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August 23, 2016

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
New York Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

***Re: Matter 16-00935 — Response re 86-47 164<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, New York***

Dear Secretary Burgess:

I write on behalf of Verizon New York Inc. (“Verizon”) in response to the June 27, 2016 letter from Joseph Dubowski, Esq., counsel for Highland Hills Realty Ltd., the owner of the property at 86-47 164<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY. That letter claims that ¶ 4 of Verizon’s Verified Petition in this matter falsely alleges that “several unsuccessful attempts” were made by Verizon “to secure permission to start the proposed fiber-optic installation” in that building, and that the building’s “owner and/or managing agent received a letter from Verizon along with a Notice of Intent to Install Cable Television Facilities.” The letter goes on to allege “that no such alleged attempts were ever made,” that the Petition is “fraudulent,” and that “[i]t appears that it is routine for Verizon to fabricate a VERIFIED PETITION . . . .” It asks you to “refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutorial authority.”

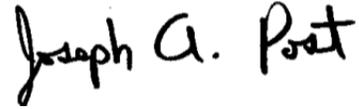
In fact, our records reflect that on December 1, 2015, a Verizon representative attempted to reach property manager Mr. Luis Guevara by telephone at 718-463-1934. The representative spoke with a receptionist, who asked that we send the documents by fax, which was done. A second attempt to reach Mr. Guevara was made on December 11, 2015. Again, our representative was unable to reach him, but left a voice mail. A third unsuccessful attempt was made on December 22, 2015, and again a voice mail was left.

Column H of Exhibit 1 to the Petition (erroneously referred to as Column G in ¶ 8 of the Petition) indicates that two letters were sent to Mr. Guevara, on November 20, 2015 and on February 12, 2016. The second of those letters was sent by certified mail. A copy of that letter, and a printout from the USPS website confirming delivery on February 16, 2016, is attached to this letter.

Honorable Kathleen H. Burges  
August 23, 2016

We trust that this fully addresses Mr. Dubowski's claims of "fraud[]" and "fabricat[ion]," and his demands for prosecution. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Post". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph A. Post

cc: Law Offices of Joseph Dubowski, Esq.  
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Douglaston, NY 11363

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<b>February 16, 2016 , 4:21 pm</b>	<b>Delivered</b>	<b>FLUSHING, NY 11358</b>
Your item was delivered at 4:21 pm on February 16, 2016 in FLUSHING, NY 11358.		
February 16, 2016 , 8:26 am	Arrived at Unit	FLUSHING, NY 11358
February 13, 2016 , 9:38 pm	Departed USPS Facility	BROOKLYN, NY 11256
February 13, 2016 , 6:39 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	BROOKLYN, NY 11256
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February 12, 2016 , 5:41 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TRENTON, NJ 08650

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February 12, 2016

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Property ID: 10830606-1  
Highland Hills Realty Ltd.  
35-35 166th Street  
Flushing, NY 11358-1722  
Attn: Luis Guevara

RE: Notice of Intention to Inspect, Survey and Install/Upgrade Cable Television Facilities and Service at:  
86-47 164, Queens NY

Dear Property Owner/ Manager:

I have been advised by Verizon New York Inc.'s ("Verizon") NYC Fios Real Estate Department of Verizon's unsuccessful attempts to inspect, survey and/or install Fios facilities at **86-47 164, Queens NY** ("Property"). Our records indicate that we have not yet been able to obtain access to the Property. The purpose of this letter is to restate and explain our need to gain access to your Property.

By way of background, Verizon is attempting to gain access to your Property because we have received a request for Fios service(s) from resident(s) in your building and/or resident(s) of another building on your block, and our access to your Property is necessary to provide cable television services to such residents. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide world-class voice, data and video services to area residents using a fiber-based network to deliver these services at unprecedented speeds and capacities. Your cooperation in allowing Verizon access to your Property will enable your tenants and/or other residents on your block to receive the services they want in a timely manner.

It is Verizon's position that under Section 228 of the New York Public Service Law and Title 16, Part 898, of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), Verizon has the right to install cable television facilities upon the Property. In addition, Verizon's Cable Franchise Agreement with the City of New York requires Verizon, subject to certain terms, conditions, and exceptions, to provide cable television service to residents in its franchise area who request it, and Verizon has a limited timeframe in which to do so. Verizon's ability to meet these expectations may be compromised by the delay we are experiencing in trying to gain access to and install cable television facilities at your Property.

