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IN RE: POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION HEARING

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS:

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George Fernandes, City Electrician

STAFF:

Elizabeth Lint, Executive Officer

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. LINT: Meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission, Thursday, February 19, 2009, 10:10 a.m. We're in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room.

Before you are the Commissioners: George Fernandes and Bill Dwyer. Richard Scali is not in today. There is a quorum of two.

MR. FERNANDES: We're waiting on some people from NStar who are on the way. I think I'm going to skip through this and go to --

MS. BARROSO: George, you can do it.

MR. FERNANDES: We can do it?

MS. BARROSO: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: We'll take the first one which is NStar Electric for Gurney Street, approximately 125 feet west of Fayerweather Street from Pole 3, a distance of five feet of conduit. This is also for Comcast. I think we were waiting for others. No Verizon?

MR. DESROSES: Is that by Gurney,  
Number 55?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. DESROSES: We did that way back.  
It was last year in August.

MR. FERNANDES: So Verizon is done.

MS. LINT: Verizon is all done.

MR. FERNANDES: Verizon did it last  
year in August.

Any questions with NStar? It's a pole  
underground.

MS. BARROSO: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Any transformers  
there?

MS. BARROSO: We can use the existing.

MR. FERNANDES: Comcast?

MR. VATALARO: We're just doing a  
lateral from the pole, five feet.

MR. FERNANDES: Is that a residence?

MR. VATALARO: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Same pole; right?

MS. BARROSO: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: To move this forward, second it.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: All in favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MS. LINT: Any conditions on that?

MR. DWYER: Conditions will be pretty much routine DPWs, to meet all specifications and permits, to pull the proper permits with the necessary department, be it in this case, Electrical and the Public Works.

If I could just ask one question: have you had a discussion with the contractor, I think it's Foxforms on-site, about the repair of the sidewalk? Are they doing that or are you folks doing that? Have you figured that into it?

MR. VATALARO: The contractor was doing the work.

MR. FERNANDES: I believe right now the sidewalk is petitioned and fenced into the private area.

MR. DWYER: So there's no SPOF  
involved?

MR. FERNANDES: Uh-huh.

MR. DWYER: Thank you.

MR. FERNANDES: The next is Massachusetts Avenue at Hancock Street, southeasterly from Manhole 365, turning and running southerly to Manhole 358, turning and running southeasterly to Manhole C300, a distance of about 968 feet of conduit, and rebuild Manhole 363.

MS. BARROSO: That was approved last month.

MR. FERNANDES: So you had your meeting?

MR. DWYER: We did. We had our meeting and things are moving forward with NStar, and the Public Works, and the contractor, and the engineer, and everybody involved, so we can move ahead with this. There's just permit conditions really involved in this. There won't be any SPOF, so to speak. They'll be tied into a major project.

MR. FERNANDES: Do you have a timeline for this to start?

MR. DWYER: No.

MS. BARROSO: No.

MR. DWYER: I guess the condition

would be in this one to meet DPW timeframe or timeline as far as having the work completed within that schedule.

MR. FERNANDES: According to Public Works approval.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: To approve the application, second it.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: To approve, yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes

MR. FERNANDES: Comcast at 17 Highland Street.

MR. VATALARO: That is still that issue of them -- we still haven't heard back if they're going to pay for it. We sent an estimate to the homeowner and we still haven't heard back. I called him two times and I haven't heard from him. So I'm not sure.

MS. LINT: That's an NStar petitioner as well.

MR. FERNANDES: I did talk to the owner at 23 Highland and he wants to remove this.

MR. VATALARO: He wants to take it off?

MR. FERNANDES: Take it off. He hasn't heard from his neighbor who wants to keep their property from this pole, but he wants to work on getting the pole relocated to his property. We'll remove it from the agenda and let him bring it in again.

MR. VATALARO: So it will resurface at a later date.

