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Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Innovation, Technology and General Services Committee

Subject: **REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRIVATE LINE  
FRANCHISE RENEWAL APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF  
APPROVAL COUNCIL FILE NO. 98-1120**

This report is in response to an application received by the Information Technology (ITA) from the Regents of the University of California requesting the approval and issuance of the grant of a private line telecommunications facilities franchise by the City Council and Mayor. Pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code, ITA prepares recommendations to the City Council regarding applications and other actions to be taken by the City regarding information technology systems franchises that encroach upon the City's public rights-of-way.

### **Background**

A private line telecommunications facility is an encroachment permit that provides for the interconnection between two points in the public rights-of-way (PROW), utilized solely for signal transmission and not to serve any customer within the City of Los Angeles (City). The Regents of the University of California is requesting that the City grants the renewal of a limited franchise to continue the operation of a private line telecommunications facility using the City's PROW. That facility will continue to connect fiber optic cable and telephone lines using Franchisee's existing utility tunnel located on the eastern side of 1000 Veteran Avenue, across Weyburn Place through the PROW to the rear of 1001 Gayley Avenue in the Westwood area of the City as set forth in the draft renewal ordinance prepared and filed to the City Council by the City Attorney's Office.

### **Fiscal Impact**

If approved, renewal of this private line telecommunications franchise will generate revenue in the amount of \$100.00 per year. If the Regents of the University of California elects to pay the full amount due for the ten year term of the renewed franchise, the additional revenue due will be \$1,000.00. In addition, the Regents of the

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University of California is required to continue to maintain a franchise performance bond in the amount of \$1,000.

### **Pricing Rates**

The regular franchise fee rates that apply to the City's private telecommunications franchisees is \$5/linear foot for fiber and conduit in City's public rights-of-way (PROW), \$2.50/linear foot for aerial installations and \$15/cubic foot for other telecom facilities such as vaults and boxes in the City's PROW. The annual franchise payment amount is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 20 \text{ linear feet} \times \text{one conduit}/\$5/\text{linear foot} &= \$100.00/\text{year} \\ 10/\text{years}/\text{franchise term} \times \$100.00/\text{yr} &= \$1,000.00 \end{aligned}$$

### **Recommendation**

ITA has reviewed the renewal application of the Regents of the University of California for the City of Los Angeles' (City) grant of a private line telecommunications franchise and subject to the consent of City Council and Mayor, recommends approval of that renewal application request as set forth above.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark P. Wolf at (213) 978-3311 or William Imperial at (213) 922-8383.

Respectfully submitted,



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