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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION HEARING

HELD BEFORE POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION:

ANDREA S. JACKSON, Chair (Not Present)

WILLIAM DWYER, Superintendent of Streets

STEPHEN LENKAUSKAS, City Electrician

STAFF:

ELIZABETH Y. LINT, Executive Director

AT: Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building
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(Meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Good morning.

This is a meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday, April 17, 2014. It's 10:05 a.m. We're in the Michael J. Lombardi Building, 831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room.

Chairman is out sick today. So before you, we have Bill Dwyer and Steve Lenkauskas, which is a quorum.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Move to accept the March 20 hearing minutes. On the motion?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

Any NSTAR? NSTAR is not here yet so we'll move --

Any public comment from any residents on any petitions for today?

I see none.

Okay. So Comcast?

If you come forward.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: We'll need a couple of chairs.

Want to grab a chair, please, and bring it up?

Thanks. We'll put you on the payroll.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: For Comcast, it's Five Magazine Street. From existing Comcast manhole on Franklin Street, trench 23 feet in the public way, installing one 4-inch conduit, ending at private property line of Five Magazine Street. This will include the removal and replacement of the brick sidewalk.

I believe this was continued from the March hearing for notification to abutters.

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: That's been completed?

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: That's been completed.

Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Was that submitted to our office?

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: I believe so. I have a copy of that.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All set with that, Liz?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Yep. That looks the same.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: This was, like you said, a continuation from last month, right?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: It was a late request.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Right.

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: I believe that's it.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So we continued, to have the abutters notified.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: I recall that.

Elizabeth, why don't we have the general conditions or usual conditions with the --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Yeah. I think we had said that at the last meeting, but can reiterate.

So it would be reapproved.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yeah. City permits, off regulations and site meeting prior to construction.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Thank you.

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Forest City Networks in regards to Albany Street.

For Albany Street, construct and install one-inch-and-a-quarter PVC for 60 feet from existing Verizon manhole 26/36 on Albany Street to the Level 3 joint trench part in a duct bank on Albany Street. Conduit will connect to Forest City inch-and-a-quarter conduit within the duct bank. Forest City will install number of feet of fiberoptic capable in the newly constructed manhole and conduit.

So you're cutting into that duct bank there?

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah. We're going to

intercept the conduit.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: What is the total route of that?

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: I'm not sure exactly where it's going to go from there. I believe it goes up Osborne Street and ties in in Verizon manhole 26/36. But the actual trench will just be that 60 feet.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Is there a license agreement with Verizon to --

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: -- for that section?

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: Yep.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Have you seen it?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I have not seen it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: We need a copy.

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: I do not have that with me, but I can --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: We would need that.

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: I can get you a copy of

that.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do we need one for the Level 3?

Have you been in touch with Level 3 --

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: -- in regards to this?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Is there any documentation on that? Any correspondence?

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: I don't have that with me today, but I can get that over to you.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah. We'd like to see the total route too. Would also like to include an inch-and-a-quarter for the city. We have presence in that joint trench also.

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: All right.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Move to continue, pending --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: -- the paperwork

correspondence from both Verizon and Level 3.

Motion to continue?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

FOREST CITY REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Teleport Communications.

Trail Street, install one 4-inch PVC conduit from an existing utility pole numbered CEL no. 3 to a proposed manhole at the intersection of Trail Street and Mount Auburn Street, a distance of approximately 192 feet.

On Mount Auburn Street, from the proposed manhole at the intersection of Trail Street and Mount Auburn Street, install one 4-inch PVC conduit to proposed manhole at the intersection of Channing Street and Mount Auburn Street, and then continue through manhole to another proposed manhole opposite the entrance of Mount Auburn Hospital, thence continuing in a southerly direction to a hand hole

on the property at 330 Mount Auburn Street, a distance of 660 feet.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: How are you?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Good. How are you?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Plan submitted with the paperwork? No?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Yes, there were. And I also emailed you and Steve.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I'm sorry. Your name again?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Ryan Martin.

Yeah. I physically submitted the plan as well. Handed them in with the application. I included three 8-and-a-half-by-11 copies and --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do you have this? It should have been attached? No?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: That's quite a project.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do you have a total route also? Once you come up the pole?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: That is the total route. It's coming off that pole.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: You have the existing facilities.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Yes, we do.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So you'll just keep tying --

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: It's fiber. It's fiber, yeah, and provide fiberoptics for --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do you have an enclosure on that pole?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: We'd be proposing a splice enclosure on that pole.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: To existing fiber?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah. We have a slack loop right there at pole 3.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Have you contacted

Cambridge Water where you're right aside or on top of that water main?