MR. FERNANDES: Right now, that pole is basically in the street. It's not behind the curb so you can't place any conduit to it. It either gets moved behind the curb or back to private property. So we'll see how that works out.

So those in favor, second it.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: All in favor? Yes.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: And that will be removed from the agenda.

MR. FERNANDES: We have NStar Electric for Fayerweather Street.

MS. DUFFY: We're going to continue this one.

MR. FERNANDES: Do we have applications in from Comcast on that?

MR. VATALARO: We're still putting the estimate together and I need to talk with NStar as far as --

MR. FERNANDES: On the trench?

MR. VATALARO: Yes, if there's any involvement. But I can put that off until next month if that makes sense.

MR. DEBOLE: Verizon's application for the same was filed this past Tuesday.

MR. DWYER: Can you make sure on the Fayerweather one, NStar, that DPW is involved in this before we come to an agreement, because it's such a long trench? We need to be involved in this before we get into this, before we go to Pole and Conduit just to have an idea what our options are.

MR. VATALARO: Jeya was --

MR. DWYER: Jeya would be the guy to contact.

MR. VATALARO: He was informed; he wasn't out there.

MR. DWYER: No, okay.

MR. VATALARO: We did run it by him.

MR. DWYER: Right. When you folks settle on what you think is the best route, get us involved at that point. Just give us a look.

MR. FERNANDES: To continue this to the next meeting, all in a favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: NStar for Jay Street  
to relocate a pole --

MS. DUFFY: This is continued also.

MR. FERNANDES: Still working with the  
owners to see where they're going to relocate?

MS. DUFFY: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Move to continue this  
to the next meeting.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Light Tower, is anyone here from Light Tower? This is Light Tower for Forest Street starting at the border of Somerville, place a fiber-optic cable from Pole 421 continuing for five pole sections to Pole 10. Forest Street, starting at Pole 10, continuing northerly for four pole sections to Pole 2 on Roseland Street.

MR. SARACENO: We're actually still waiting on the NStar permit on that one. We'd like to continue that one.

MR. DWYER: You have to speak up. We can't hear you.

MR. SARACENO: I'd like to continue that. We're waiting for a license, Mike Saraceno.

MR. FERNANDES: You're looking for a license from NStar. Is this going in the electric section or communications?

MR. SARACENO: This would be going through the electric section.

MR. FERNANDES: Electric section of the pole?

MR. SARACENO: Correct.

MR. FERNANDES: Move to continue to  
the next meeting.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: We have another for Light Tower for Bent Street, starting at Manhole 003. You want to place a fiber about 40 feet to the intersection of Fulkerson, continue through existing conduit to Manholes 004, and 005, and 006 for approximately 1,494 feet to the intersection of Cambridge Street.

I think you are looking to lease the conduit; is that what it is?

MR. SARACENO: Existing conduit, that's correct.

MR. FERNANDES: Do you have a lease agreement?

MR. SARACENO: We have a relationship with the owner of the conduit, XO Communications. I believe there's a letter that's been sent to the Commission several days ago. Actually, I have a copy of it too, attesting to that fact that we indeed struck a deal, and that we'll be offered rights to their conduit on Fulkerson. We'll in turn, provide them rights to fiber we have along Cambridge Street.

We used the word "swap" before.  
Commissioner Scali has been involved in the last several weeks trying to put together a deal so that the Commission could understand it cleanly.

MR. FERNANDES: Does he have any issues with that?

MS. LINT: He didn't say anything to me. There were a couple of e-mails that went back and forth.

MR. DWYER: Do you have a copy of that letter?

MR. PARELLA: Yes.

MR. DWYER: Thank you. Is there a time limit put on this?

MR. PARELLA: We certainly have a schedule that we've developed for when we're going to do the work, but as far as a time limit, I'm not sure.

MR. SARACENO: The length of the lease, 20 year term.

MR. DWYER: That's not mentioned in the letter. Lease agreements would usually have

parameters when they need to be looked at or renewed, or things of that nature.

