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June 29, 2015

W. Scott Stoudenmire
Deputy Director Sustainable Development
City of Coconut Creek
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Re: Underground Utility Waiver for American Top Team Project

Dear Scott:

As you know, I represent the property owner and developer of the American Top Team project. Architect Eric Anderson has submitted an Underground Utility Waiver application requesting a waiver from the requirements of Sec. 13-142 of the Code of Ordinances to place the existing utility lines within the adjacent public right-of-way underground. As you know, all of the utility lines within the boundaries of the project are underground.

Sec. 13-142(e) establishes a waiver process and requires a statement from a state licensed professional engineer explaining why the underground placement of the overhead utility lines in the public right-of-way is technically infeasible. Submitted with this letter is a signed and sealed letter from Stephen F. Rollin, P.E. which explains that there are two sets of utility lines on the right-of-way: large concrete poles with major transmission lines that exceed the rated load of 27 KV (27,000 volts) and are therefore exempt from the underground requirement; and, secondary utility poles and utility lines that are parallel to the major transmission lines. As explained by the engineer, placing the secondary lines underground would not eliminate the overhead lines because the major transmission lines will remain. The location and size of the utility lines are very effectively shown on the waiver application.

The Code provides that a waiver of the undergrounding requirement may be granted by the City Commission after a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board for justifiable reasons including technical or practical infeasibility or impracticability or if the costs outweigh the perceived benefits. In this case, the costs for the small ATT site far outweigh any benefits of undergrounding the secondary lines especially since the main transmission lines will remain. The engineer has given you an estimate of \$175,000 to underground the secondary lines in front of ATT and has explained also that the average cost of undergrounding for others has been

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\$361/linear foot which equates to \$116,603 for the ATT site.

Subsection 13-142(e)(3) provides that if the City grants a waiver that City may require a contribution into the City's underground utility fund equal to the cost of placing the utility lines underground. In this case, both the \$175,000 estimated cost and the \$116,603 average cost of undergrounding the utilities in the public right of way far exceed the reasonable impact of this small development. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests that the City Commission exercise its discretion and waive the undergrounding requirements for the secondary lines without any financial contribution.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very Truly Yours

RICHARD G. COKER, JR.

For the Firm



June 8, 2015

Scott Stoudenmire City of Coconut Creek

Re:

Utility Waiver for Overhead Lines in Public Right of Way American Top Team Project

Dear Mr. Stoudenmire,

On behalf of the Owner, this letter is submitted as the detailed statement by a Florida licensed engineer explaining why it is technically infeasible to locate the utility lines within the public right of way adjacent to the ATT site.

The site is peculiar, in that it is located adjacent to a FPL substation. The lines exiting the sub-station are of extremely high voltage, requiring them to be placed on taller concrete poles. FPL will <u>not</u> consider burying these lines — only those secondary lines of lower (but still quite high) voltage are even a consideration. So even if the secondary lines (and the other utilities) are buried, there will still be the concrete poles for the high voltage, and FPL will require a series of power cabinets that will further be an eyesore.

Due to the location, the costs of burying the utility lines are way out of line with other similar developments. Based on the evaluation of Douglas Consulting, their opinion of probable construction cost of burying the secondary lines in front of the ATT property is approximately \$175,000.00 or \$542 per linear foot. However, they have also reviewed the average costs that other similar developments have been assessed for off-site utility lines and those costs have been substantially less. Douglas Consulting has been involved with the waivers for several of the recent developments – their study (see attached) concludes that an average of \$361 per linear foot is the appropriate average amount which would result in a cost of \$116,603 when applied to the ATT frontage of 323'.

Further, it should be noted, that the secondary lines along the frontage of the ATT property serve many properties in the area and not just the ATT site.

