

CONDUIT SYSTEM LEASE AGREEMENT

This Conduit System Lease Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln NE 68508 (hereinafter referred to as "City"), and Level 3 Communications, LLC a Delaware limited liability corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Lessee"), as of the Effective Date (as hereinafter defined).

WHEREAS, City owns a system of conduit, innerduct, manholes and hand holes (hereinafter "Conduit System"), as generally depicted in Exhibit B, within and under certain public street, sidewalk and alley rights-of-way in the Lincoln Technology Improvement District ("LTID") as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and as described in Exhibit C attached hereto, and it is the intent of the City to provide the Conduit System specifically for the use of telecommunication providers, and expressly for the purpose of providing fiber optic based broadband connectivity within the LTID; and,

WHEREAS, the Conduit System is intended (i) to limit the number of utility street cuts by co-location of fiber optic facilities within the City's rights-of-way located in the area that comprises the LTID (these rights-of-way located within the LTID being collectively referred to in this Agreement as the "ROW") and (ii) to increase the availability of fiber optic based broadband to broadband users located within the LTID, including but not limited to those users that are currently underserved, in part, due to the limited space available for conduit placement within the ROW; and

WHEREAS, Lessee owns and/or operates, within the City of Lincoln certain telecommunications facilities not subject to this Agreement, portions of which are located within the LTID, the extent of which may change over time ("Lessee Network"); and

WHEREAS, Lessee desires to install, use and maintain its fiber optic telecommunication cables and appurtenances ("Lessee Fiber Optic System") in the Conduit System, all at the sole cost and expense of the Lessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the following covenants and agreements, it is hereby agreed by and between City and Lessee (hereinafter "Parties") as follows:

1. USE OF CONDUIT SYSTEM. City hereby leases space in the Conduit System (hereinafter "Space") to Lessee on a non-exclusive basis, for Lessee to install, use and maintain Lessee Fiber Optic System, in a single innerduct as assigned by City, in all or any part of the Conduit System, anywhere within LTID, including all future additions to the Conduit System as the City may build or acquire, inclusive of Main Line Extensions, Lateral Extensions and Non-Typical Conduits as defined in Exhibit A hereto. The Space provided to Lessee shall have a minimum nominal diameter of 1". As used in this Agreement, the boundaries of the LTID are as defined in Exhibit C.

2. TERM.

(a) Term. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date, and shall end on the date that is five (5) years from the Effective Date, unless earlier terminated as provided herein ("Term").

(b) Renewal Term. This Agreement shall automatically renew for three (3) successive periods of five (5) years each, unless Lessee shall provide the City with a minimum of six (6) months prior written notice of its intention not to renew at the end of the then-current term.

3. RENT.

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(a) Monthly Rent. During the Term of this Agreement, Lessee agrees to pay Rent in the amount of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$ 95,000) per year, in monthly installments of seven thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$ 7,916.67) subject to annual modification as provided in subsection 3(c) below. Rent shall commence upon the initial installation of the Lessee Fiber Optic System. Lessee agrees to pay 50% of the Rent during year one and 100% of the Rent during year two and each year thereafter. The first payment shall be made within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice and following acceptance of the Conduit System pursuant to Section 8(a) of this Agreement. Subsequent payments shall be due within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice, on the first day of each succeeding month, and shall be considered late if paid more than forty (40) days following Lessee's receipt of an invoice. Payments for the first and last months of the Term may be pro-rated. If Lessee desires, Lessee may pre-pay all or part of this rent for the Term in an amount to be mutually agreed upon.

(b) Escalation of Rent. Commencing on the 1st day of January next following the execution date of this Agreement and on each January 1 thereafter (each such date a "Rent Adjustment Date"), the Monthly Rent then in effect shall be adjusted, upward only, by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the CPI Index (as defined below). The adjustment to the Rent shall not exceed three point two-five percent (3.25%) annually. CPI Index shall mean the Consumer Price Index presently designated as the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, (Base 1982-1984 equals 100) as reported in October prior to the Rent Adjustment Date. In the event that the statistics are not available or in the event that publication of the Consumer Price Index is modified or discontinued in its entirety, the adjustment provided for herein shall be made on the basis of an index mutually agreed upon by the parties to be a comparable and recognized index of purchasing power of the United States consumer dollar published by the U.S. Department of Labor or other governmental agency.