MR. PARELLA: I think we purposely tried to avoid the indication that this would be a lease. We've never used that word. It was just an arrangement that we get to use something of theirs, they get to use something of ours. There was an understanding that since both of the assets were duly authorized to be there, it would be more of a business deal, but there's certainly a component of that that the Commission needs to be aware of.

MR. FERNANDES: I have the same question. What's the time limit on that? If it's 20 years, they should say.

MR. PARELLA: We could certainly amend the letter and add a little more detail to it. I would probably caution the Commission though. I'd say that language will probably come out saying there won't be a time limit on it. It's just a swap of assets. I don't know that they're going to impose any kind of a timeline on it, but again, we could certainly work with XO and get a better

letter.

MR. FERNANDES: I think I would like to continue this. Do you have a timeline for an installation?

MR. SARACENO: We wanted to pull it in the first week of March, as soon as possible.

MR. DWYER: Were you going to -- is there any kind of excavation going to take place for the connection to the lines?

MR. SARACENO: No, everything is existing.

MR. FERNANDES: You're going into 300 Bent Street.

MR. SARACENO: We're in 300 Bent right now. We're just tapping into our existing back on Cambridge and Bent Street. It's just a connection between the two.

MR. DWYER: I think we would like a little time to review.

MR. FERNANDES: I'm going to move that we continue this until the next meeting, unless we get further information. In the meantime, you can

send that in, and if it meets the approval, we can possibly give you a verbal on it.

MR. PARELLA: Okay. We appreciate that.

MR. FERNANDES: On the motion to continue.

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. PARELLA: Thank you.

MR. FERNANDES: Next on the agenda is Verizon for Wheeler Street, the northerly side of Wheeler Street, place Verizon lines into conduit placed by contractor for Pole 3 on Wheeler to 555 Concord Ave.

MR. DEBOLE: Again, it's a short four-foot dig, just across the sidewalk to have an access.

MR. DWYER: Other utilities? I guess Comcast is not interested. Okay.

MR. DESROSES: You know the old Ground Round, George?

MR. FERNANDES: It's going to be a grocery store, isn't it?

MS. LINT: Trader Joe's.

MR. FERNANDES: Are you in favor?

MS. LINT: There's also a strip of liquor stores moving into one of them.

MR. FERNANDES: So there is no Comcast then?

MR. DWYER: They just scooted.

MR. FERNANDES: On the motion, second

it?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MS. LINT: Any conditions?

MR. DWYER: Routine permit conditions,  
permit, SPOF regulations.

MR. FERNANDES: On the motion.

MR. DWYER: Yes, move ahead.

Approved.

MR. DEBOLI: Thank you very much.

MR. FERNANDES: Next is Next G.

The first item is permission to install telecommunications equipment on one steel utility pole and provide a fiber-optic cable connection and electric power to the equipment.

MR. JOVANOVIK: On this one there was an objection to installing additional new trench in Prescott Street, so we've been trying to find a workaround for that, and Tony can give an update.

MR. ADAMS: We went back to Verizon and asked if they would look into the conduit records. What they'll need to do is do an additional field search, but it looks like we can get it from 310 feet of excavation, down to 130. So I made a revised drawing, copies of it. The good thing about this is we don't have to excavate under Kendall Square there, which I'm sure that's what you didn't want us to do.

MR. DWYER: Kendall Square, I thought we were talking about --

MR. FERNANDES: This is Prescott.

MR. ADAMS: I'm sorry. It's a very

similar situation. On Prescott Street, we went to Verizon and asked if they would do some additional research. They have to do the physical research to know for sure, but we revised the plan. Instead of 448 feet of excavation, we remove a long trench off Broadway that we aren't going to do. There's just a little piece. And it goes from 448 to 250. I have revised drawings of that.

MR. DWYER: There's 250 feet of excavation on Broadway?

MR. ADAMS: No, no. I'll send the drawings along. The majority of the Broadway piece is now removed.

MR. DWYER: Oh, removed.

