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City of Ann Arbor
100 N. Fifth Ave,
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

City Clerk:

Fiber Link, Inc. has been retained by the Washtenaw County Government to construct a fiber optic cable network in and around your municipality to connect County Government buildings via fiber optic cable. The cable will be installed on existing utility poles located in existing utility easements and in some cases underground along road easements. The network will consist of a single cable with individual filaments to be used for telecommunications applications. The owner of this network will be an "Educational Consortium" named Washtenaw Educational Telecommunications System; consisting of Merit Network, Inc, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw County Government and Fiber Link, Inc.

Both the operation and ownership of the network is consistent with provisions contained in the Michigan Telecommunications Act. As required by the Michigan Telecommunications Act, a local unit of government is obligated to approve or deny access to the rights-of-way within ninety days. Therefore, we are hereby requesting on behalf of this "Educational Consortium" permission to access the rights-of-way indicated on the attached print. Since the Metro Act has been approved, what is the municipalities permitting process for the "Educational Consortium" permission since the Metro Act states that "A governmental entity, educational institution or utility who does not provide telecommunication service to outside third parties is exempt from filing a permit"?

Please send to my attention all required permit forms and specific instructions that apply to occupancy of the rights-of-way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 810-667-2891.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Snoblen
Vice President