

761—115.25(306A) Utility facility adjustments for highway improvement projects. Rules 115.26(306A) to 115.30(306A) establish administrative procedures for utility facility adjustments made necessary by state highway improvement projects. The purpose of these procedures is to adjust utility facilities with minimal delays or added expense. Rules 115.26(306A) to 115.30(306A) apply to all state highway improvement projects with the following exceptions:

1. Projects the department develops on an accelerated schedule.
2. Projects with no anticipated utility adjustments.

115.25(1) Should the department be responsible for the cost of a utility facility adjustment required for highway work, the department shall not pay for any betterment that results in an increase in the capacity of the facility or for any other adjustment not required by highway construction. The department is entitled to receive credit for the accrued depreciation on replaced facilities and the salvage value of any materials or parts salvaged and retained or sold by the utility owner.

115.25(2) Adjustment costs for which the department is responsible shall be paid on a cost reimbursement basis.

115.25(3) If adjustment of an existing utility facility occupying the right-of-way is required due to highway construction, the utility owner shall adjust the facility without cost to the state and, whenever possible, in advance of the highway work.