MR. ADAMS: We got to a closer manhole. The problem is probably Verizon will have to do some remediation to take old cables out for this to work, but we're going to push for them to do that, if possible.

MR. DWYER: That's not a bad thing. Okay, I see where you are.

MR. ADAMS: You can still kind of see

the old line that used to go down.

MR. DWYER: On Prescott Street, you're looking at 250 feet of existing conduit?

MR. ADAMS: That would be the new trench.

MR. DWYER: The black dotted line?

MR. ADAMS: The black and then it kind of meets the red one which is the extra piece that we had to -- you know, where we're going to be near the gutter on Broadway.

MR. DWYER: It meets the red one out on Broadway, you're saying; right?

MR. ADAMS: Yes.

MR. DWYER: It shows here it's electric. Oh, I see. Okay. I do see that. You're going to tie into a manhole there at Prescott.

MR. ADAMS: We're going to tie into that Manhole 117 on Broadway, so we do have to do the red one too. That's new excavation as well. It's the one on the quarter, kind of a small type of trench, and we give one of those conduits out to

the City, unless George asks for a four-inch, then we give you the four-inch, whatever you prefer.

MR. DWYER: You might be subject to a five year moratorium on this.

MR. ADAMS: On this section of Broadway at Prescott?

MR. DWYER: Prescott, yes. It's going to be close.

MR. ADAMS: We contemplated going -- it's close? All right.

MR. DWYER: I will check the timeframe but it could be close.

MS. LINT: Your petition is for Cambridge at Prescott not Broadway at Prescott.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: Once we get the final segment, we will revise it to reflect exactly what it is.

MR. ADAMS: The reason it reads like that is because the pathway continued down to the end, Prescott aerial to Cambridge; right?

MR. JOVANOVIICH: Right.

MR. FERNANDES: So question: On the

end before us is Cambridge and Prescott?

MR. JOVANOVIĆH: That's the node pole location.

MR. FERNANDES: And it's a steel utility pole. So do you have an agreement with NStar to utilize this yet?

MR. ADAMS: They didn't finalize the issue with that. There's a design issue that is preventing us to move forward with that right now. Although there are -- well, you know some of the discussions we've been --

MR. JOVANOVIĆH: I think the question is that out of the guy poles in the same agreement for attachments, they are categorizing them as distribution poles, even though they're not. So that gives us the ability to include them in the agreement and attach to them.

MR. FERNANDES: If we approve them to do so, which --

MR. JOVANOVIĆH: If you approve to do so.

MR. FERNANDES: I don't think that's

going to happen. It depends on the design.

MR. ADAMS: My take on it from conference calls and discussions we've had is there's a technical issues that needs to be figured out first before we proceed with that. Once the technical issue gets ratified, then we'll submit for the formal approval. You've seen some of the sketches and different things.

MR. DWYER: Can I ask a question on the layout here? From Manhole 117, it shows an existing line coming out of 117, bending, if you will, to the west, and heading up Prescott Street; right?

MR. JOVANOVIICH: Yes.

MR. DWYER: And then you tie your black line into that red line.

MR. ADAMS: The red and the black are supposed to be the same.

MR. DWYER: It's all proposed?

MR. ADAMS: It's all new, yeah. And in total it's all 250, the whole red and the black together are 250 feet.

MR. DWYER: You really think you're going to be able to fit another conduit into that run without disturbing the existing conduit in place.

MR. ADAMS: That's a small conduit. We have the manhole butterflies. We would have liked to have used that conduit but it's small. There's only two ducts there. The Verizon one that goes up Prescott Street, you mean?

MR. DWYER: Yeah.

MR. ADAMS: That one where we go right next to it?

MR. DWYER: Right.

MR. ADAMS: It looks pretty small from the manhole butterfly. It's full too. We took your advice and asked --

MR. DWYER: I thought you just said that they're going to remove the old conduit, the old cable.