In light of the ramifications of the burial stated above, this waiver from the burial requirement is being requested.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Rollin, PE, Vice Presi

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FAE Consulting, PLLC

cc:

Eric Anderson

Dan Lambert, ATT

Attachments- (2)

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Project list in the city of Coconut Creek:

Casa Palma (550 linear ft) - FPL \$130,000

ATT \$20,000

Comcast \$10,000

Total Cost = \$160,000 / 550' = \$291/ft

4890 Frontage Rd (SR-7) (450 linear ft) - FPL \$170,000

ATT - \$25,000

Comcast - \$8000

Total Cost = \$203,000 / 450' = \$451/ft

North Broward RS (900 linear ft) - FPL \$275,000

ATT - \$16,500

Comcast - \$15,600

Total Cost = \$307,000 / 900' = \$341/ft

The average cost per linear ft for all three projects is \$361 /ft

OVERHEAD UTILITIES LOCATION PLAN

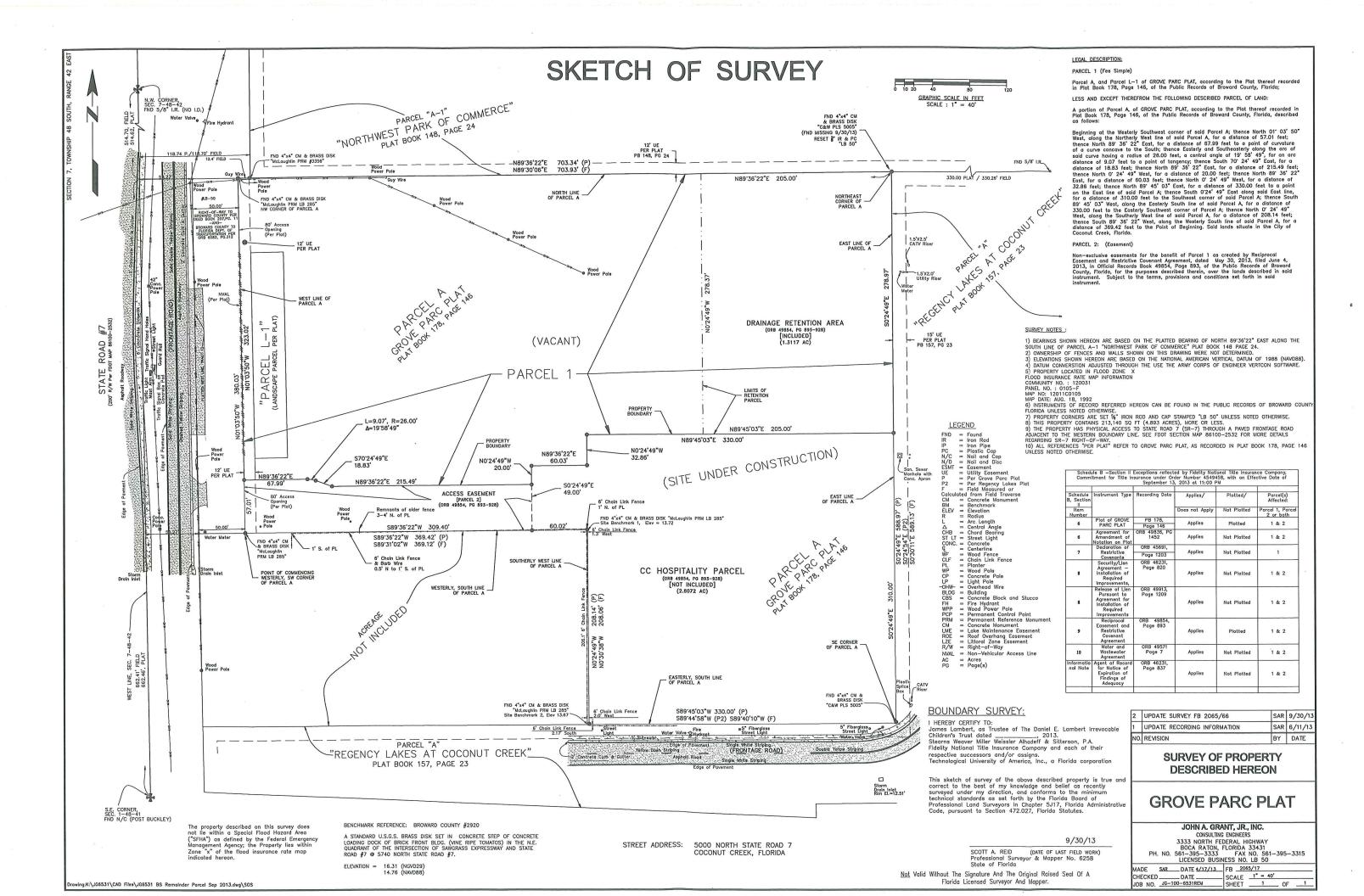
LEGEND:

