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Ms. Allen:

Thank you for your interest in transportation and your related question regarding utility accommodation along interstate routes. I would direct your attention to the Federal Highway Administration's guidance on longitudinal accommodation of utilities in the interstate system right-of-way online at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/guidutil_a.htm . This guidance recognizes that accommodation of utilities in a highway right of way may be in the public interest. State departments of transportation have flexibility in how they design and permit non-highway uses of right of way, but states must ensure safe and efficient operation of the transportation system.

Our office works closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to manage interstates in Illinois and the I-70 corridor that you mention. The IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment Manual has a chapter dedicated to utility coordination that is online at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/bde%20manual/bde/pdf/chap06.pdf>. IDOT Bureaus of Operation typically approve permits for utilities within the right-of-way and the I-70 corridor in the vicinity of Clark County would be managed by the IDOT District 7 office with permit and contact information online at <http://www.dot.il.gov/r4utilities/dist7utility.html> .

We hope this information is useful. Please contact me at the below phone number or address if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,
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