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David,

As a follow up to our previous conversations and our most recent on-site visit of Tuesday, 12/14/21, I'm writing to provide as much detail as possible with regards to our request for an overhead electric transmission power line easement at East Caras Park and the River Front Parking Lot. We are planning extensive work in this area including a complete substation rebuild as well as updating both our transmission & distribution systems. This work will increase reliability and attempt to address any future projected capacity needs. The need for this new easement area arises from the fact that we will be relocating an existing line (and extinguishing the existing easement for this particular line only) that currently runs out of our substation heading West, crosses over Higgins St. into Caras Park and then heads in a Southwesterly direction across the Clark Fork River (directly overhead at Brennan's Wave). We will be moving this line to the East side of Higgins St. where it will head South from our substation and connect with another of our existing lines before crossing the Clark Fork River. This move would necessitate a new easement from our substation property to the point where our lines cross into Montana DNRC "jurisdiction" at the Clark Fork River and would span two properties identified by Geocodes 04-2200-22-2-04-01-0000 & 04-2200-22-2-04-01-0000.

Other details to consider:

- The overall project is scheduled to take place from 2/1/22 thru 11/30/22. The work within the new proposed easement area itself would take place intermittently throughout these months and we will work with both the Parks Dept. and the Parking Commission to coordinate closures of the walking trail and/or parking lot. Specific dates can't be pinpointed at this time but we will provide as much lead time as possible when notifying the respective departments.

- We will be replacing several of the wooden structures with steel structures. These new structures are self-supporting and will eliminate the need for many of the existing guy wires and , although they're larger structures, this should reduce the overall encumbrance in the area. Placing these new structures will require the use of heavy equipment/machinery. Our preferred ingress/egress for this would be across the grass covered park area but that would be dictated by the City of Missoula and the underlying water lines and any other underground facilities in the area. We will use any and all means necessary to mitigate the damage caused by our work and would be responsible to return the properties to as close to pre-construction condition as possible. We will apply for all necessary VAPs required by Parks. We are also in the process of acquiring any/all permitting required for the levy area through the Army Corp of Engineers and will have that in hand prior to working on/near the levy. We should have our new Montana DNRC permitting in hand shortly as our applications were approved at their most recent land board meeting held this past Monday, 12/13/21.

- We will be removing the two large pine trees on our substation property and replacing that structure which is where this new proposed easement would begin. We'll have a clearance of

approximately 41' in this new easement area. At our on-site meeting it was noted that our corridor is in conflict with at least one of the trees in the park area. NWE acknowledges these trees as a public asset and will work closely with Parks to arrive at the best possible resolution to this conflict.

I hope I've provided all of the necessary details in order for you to consider our request for easement but please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks again!

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