Verizon's proposed installation will protect the safety, functioning and appearance of the premises, and Verizon will bear the cost of the installation of its cable television facilities. Verizon will also indemnify the landlord for any damage caused by the installation of Verizon's facilities. Verizon's policy is to work with you to arrange convenient dates for access and to reach agreement on engineering plans / designs for the Property. **Please contact Verizon's NYC Fios Real Estate Department at (888) 364-3467 within two weeks of receipt of this letter so that we may move forward with the process of bringing Fios to your Property and/or other properties on your block.**

If you believe that Verizon's installation of cable television facilities constitutes an undue "taking" of your Property, you may file a petition for "just compensation" with the New York State Public Service Commission under the procedures set forth in Section 228 of the New York Public Service Law and Title 16, Part 898, of the NYCRR. Please note, however, that the filing of such a petition does not delay Verizon's right to access your Property. The complete text of Section 228 may be found on the enclosed copy of the notice of Verizon's intention to survey/install/upgrade cable television facilities and service.

If we do not hear from you within two weeks as mentioned above, Verizon's Legal Department may be forced to file a Petition for Order of Entry to the New York State Public Service Commission, after which you will be afforded, per 16 NYCRR 898.4(b)(9), twenty days to answer the Petition and set forth any additional matter not contained in the Petition. The Petition will seek an order granting Verizon the right to survey for and/or install/upgrade cable television facilities and service at your Property. If you have specific legal questions about Verizon's rights under New York law or Verizon's Cable Franchise Agreement, we recommend that you consult with an attorney. You may also contact Michael Morano, Assistant General Counsel for Verizon's National Operations, at (908) 559-3332 to discuss legal issues or questions, but please be advised that he represents Verizon and cannot provide you with legal advice.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Alyson Seigal  
Manager, FiOS Franchise Assurance – New York City

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION

### TO INSTALL/UPGRADE CABLE TELEVISION FACILITIES AND SERVICE

PURSUANT to Public Service Law §228 and 16 NYCRR Part 898, Verizon New York Inc. intends to install/upgrade cable television facilities and service upon your property at 86-47 164, Queens NY. Verizon New York Inc. would like to perform this installation/upgrade on or after February 29, 2016. In the event of any damage to your property, Verizon New York Inc. will be responsible. More specifically, Verizon New York Inc.'s installation/upgrade plan involves the following:

Generally consist of building pathway from street to building and/or building to building basement(s), core drilling and placing vertical pathway, fiber hubs, terminals, and installing a horizontal molding or flexible duct system as required. Within these pathways fiber optic cable will be placed and spliced. Work will be performed in accordance with the Certificate of Acceptance of Proposed Work.

Verizon New York Inc.'s installation/upgrade should conform with the safety, functioning and appearance of the building in accord with the requirements of the New York State Public Service Commission law and regulations. Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the NYC Verizon FiOS Real Estate Department at 888-364-3467 or NYCFiOS@verizon.com.

The installation/upgrade of cable television service will likely enhance the value of your property, and there will be no charge to you for such installation/upgrade. If you believe the value of your property is not enhanced, you may attempt to seek compensation according to the procedures established by the New York State Public Service Commission as delineated on the reverse side of this Notice.

This Notice may be served, among other ways, by certified mail return receipt requested. If you have any questions regarding the New York State Public Service Commission's rules or regulations, you may write or call Verizon New York Inc.'s representative, or write or call the Secretary to the New York State Public Service Commission at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) or #3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350, Tel. No. (518) 474-6530.

THE LANDLORD'S RIGHT TO INITIATE A COMPENSATION PROCEEDING WILL EXPIRE FOUR (4) MONTHS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE OR FROM THE DATE OF INSTALLATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

DATED: February 12, 2016

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW

§228. Landlord-tenant relationship

1. No landlord shall (a) interfere with the installation of cable television facilities upon his property or premises, except that a landlord may require:

- (1) that the installation of cable television facilities conform to such reasonable conditions are necessary to protect the safety, functioning and appearance of the premises, and the convenience and well being of other tenants;
- (2) that the cable television company or the tenant or a combination thereof bear the entire cost of the installation, operation or removal of such facilities; and
- (3) that the cable television company agree to indemnify the landlord for any damage caused by the installation, operation or removal of such facilities.

(b) demand or accept payment from any tenant, in any form, in exchange for permitting cable television service on or within his property or premises, or from any cable television company in exchange therefore in excess of any amount which the Commission shall, by regulation, determine to be reasonable; or

(c) Discriminate in rental charges or otherwise, between tenants who receive cable television service and those who do not.

2. Rental agreements and leases executed prior to January first, nineteen hundred seventy-three may be enforced notwithstanding this section.

3. No cable television company may enter into any agreement with the owners, lessees or persons controlling or managing buildings served by a cable television company, or do or permit any act, that would have the effect, directly or indirectly of diminishing or interfering with existing rights of any tenant or other occupant of such building to use or avail himself of master or individual antenna equipment.

NEW YORK CODES RULES AND REGULATIONS – PART 898 –  
LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIP (Statutory authority: Public Service Law §228(1))

§898.1 Prohibition

Except as provided in section 898.2 of this Part, no landlord shall demand or accept any payment from any cable television company in exchange for permitting cable television service or facilities on or within said landlord's property or premises.

