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March 27, 2007

Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Hon. Members of the Common Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Retention of Special Counsel  
AT&T V-Rad Boxes

Dear Mayor and Council:

As you may be aware, there has recently arisen an issue regarding the indiscriminate placement of large utility/telephone boxes upon telephone poles on streets within the City limits of Danbury. The placement and manner of placement of these boxes has resulted in some increasing concern about their size, location, hazard to traffic and pedestrians, encroachment upon property and impact on curbs and sidewalks in the placement locations. This issue and these concerns have also been raised in Bridgeport and Stamford, and for the same reasons. While broad efforts have been made to try and resolve these issues, they have been largely unsuccessful, and this City, as well as the others, through their Public Works Departments or equivalents, continues to be gravely concerned about safety to its citizens because of these public intrusions.

Danbury, Bridgeport and Stamford have discussed jointly retaining special counsel Anthony McCloud to represent their interests in this matter directly to the State of Connecticut Department of Utility Control, the State division directly charged with utility control matters, including the placement of such utility devices. Bridgeport and Stamford have already formally retained Attorney McCloud through administrative processes, as their Charters do not require special permission of the legislative body. We do. Danbury Charter Section 6-4 permits the appointment of temporary counsel in special circumstances and where they deem it advisable to do so. In this case, and because Attorney McCloud has specialized in the kind of representation necessary in handling these kinds of matters before the DPUC, we feel it is not only advisable, but beneficial to retain him on a temporary basis in order to represent Danbury as well. If the municipalities retain him jointly, it will also lessen the cost of doing so, as his fee will be split evenly among the cities.

As the first order of business, attorney McCloud will petition the DPUC for an expedited hearing and a declaratory ruling on AT&T's right to place these V-Rad boxes, and the extent to which DPUC should regulate and monitor both past and future placement. At this point, we do not know for what length of time Mr. McCloud will be retained, but do not anticipate a long term commitment for this matter. Obviously, we will plan to keep you apprised of developments in the case.

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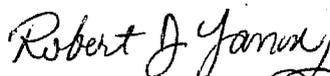
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Please approve the temporary appointment of Mr. McCloud as temporary counsel or this special matter. A brief bio-sketch of Attorney McCloud is attached hereto. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Corporation Counsel

Attachment

cc: Laszlo L. Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
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