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Utility And Governmental Allowances and Fees

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Recommendations:

When practical, and if needed, the specifications should include a bid allowance for water, natural gas, telephone, sewer, electrical taps, and underground electrical when the project requires fees to be paid.

Comments:

- A. Charges for water and sewer taps are extremely difficult to obtain from the regulatory agencies during the bidding period and the taps are frequently made on a cost plus basis.
- B. Be aware of acreage fees and water, sewer, and transportation fees; they should be paid by the owner directly.
- C. Architect should include above recommendations and comments A and B in Division One General Requirements and in applicable sections of the specifications.
- D. The architect should develop complete drawings and specifications for any and all roadway improvements required by the Department of Transportation or include an allowance for performance of this work.
- E. Investigate any possible import fees to be imposed by the county or municipality.
- F. Allowances: Bidders to verify if the allowance is for material or material and labor prior to bid.

End of JCR-39

This recommendation is the result of considerable discussion and deliberation by the Architect and General Contractor members of the Joint Cooperative Committee of AIA North Carolina and the Carolinas AGC. While its provisions are not binding on individual Architects or General Contractors, the committee believes that adherence to the recommendations will benefit the Owner and the Construction Industry in general.