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: I've contacted them as far as getting the water and sewer plans and incorporating this. I haven't sent this for approval through Water and Sewer.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I think you should --

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: And the clearances are --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: -- make contact and have a meeting with Cambridge Water.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay. And the depth of our trench is like 36 inches. Are you talking about the surfaces to the house or the actual main?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Well, according to this plan, it looks like you're running on top of it for some distance or pretty much right -- pretty tight.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay. So

to verify the clearances that they require for that?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah. They may ask you to move over somewhat.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

That's fine.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Especially with the manholes going in fairly close to this stuff, almost right on top, what's shown here.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay. All right.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Actually, it might be a good idea to try to get a meeting with DPW and Water together. You could knock off everything at once, on-site.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I'd like to be included also when you meet out there.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: All right.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Either through email or if you want to come to it, this week -- next week will be a Tuesday morning construction meeting at the lower library auditorium.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: And all the players will be there. You could arrange -- meet with Steve and --

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: For the same day or just --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Somewhat unlikely, but maybe you could -- you know, you've got that email. Why don't you send out an invitation?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: They may want to put time aside after the construction meeting. It's a weekly construction meeting we have. Next week, it's actually on Tuesday because of the holiday. But typically it's Monday at 9:15 at the main library in the conference room in the basement.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: But if you email ahead, there's

a good chance you can get the meeting together for that afternoon. Construction, water.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: DPW, water and sewer, and yourself?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah. They'll all be there so a good time to catch them all together.

So I'd move that we continue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: I have a question, if you don't mind. Our office has been questioning why Teleport doesn't pay the annual maintenance fee, claiming that they're a subsidiary of AT&T, but Teleport's clearly separate. And we haven't been getting paid the annual maintenance.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: From Teleport or from AT&T?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: From Teleport.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: When I made application with Tricia Lewis, she had told me that it was AT&T that hadn't paid. Teleport was up to date.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Oh, okay. I take it back then.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Sorry.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: No. I cleared that before I even made application.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: That's good to know.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Because she's always --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: -- hounding me.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So AT&T has not, but Teleport has.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: That's what I was made --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So moving to continue, pending meetings with water, DPW and electrical in regards to the route.

On the motion?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Lighttower.

On Broadway, starting at existing Verizon manhole 26/81, place two 4-inch conduits to Verizon manhole 26/882A. Installation of one 4-inch PVC conduit and other supporting and protecting equipment along the following way: Broadway.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Have you been in contact with DPW on this one, right?

LIGHTTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Yes. Yes. They were supposed to meet next week to go over the proposed route.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: So you have a meeting set up with them?

LIGHTTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Next week. Either

Wednesday or Thursday. We haven't firmed up a day yet, but --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Preliminary.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Same thing with all your paperwork, license.

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: The license, we should. We were told that we should probably have that either this week or next week, from Verizon. And they told us that this week, so we should have it hopefully next week.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: And a complete route also.

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: You'll need a complete route?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah. Just to be sure that you have a full route, not any other digging or --

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Yes. They've actually approved the route already. We just need that final license, which we should have next week.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So the license will reflect the final --

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Correct.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: -- total route? Okay.

I'd like to see a copy of that.

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Given those conditions, I would move ahead with a continuation. Get everything in order. Sometimes Verizon's inconsistent.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So continue. Make a motion to continue, pending --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: That's what we feel most comfortable with.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So move to continue, pending the paperwork for the license agreements and the total route, along with meetings with DPW.

On the motion?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Do you want to be involved in that one?

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: As long as I see the paperwork and the route, I think I'm okay.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Then seconded. Motion seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

Thank you.

LIGHTOWER REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: NSTAR.

You made it around the traffic?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Crazy.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: The first petition's for Brookline Street, continued from the March 20 hearing. This was Brookline Street, northeasterly from pole 102/68, approximately 145 feet northeast from Putnam Ave., installing 41 feet of conduit.

