

March 29, 2005

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 971236

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 971236, being a petition from North American Salt Company for a special privilege to allow the installation of underground conduit, which crosses East Bay Street, to link its computer network between the buildings at 1101 East Bay Street and 2001 South Lincoln Memorial Drive.

North American Salt Company initially petitioned for a special privilege to allow the installation of communications cables along City owned poles on East Bay Street in order to link its computer network between its two buildings at 1101 East Bay Street and 2001 South Lincoln Memorial Drive. After the petitioner had an onsite coordination meeting with Wisconsin Electric, now WE Energies, it was discovered that the proposed cables would not meet WE Energies' minimum height requirements, the applicant decided to bury the cables in an underground conduit. Said underground conduit runs parallel to the south side of East Bay Street on land leased to the North American Salt Company, by the Port of Milwaukee, and crosses the 66-foot wide public right-of-way of East Bay Street, at a point approximately 102 feet west of the centerline of South Lincoln Memorial Drive. Said conduit is buried a minimum of 3 feet below ground and has a cross sectional area less than 1 square foot. We were finally able to confirm its location and the formal approval can now be granted.

We are not aware that the presence of said underground conduit has had or will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow said items to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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