EXISTING HIGH VOLTAGE POWER TRANSMISSION LINES

existing low voltage power transmission lines, phone, fiber & Catv

EXISTING POLE LOCATION AND NUMBER (PER IPL







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Scott Stoudenmire

City of Coconut Creek

Re: Underground Utility Waiver
American Top Team

Dear Mr. Stoudenmire,

On behalf of the property owner, this letter represents our formal request for the waiver of the requirement for burial of the overhead utilities that abut the subject property for the above project, located on the east side of 441, just north the *Sawgrass*. This waiver request is consistent with the recently-developed properties to the north of this site. While there are other utilities to consider (AT&T and Comcast), the consideration for the relocation of the power is the primary issue.

The site is peculiar, in that it is located adjacent to a FPL sub-station. The lines exiting the sub-station are of extremely high voltage, requiring them to be placed on taller concrete poles. FPL will not consider burying these lines – only the ones that are of lower voltage. Therefore, any effort to bury the lines will result in the taller poles remaining and the installation of ground-mounted cabinets that will be a considerable eyesore in the normal sightlines.

Attached is a letter documenting the anticipated costs for burying the lines across the site frontage. Due to the proximity to the sub-station, the ramifications of the burial will extend significantly beyond the ATT's site frontage, driving the cost significantly higher than those limited to the actual site frontage. FPL will not be willing to foot those costs. Such an effort will also be very time-intensive, with an anticipated period of 10-12 months to accommodate the design and installation.

For financial, practical and visual purposes, we respectfully request a waiver from this requirement.

Eric Anderson, Principal

cc: Dan Lambert, ATT

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December 3, 2014

RE: Grove Park Plat 441 s/o FPL substation Estimated Cost to Convert Overhead lines to Underground.

Dear, Mr. Matt Forget.,

A meeting was held with FPL engineering representative Charles Leikauf to discuss the process for gaining permission and cost estimate to complete start the conversion process and similar calls were made to ATT and Cable to gain their input. Typically AT&T /Cable will follow FPL's lead with trench locations with similar schedule requirements. Due to the proximity to the FPL substations this conversion will be more challenging that normal and will require extra care in timing and equipment needed to complete the conversion.

After a preliminary review of the existing over head utilities lines and discussions with the various unities, the following is a "ball park" estimate based on approximately 323 feet of trench to covert the overhead utilities lines to underground along US 441:

- FPL portion of the conversion est.'s cost \$ 148,825.00
- ATT portion of the conversion est.'s cost \$12,920.00
- CATV portion of the conversion, if any est.'s cost \$9,690.00
- Customer Cost to install joint use trench with proper separation & Conduit ATT & CATV portion- est.'s cost \$3230.00.

Total estimate \$ 174,665.00

This estimate is based on the dimensions provided; knowledge of the existing lines and on current construction cost and is a "best guess" estimate.

*Easement will be required.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Normand Lapierre

N.L. Electrical Distribution Design Inc.

cc. Dave Douglass, Douglass Consutlting, LLC.