



City of Aurora Corporation Counsel
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Dear City of Aurora Corporation Counsel,

I am writing to inform you that On Light Aurora (OnLight) is in substantial agreement with the provisions of the Master License Agreement Template document emailed to us by Stephane Phifer of the City's Planning & Zoning Division on May 2, 2017. We would like to request one (1) change to Section 7.1.2.

Presently, that section reads: "Within the I-88 Technology Corridor: Within the first sixty (60) days following the approval of this Agreement, no more than one (1) Site-Specific Permit Application may be filed by the Communications Licensee. Thereafter no more than two (2) Site-Specific Permit Applications may be filed by the Communications Licensee within any sixty (60) day period, unless said restriction is waived in writing by the City Representative".

We respectfully request that the number of site specific permit applications for poles allowed in the I-88 Technology Corridor in immediate proximity to the CME be increased in the first two years of the **MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS AND POLE MOUNTED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF AURORA** for up to four (4) new poles to be sited by OnLight as a neutral and unbiased communications carrier focused on community development and improvement rather than a trading firm that is operating its own proprietary network.

The primary motivation for our request is to:

1. Collaborate with the City of Aurora to insure safety, appearance, and community standards are met
2. Act as a fair and equal provider to the multiple financial trading firms (within our best efforts) therefore discouraging any one firm gaining undue advantage over others *and* limiting the need for a proliferation of single use poles
3. Enhance the ability and success of the CME and other financial firms doing business in Aurora.

Background

Financial trading firms want new poles close to the CME to lower the network latency for their communications. Latency is the amount of time it takes the first packets of data in a communication message to travel from its source to its destination. Low latency is a highly important network attribute for communication messages that buy and sell options on the CME's Globex trading platform located at 2905 Diehl Road in Aurora. The traders with the lowest latency network connection to the CME have a winning advantage.

Two extemporaneous communication poles recently established in close proximity to the CME are owned by trading firms who operate their own low latency network and are striving to gain a faster trading advantage for their own account. By using their own poles to boldly improve their proximity to the CME, they sought an

advantage that would lower the latency of their buying and selling communications to the CME's Globex trading platform.

The CME is protecting itself against the proliferation of more such extemporaneous communication poles outside its building. It has restrict access to the handholds that it owns on the edge of its building's fence line to selectively block dubious fiber links from entering its building. The CME's three handholds contain conduit banks that are the entry point by which fiber networks enter the carrier rooms within the CME's building and from which they are connected to the Globex trading platform for trading activity.

OnLight has an existing point-of-presence (POP) in the west carrier room of the CME. Before purchasing that POP three years ago we had extensive dialogue and did considerable brainstorming with the senior managers of the CME and have sustained a regular dialog ever since by which we explore and review possibilities. We know that the CME prides itself on being fair and evenhanded and that their impartiality and trustworthiness are a vital asset in their business model. Therefore, we know that the CME also shares our concern for fairness and over proliferation of poles.

Therefore, OnLight wishes to assist the CME as a vitally important Aurora firm. To help, OnLight wants to apply for permits to establish up to four (4) poles outside the CME in the public right of way which will each support the microwave radio systems of up to ten trading firms per pole. This will create enough, new capacity for numerous trading firms to have lower latency access to the CME's trading platform.

Therefore, OnLight recommends and requests that the number of poles allowed in I-88 Technology Corridor in immediate proximity to the CME be increased in the first two years of the MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS AND POLE MOUNTED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF AURORA to allow for up to four (4) new poles to be installed for CME trading purposes by OnLight as a neutral and unbiased communications carrier focused on community development and improvement rather than a trading firm.

Sincerely,



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