§898.2 Just Compensation

Every landlord shall be entitled to the payment of just compensation for property taken by a cable television company for the installation of cable television service or facilities. The amount of just compensation shall be determined by the commission in accordance with section 228 (1)(b) of the Public Service Law upon application by the landlord pursuant to section 898.5 of this Part.

§898.3 Notice of installation

- (a) Every cable television company proposing to install cable television service or facilities upon the property of a landlord shall serve upon said landlord or an authorized agent, written notice of intent thereof at least 15 days prior to the commencement of such installation.
- (b) The secretary of the commission shall prescribe the procedure for service of such notice, and the form and content of such notice, which shall include, but need not be limited to:
  - (i) the name and address of the cable television company;
  - (ii) the name and address of the landlord;
  - (iii) the approximate date of the installation; and
  - (iv) a citation of section 228 of the Public Service Law and Part 898 of the commission's rules.
- (c) Notice that installation of equipment has been completed may be served at any time on landlords upon whose property cable television service or facilities were placed prior to the effective date of this Part.

§898.4 Right of Entry

(a) A cable television company shall have the right to enter property of the landlord for the purpose of making surveys or other investigations preparatory to the installation. Before such entry, the cable television company shall serve notice upon the landlord, or an authorized agent which notice shall contain the date of entry and all other information described in section 893.3(b) of this Part. The cable television company shall be liable to the landlord for any damages caused by such entry but such damages shall not duplicate damages paid by the cable television company pursuant to section 228(1)(a)(3) of the Public Service Law.

(b) where the installation of cable television service or facilities is not effected pursuant to a notice served in accordance with section 898.3 of this Part, the cable television company may file with the commission a petition verified by an authorized officer of the cable television company setting forth:

- (1) proof of service of a notice of intent to install cable television service upon the landlord;
- (2) the specific location of the real property;
- (3) the resident address of the landlord, if known;
- (4) a description of the facilities and equipment to be installed upon the property, including the type and method of installation, the anticipated costs thereof, and the measures to be taken to minimize the aesthetic impact of the installation;
- (5) the name of the individual or officer responsible for the actual installation;
- (6) a statement that the cable television company shall indemnify the landlord for any damage caused in connection with the installation, including proof of insurance or other evidence of ability to indemnify the landlord;
- (7) a statement that the installation shall be conducted without prejudice to the rights of the landlord to just compensation in accordance with section 898.2 of this Part;
- (8) a summary of efforts by the cable television company to effect entry of the property for installation; and
- (9) a statement that the landlord is afforded the opportunity to answer the petition within 20 days from the receipt thereof which answer must be responsive to the petition and may set forth any additional matter not contained in the petition. Participation by the landlord is not mandatory, however, if no appearance by the landlord is made in the proceeding or no answer filed within the time permitted, the commission may grant to the petitioning cable television company an order of entry which order shall constitute a ruling that the petitioning cable television company has complied with requirements of section 228 of the Public Service Law and the regulations contained in this Part. If the landlord files a written answer to the petition, the cable television company shall have 10 days within which to reply to said answer. The commission may grant or deny the petition, schedule an administrative hearing on any factual issues presented thereby or direct such other procedures as may be consistent with the installation of cable television service or facilities in accordance with Section 228 of the Public Service Law.

§898.5 Application for just compensation

A landlord may file with the commission an application for just compensation within four months following the service by the cable television company of the notice described in section 898.3 of this Part or within four months following the completion of the installation of the cable television facilities, whichever is later.

§898.6 Contents of application for just compensation

An application for just compensation shall set forth specific facts relevant to the determination of just compensation. Such facts relevant to the determination of just compensation. Such facts should include, but need not be limited to, a showing of:

- (a) the location and amount of space occupied by the installation;
- (b) the previous use of such space;
- (c) the value of the applicant's property before the installation of cable television facilities and the value of the applicant's property subsequent to the installation of cable television facilities; and
- (d) the method or methods used to determine such values. The secretary may, upon good cause shown, permit the filing of supplemental information at any time prior to final determination by the commission.

§898.7 Service of Application

A copy of the application filed by the landlord for just compensation shall be served upon the cable television company making the installation and upon the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the real property is located.

§898.8 Responses

Responses to the application, if any, shall be served on all parties and on the commission within twenty days from the service of the application.

§898.9 Hearing and determination

- (a) If the commission finds that just compensation for the installation of cable television facilities as described in the application may be in excess of one dollar it shall conduct a hearing pursuant to section 216(3) of the Public Service Law.
- (b) An applicant may, within 20 days from the release date of the commission order which sets compensation at one dollar or less, file a written request for a hearing. Upon timely receipt of such request, the commission shall conduct a hearing pursuant to section 216(3) of the Public Service Law and Chapter I, Subchapter A of this Title.
- (c) If after the filing of an application, the cable television company and the applicant agree upon the amount of just compensation and the commission approves such amount, the commission shall not be required to conduct a hearing on the issue.