This work is necessary to provide electric service to 280 Brookline Street.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: I just gave Elizabeth the new one. You didn't want us to go on the sidewalk so now

we're going on the street. So we repartitioned it to go on the street instead of the sidewalk because of the tree.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: We did talk about that.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I did ask that they look at that pole 66, if they could hit that. I sent -- asked them to take a look if they could possibly do that.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: I don't think we could go on that one. Glenn looked.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: That's a newly paved street, right?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Right.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: And the reason they wanted to go underground again was why? Is it necessary?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: We can't feed them overhead, I guess.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Oh. That would make it necessary.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do you have a reason why -- did he say why we couldn't hit 66?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: There's too much on it.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: There's too much on it currently?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: I had asked him when I came back the first time if we could do 66.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Move ahead, but it's repave the -- the section of that street is going to be pretty expensive to the client or whoever.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Do you want us to see if they'll pay for it first before you approve it?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Someone's got to take care of the paving because that's what the requirement is.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: So what? Curb to curb or --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: It would be curb to curb in that area.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: That whole block?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yeah.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: So if they agree, will it

be approved, or do we have to come back again?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: We need something in writing to show that they're going to pay for it, so --

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Do you want to approve it, pending a letter?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yeah. We could do that. That would be fine.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So on a motion to approve, pending a letter from the owner or the responsible party that will pave curb to curb in the area?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Okay. On the motion?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Does that go to you, Bill, the letter?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: We would need a copy.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: And if you could take a really close look at 66, I know there are switches on that pole, but I don't know if -- I think that was more of his concern.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: As an option.

Chauncey Street. Westerly from manhole 2748 approximately 63 feet west of Mass. Ave., installing 140 feet of conduit. This work is necessary to provide electrical service to One to Three Chauncey Street.

The petition was continued from the March 20 hearing. I think we were waiting for a letter of responsibility for paving also?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

DPW received that letter. So I didn't --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: So we received the letter?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: We would move to approve.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

The next petition is River Street. Westerly from manhole 809 at the intersection of Memorial Drive, installing two sets of duct banks on 170 feet times two. 340 feet of conduit on River Street southerly from manhole 809, the intersection of Memorial Drive, installing 60 feet of conduit, then heading westerly, installing 165 feet of conduit.

On Western Ave., westerly from manhole 69 at the intersection of Memorial Drive, installing 230 feet of conduit. This work is necessary for system improvement.

I believe this is a DCR or a DOT issue.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: DOT.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: DOT.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: It's not a city --

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: Correct.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: We can't approve conduit on the bridge.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: But when I emailed, you said to bring it here too. You said bring it for both.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Who said that to you? Who emailed that? Who said that?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Either one of you. I forget.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: I'll double-check, but I don't think so because we can't --

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: So just go to DOT --

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Might have been last month, just because we didn't --

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: It was quite a while back, I think.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Right. It was three months back, I thought we said it was a DOT, DCR issue.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: You're staying totally on the westerly side of the river, right?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Right.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: South side of the river.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: On Memorial Drive.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Coming back.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: And the bridge. Yeah.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: Okay. So just go to DOT?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yeah.

So I move that we refer this or actually withdraw the petition.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

Lexington Ave. Westerly from pole 435/19,

approximately 405 feet south of Huron Ave., installing approximately 40 feet of conduit. This work is necessary to provide electricity to 146 Lexington Ave.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: DPW fine with all of this? Just coordination with the project, the ongoing -- people involved with the ongoing project that's taking place on Huron B, Huron A section, Huron A contract.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Okay. On the motion from Bill Dwyer.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes. To approve.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Typical conditions too.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Cambridge Park Drive, easterly from manhole 3209, approximately 600 feet west of Alewife Brook Parkway installing approximately 26 feet of conduit. This work is necessary for system improvement.

Is that actually for system improvement or is

that --

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: No. This is for customer.
Service upgrade.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: At 165?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: Yes.

Yeah. It's for 165.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yeah. We're fine with the
typical conditions. DPW is good to go.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LINT: Anybody have anything
else?

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 2: We have one more.

NSTAR REPRESENTATIVE 1: But it's going to be off
the record.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Move we adjourn.

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Seconded.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: All those in favor?

COMMISSIONER DWYER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LENKAUSKAS: Yes.

(Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.)

I, VIRGINIA DODGE, Registered Diplomate Reporter,
Certified Realtime Reporter, do hereby certify that the
foregoing proceedings are true and accurate, to the best
of my knowledge and ability.

WITNESS MY HAND this 24th day of April, 2014.

Virginia Dodge, RDR, CRR