MR. ADAMS: That's in the section on Broadway. The Broadway section has more ducts. I actually have the butterflies with me. What

happened on Broadway --

MR. DWYER: If they're moving old cable, why are you putting new conduit in?

MR. ADAMS: We're not on Broadway. On Broadway, which is a larger duct bank than on Prescott Street, they have some old cables that can be removed. That's not the case on Prescott itself. Initially, we were going to dig all the way down to Manhole 118 way down here on Broadway, but what they're saying is instead, they're going to try -- and this vote should be contingent on this. If they can take out those old copper lines, we wouldn't have to go to 118, we could go to 117.

MR. FERNANDES: What we should do is on the item before us is vote on that, and I would vote that we continue that, because you don't have an agreement with NStar to utilize the pole yet. Then on this application -- you have to do an application for a trench.

MR. ADAMS: An application for a new trench, correct.

MR. FERNANDES: So you have to bring

that. It's not on the agenda.

MR. ADAMS: It was on the agenda already, wasn't it?

MR. JOVANOVIICH: We are asking to provide fiber-optic cable connection. We asked in general because we weren't sure.

MR. FERNANDES: So now it's an excavation so you've got to go through the process.

MR. ADAMS: This excavation was in the December, one of the December things, and we're making it shorter now.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: I guess we're looking for some direction. Are we on the right path with this reduced amount of excavation?

MR. FERNANDES: I would say, but you should do a new application and bring it forth, and we can talk about it in the meantime.

So on the item before us for Cambridge at Prescott Street, moved to continue until the next meeting. In favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes. We should have a meeting at DPW.

MR. ADAMS: Okay.

MR. DWYER: Just looking at the scale, it looks awful tight. We need to talk about how physically you do this. It does look awful tight in there to put more pipe in there. I know they're only an inch and a quarter but you've got water, cable, the T -- what's T stand for?

MR. ADAMS: Telephone.

MR. DWYER: What's TL stand for then?

MR. ADAMS: Telephone and telephone, look at that.

MR. DWYER: Maybe you don't need to dig.

MR. ADAMS: We did meet specifically with Verizon on this one to utilize the existing.

MR. DWYER: But Verizon is like an antique collector; they hate to give up anything. You've really got to prod them and it might work out for you in the long run.

MR. ADAMS: I know we saw their machine that takes out the copper and cuts it as it takes it out. We're kind of pushing to get that

going in some of these areas to help us.

MR. DWYER: You folks have done a nice job with whatever you've excavated, and paved, and all that, so it's really not a question of that. It's just the disturbance factor I'm looking at. There would be less disturbance if you could go a different direction here, that's all. Less intrusive. It's been an awful busy area the last 12 years in that neighborhood. They've gone through a lot of construction in the last 12 years between DPW and Harvard and communication companies. So we'll continue?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes. We'll continue until the next meeting.

MR. FERNANDES: The next item is Next G for Main Street, Main Street at the intersection of Wadsworth. Permission to install telecommunications equipment on one steel utility pole and provide a fiber-optic connection and power to equipment. The pathway consists of about 330 feet of new conduit along Main Street connecting with Verizon Manhole 88.

So this was continued because there is going to be work done on that roadway, that intersection.

MR. JOVANOVIK: There is going to be work done on Wadsworth Street but I recall that the objection was to the trench on Main Street. So Tony will say how we're trying to minimize that.

MR. ADAMS: This is the same scenario where we would go to Verizon and say can we not use this run, or can we extend our run down to another manhole to eliminate digging? So the drawing I have here shows -- and this would be also contingent, because they still have to go out and physically do the final checking on this. The run

would go from 330 feet to only 130 feet, and you can kind of see where the old pathway was and now it's a much shorter one. Now you're just talking about right around the corner of Wadsworth and Main Street. And you'd be going up to Manhole 26 over 24 instead of the original plan which went all the way down and over to 26/28, which is underneath the Kendall Square area there, which I'm sure you didn't want excavation there.

