fusions failing to meet these requirements shall be removed and refused.
 - (2). Flange: A flange assembly consists of a metal back-up flange or ring and a polyethylene flange adapter. The back-up flange is slipped over the pipe profile and the stub-end, or flange adapter, is then fused into the plain end pipe.
 - (3). Payment for HDPE pipe shall be made from the start of the pipeline to the termination point along the top of the pipe.
 - (4). Connection to Ductile Iron Pipe or Valves: Connections to ductile iron pipe and valves shall be by mechanical joints or flanges. All connections to ductile iron pipe or valves must be restrained.
 - a. Restrained Mechanical Joints: Restrained mechanical joints shall be made using mechanical joint adapters and shall incorporate a factory installed stiffener manufactured by Performance Pipe, or equal.
 - b. Flange: Flange connections shall be as described above in E (2).
- F. **Installation of Locating Wire and Detector Tape:** The Contractor shall be required to install locator wire along the entire section of pipeline and along all service connections. The locator wire shall be installed simultaneously with the polyethylene piping. Detector tape shall be installed by the Contractor once backfill has been placed and compacted to at least 12 inches above the top of the pipe and not more than 18 inches above the top of the pipe. Wire shall be properly spliced at each end connection and each service connection. Care should be taken to adequately wrap and protect wire at all splice locations. No bare wire shall be accepted. There will be no additional pay item for this work; it should be included in the Unit Price for installing polyethylene pipelines and services. No detector tap will be required where pipe is installed using a directional boring machine, but the locate wire still applies.

- G. **Backfill and Bedding:** Bedding for this material shall be as called for by ASTM D 2774 - 94. The trench width will vary depending on depth and the type of soil present. The bed width should allow for adequate compaction around the pipe. The excavated material, if it is free of rock and well broken up by the digging machine, may provide a suitable bedding material. Maximum particle size of Class I or Class II materials used for bedding, haunching, or initial backfill should be kept to ½" for smaller pipe (<8") and a maximum size of 1" aggregate for pipe diameters greater than 8". The trench bottom should be relatively smooth and free of rock. Objects that may cause point loading on the pipe should be removed and the trench bottom padded using 4-6 inches of tamped bedding. If an unstable soil condition exists, the trench bottom shall be undercut and filled to proper trench depth with a selected material. Contractor will install pipe in accordance with ASTM D 2774 Standard Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe, AWWA C906-90 (as amended), and the manufacturer's recommendations. Pipe shall not be installed in water or wet mucky soils, on rock or stony soil. When these conditions exist, Contractor shall remove the objectionable material to a depth of 6" below the pipes final grade and install crushed stone or other approved bedding materials. No extra payment will be made for bedding, the cost therefore to be included in the prices bid for sewers.
- H. **Cold (Field) Bending:** Contractor shall not bend the pipe to fit a trench more than that allowed by the pipe manufacturer.
- I. **Installation by Pulling In:** Contractor will submit to Owner maximum proposed pull in length for the pressure class and diameter pipe proposed to be pulled into an open trench. Pull in lengths will not exceed the maximum lengths recommended by the manufacturer for the class and diameter pipe. Final tie-ins should be made one day after pulling in to allow the pipe to recover from the stress of the pulling.
- J. **Installation by Horizontal Boring or Directional Drilling:** This work shall be done in accordance with Section 330523.16. Contractor shall install pipe by this method where directed by Owner or where shown in the plans.
- K. **Protection of Pipe Openings:** During installation, the Contractor will ensure that pipe ends that have not been fused will be protected against dirt, debris, animals, and other foreign materials. Plastic caps held in place with duct tape or other methods as approved by the Owner may be used.
- L. **Blocking and Restraining:** Contractor shall fully restrain the pipe through the use of fully restrained joints by means of butt fusion, M-J adapters, or flange adapters. Do not use thrust blocks with HDPE pipe installations.
- M. **Air Relief / Vacuum Breaks:** These valves will be installed in 4 foot diameter pre-cast concrete manholes at 2,500 linear foot intervals on long horizontal runs, at each downward leg of 30 foot or more of drop and at each ascending leg at 2,000 foot intervals, as well as where shown on the plans.
- N. **Flushing Stations:** These stations will be installed at 1,500 linear foot intervals, where two mains come together and at terminal ends in accordance with the details shown in the drawings.
- O. **Cleaning:** Before acceptance of any line, the line must be clean. If the Contractor fails to close the pipe or debris is found to be in the line, the Contractor shall clean the line by pigging or other suitable means at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall be prepared to pig all lines installed within this project in order to remove the HDPE pipe shavings, etc. The successful bidder must propose a method of pigging the lines for approval by Dalton Utilities before proceeding with any pigging operations. This request must be submitted in writing and shall be approved in writing by the Owner prior to line purging.

- P. **Testing:** Testing of HDPE will include destructive testing as well as final pressure testing to ensure no leaks are present in the line.
- (1) At the direction of the Owner, Contractor will perform destructive strap testing on selected fuses to determine if the fuses meet with manufacturer's requirements. Pipe used in this testing will not be installed in the Project.
 - (2) The testing of the HDPE pipe will be performed in accordance with AWWA C906-90 (as amended) and the manufacturer's recommendations. Contractor will submit a test protocol to the Owner for approval prior to implementing any testing.

END OF SECTION