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Black Hills Power requests that the fence height exception for the Fifth Street Substation project be approved with the understanding that the fence material will consist of approved materials. Black Hills Power requires a fence that meets all safety and regulatory codes that are intended to protect the public from any hazardous equipment. At the same time, we are aware of our responsibility to do what we can to minimize the visual impact of the substation expansion. We are willing to work with City Representatives as well as the adjacent landowners to determine a fence material that would be suitable for all parties. Attached is our proposal to be installed around a portion of the substation. Black Hills Power is also willing to consider all reasonable alternatives that conform to the regulatory codes.

Fence Specifications

Black Hills Power requires, at a minimum, an eight foot tall fence on the outside perimeter of the substation. Additionally it is important that the fence is constructed in such a way to prevent unauthorized people from entering the substation.

Again, Black Hills Power requests that the fence height exception be approved with stipulations on the fence/barrier material. The fence height exception is the first step in obtaining complete City approval for the project. There are many details that will require attention before obtaining a building permit and that will provide ample time to work with the City and adjacent landowners in specifying a fence material.

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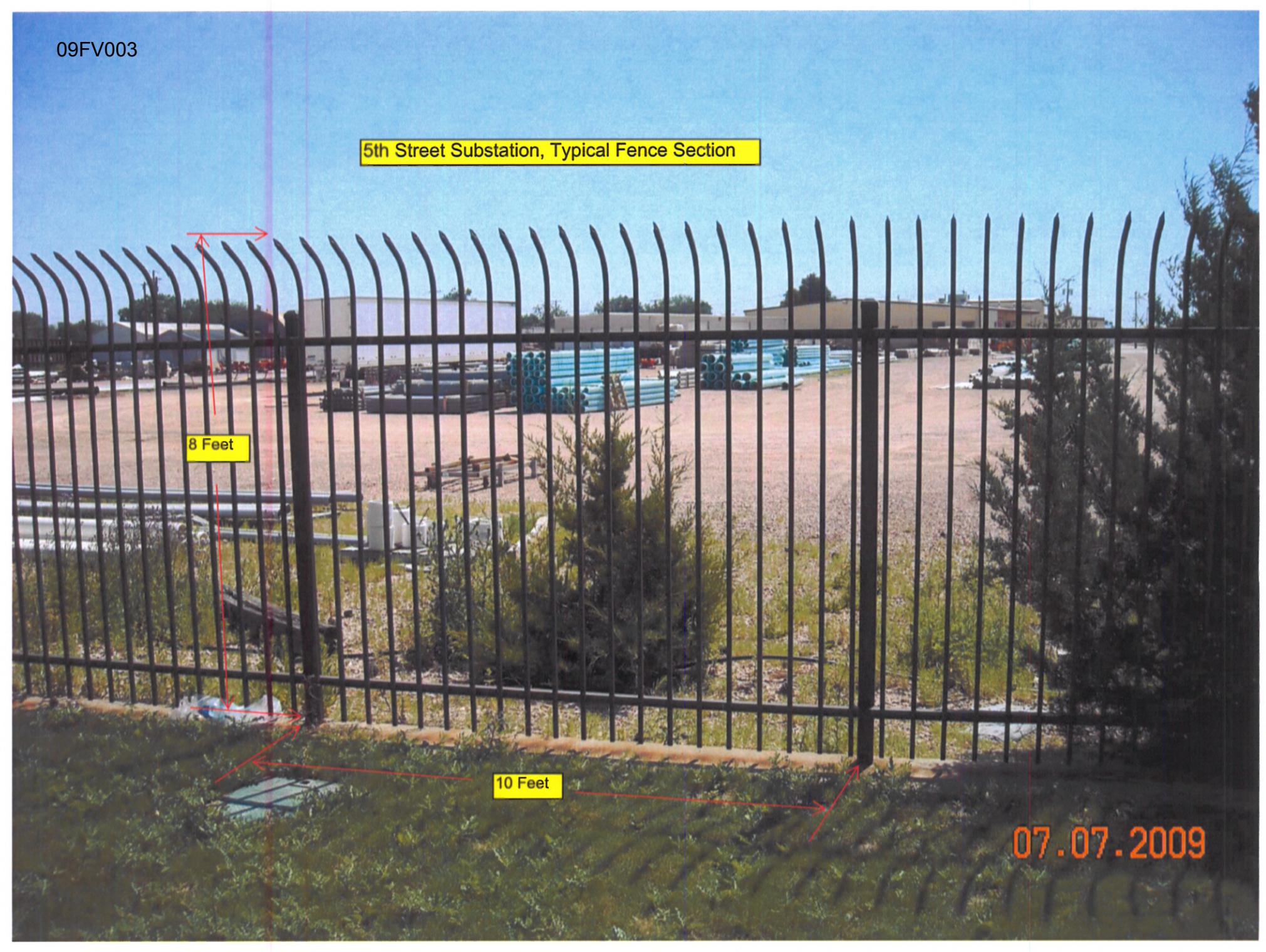
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5th Street Substation, Typical Fence Section

8 Feet

10 Feet

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5th Street Substation, Typical Corner/Gate Post



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