MR. DWYER: Unless you're going to redo the whole Square which needs to get done.

MR. ADAMS: Is that Z brick in there? Is that where the Z brick is?

MR. DWYER: It's a lot of different types of tile brick from two generations ago.

MR. FERNANDES: Is there a steel guy pole here or there is none?

MR. ADAMS: There's two nodes on this pathway. One is at sort of the end of Wadsworth Street, which is the wooden pole. It's not on that drawing. You know the one we were talking about on the corner. And the other is the steel guy pole on

the corner. So we have the same technical situation with the design from the steel guy pole.

MR. DWYER: You want to come out of a manhole on Main Street; is that what I'm seeing?

MR. ADAMS: Yes.

MR. DWYER: In the center of Main Street is it?

MR. ADAMS: If you see the curb line, it's closer to the -- it's not a very wide street right there, but it's a little bit closer to the western curb line of Main Street.

MR. DWYER: The telephone line that runs down Wadsworth, crosses Main Street, and keeps on going, shown in this plan; it's right near there?

MR. ADAMS: It's the red one. The one in the red is where we're coming from and that continues down.

MR. DWYER: If Wadsworth Street were extended, that's the telephone line I'm talking about.

MR. ADAMS: Down here?

MR. DWYER: The other way. I'm trying to figure out where your manhole is that you're tying into.

MR. ADAMS: It is going to come down this way.

MR. DWYER: Where does the dig start?

MR. ADAMS: The dig starts at this Manhole 26/24. I see what you're saying, and then it goes down and -- I got you. It ends up --

MR. DWYER: Oh, I didn't see that. I'm sorry. Okay, I understand now.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: We should put arrows.

MR. DWYER: I didn't see it bend. It's like whited-out on my plan.

MR. ADAMS: And this is one that we have to sit with you Bill on this too, to go over the finer points of the trench. And there's still the issue with making sure Verizon can clean the conduits that we need. They have been very cooperative on these, probably because we're getting towards the end. We're very close to the end of the project.

MR. JOVANOVIĆ: So what we wanted to do is bring you up to date on our progress and ask for a continuance.

MR. DWYER: We appreciate it.

MR. FERNANDES: So on the motion to continue until the next meeting?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Next G for Wadsworth and Amherst. Permission to install telecommunications equipment on joint owned wooden Pole No. 7, and provide a fiber-optic connection and electric power to the equipment. The fiber pathway consists of 300 feet of aerial attachments and 50 feet of underground conduit along Wadsworth Street connecting Next G Node 2e-28i.

MR. ADAMS: The underground trenching that we just talked about in the earlier matter goes to the steel guy pole. It also goes to a wooden pole. From the wooden pole, you'd go down three spans and then you'd be at this wooden node pole that Kosta just mentioned.

MR. FERNANDES: You have two nodes in that one block.

MR. ADAMS: Yeah, which is not typical. We don't typically have them that close but it's a really tough area to find structures in, usable structures. This node was originally father down but the poles were scheduled to be removed, so we had to pull it up Wadsworth Street a few spans.

MR. FERNANDES: So this as well should be continued. You need the Main Street piece of this to --

MR. ADAMS: The excavation on Main Street, which is what we need to do the final check with Verizon for the duct would affect this one, but the steel guy pole technical issue would not. Hopefully, if that issue gets mired down, we won't lose the ability to do this with the excavation.

MR. DWYER: I agree with George.

MR. FERNANDES: So motion to continue to the next hearing. All in favor?

MR. DWYER: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MR. FERNANDES: Next G, install telecommunications equipment on one utility guy pole near the northeasterly corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Dana Street, and provide a fiber-optic cable connection and electric power to the equipment. This includes 940 feet of aerial fiber beginning at intersection of Hancock and Center Street, proceeding westerly to Dana, and then southerly on Dana Street to the node.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: Our previous candidate for this location was at the corner of Bay Street and Mass. Ave. but that particular pole was deemed not to be usable, so we moved over to Dana Street as the next best alternative. In order to reach that location, the feed would be entirely aerial, no excavation involved.

MR. FERNANDES: We also have a letter from an abutter on Center Street questioning the use of the poles on Center Street and/or Dana for cable attachments. He's concerned that the condition of the poles on that street would not support the equipment and additional cables to be

installed. I don't know if there is any upgrades and make-ready work in the street.

MR. ADAMS: We walked it with NStar already and I can provide that information to you.

MR. FERNANDES: We have to continue this as well because it's the same issue with the guy pole.

MR. ADAMS: The technical thing with the guy pole.

MR. FERNANDES: We would like information on the make-ready work in this area to see if there are improvements to existing conditions that would allow you to install your equipment.

MR. JOVANOVIK: Could you provide us a copy of the letter?

MR. FERNANDES: Yes.

MS. LINT: I have a copy upstairs.

MR. FERNANDES: I should have that in e-mail.

MS. LINT: Chris just sent it to you.

MR. JOVANOVIK: We sent out about 180

abutter notifications, give or take a few.

MR. FERNANDES: On the matter to continue to the next Pole and Conduit hearing, yes?

MR. DWYER: Yes, second it.

MR. FERNANDES: That's it for Next G.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: Thank you.

MR. ADAMS: We probably should say on the record that we are very grateful for the assistance you gave us over the last two weeks to get our final placements and splicing done. We're grateful for that. Thank you.

MR. DWYER: Funny you bring that up. I had asked you a question why we have permits at our permit desk that are expired if you're so anxious to get work done?

MR. ADAMS: Some of the more difficult locations were on DCR property and on Mass. Ave., so what we had to do is go to another party to get some cable prepared on our behalf. Remember the whole Verosity tie-ins that we had? That project is what is left to splice. We didn't really have ultimate control over access into those manhole

structures. That's what those permit extensions were for, those two. We didn't get everything spliced but we got I'd say 85, 90 percent of it done for the network, which is a lot. Those are not major splice points.

MR. DWYER: I know.

MR. ADAMS: Those are the tails that we're tying into a third party, and to make the excavation less and there's kind of an access issue with that.

MR. DWYER: It just struck me that everybody is working hard to get this thing moved along and the permits sit, but I understand.

MR. JOVANOVIICH: We got involved with a ten-day waiting period that was unanticipated.

MR. ADAMS: The splice cases that are existing for that third-party are inside Level 3's manhole. Level 3 gave the approval to do the excavation, but they're holding off on the approval to do the splice. It's frustrating for us because those three locations are very important to us, but we have to respect the agreements that are in

place.

MR. DWYER: Understood.

MR. JOVANOVICH: Thanks again.

MR. FERNANDES: Next is Abovenet Communications.

MR. BRESNAHAN: Good morning.

MR. FERNANDES: Good morning.

MR. BRESNAHAN: I'm Neil Bresnahan from Abovenet Communications. I was hoping to have the license in hand from Verizon by the time of the meeting, but they sent us a letter stating they're not going to have the make-ready work until the 26th.

MR. FERNANDES: This is the one going from Third at Hurley Street, down Hurley to First, to 25 First Street, which is the Davenport Building.

MR. BRESNAHAN: Yes. There's no excavation at all, it's just a cable pole.

MR. FERNANDES: So you leasing that conduit would give you access right into the building?

MR. BRESNAHAN: Yes.

MS. LINT: It won't be ready until 02/26.

MR. FERNANDES: Motion to continue until the next meeting. Second?

MR. DWYER: Second.

MR. FERNANDES: Yes. So we'll continue it to the next meeting in March.

MR. BRESNAHAN: I'll try to have the application in hand obviously before then.

MR. FERNANDES: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BRESNAHAN: Thank you very much.

MS. LINT: That's all I have.

MR. FERNANDES: We now adjourn the meeting.

(Whereupon, the proceeding was concluded at 11:06 a.m.)

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