(c) Credit for In-Kind Payment. Within the ROW, any Main Line Extension and Lateral Extension or manhole and/or hand hole constructed by Lessee, and innerduct installed by Lessee in empty 4" Main Line conduit (collectively "Assets"), shall qualify as credit for In-Kind Payment pursuant to subsection 3(c)(i) below; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit Lessee's ability to place its utility facilities in City right-of-way located within the LTID in accordance with federal, state and local laws and regulations. Main Line Extension and Lateral Extension shall have the meaning as defined in Exhibit A hereto. As used herein, In-Kind Payment shall be calculated as sixty-five percent (65%) of the agreed upon cost of qualifying work performed by Lessee, and shall be credited to the Lessee in equal monthly amounts pro-rated over the remaining portion of the Term and reflected on each monthly invoice. The maximum credit allowed is three hundred thousand Dollars (\$ 300,000). Credit for In-Kind Payment shall apply only to Assets accepted by City pursuant to Section 8(b) and that become property of the City pursuant to Section 9 of this Agreement. All costs directly associated with construction and installation of Assets shall be borne by Lessee, including but not limited to, engineering, insurance, ROW restoration, building penetrations, building entrance fees, permits, traffic control, utility service, incidentals, or any other cost associated with construction or use of Assets. Credit for In-Kind Payment shall only apply to Assets constructed or installed within the first five (5) years of this Agreement.

(i) Qualifying In-Kind Costs. Sixty-five percent (65%) of direct labor and material costs associated with construction of an Asset to be owned by the City shall be available for In-Kind credit. To qualify for In-Kind credit, material must conform to the Technical Standards and Specifications ("TSS") and may include, but not be limited to, innerduct, conduit, manholes, and hand holes comprising the Asset, and restoration material such as concrete, asphalt, and brick. Non-qualifying material costs may be authorized by the City for In-Kind credit if requested in writing and approved in advance by the Conduit System Manager provided said material is used specifically for the construction of an Asset to be owned by the City. Engineering service costs associated with GIS and initial project construction may not be considered for In-Kind credit. At no time are inspection service costs, management service costs, or any other cost not specifically associated with the actual material and labor cost incurred during construction of an Asset available for the In-Kind credit. No material

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or labor cost may be recovered for fiber optic cable, coaxial cable, other cable or wire, pulling rope, tape or other equal alternate associated with installation of Lessee Fiber Optic System.

(d) Late Payment and Interest. Late payments shall be subject to a late payment fee of 5% of the unpaid amount. Interest shall be charged on any unpaid amounts at an annual rate of twelve (12%) or the amount permitted by applicable law, whichever is less. Such interest shall be compounded daily. Any late fees or interest shall be included on subsequent invoices.

4. STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS. Lessee shall design, construct, install, secure, use, operate and maintain the Lessee Fiber Optic System according to the TSS set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Each party shall notify the other party in writing in advance of any proposed changes to the TSS, which shall constitute a proposed Amendment to this Agreement. The receiving party shall have thirty (30) business days to review such proposed changes before the changes are implemented. If City objects to the changes within the thirty (30) business day period, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement respecting the changes. Absent an Amendment, the changes shall not be implemented or become a part of this Agreement.

5. OTHER USE. This Agreement shall be subject to and subordinate to City's right to maintain and use the Conduit System, and to use, alter or excavate any portion of the ROW or utilities; provided however that City shall use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent any adverse impact on Lessee's rights under this Agreement. In the event that the City desires to make planned changes to the Conduit System, the City shall provide Lessee not less than ninety (90) days prior written notice setting forth a description of any changes in the Conduit System that could reasonably result in a relocation or material diminution or reduction of Lessee's rights under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice as described above, Lessee shall, in the case of a relocation, have the right to move, within said 90-day period, all or any portion of its Lessee Fiber Optic System to the new location identified by the City that meets or exceeds the specifications and length of conduit currently occupied by Lessee or, in any case, have the right to terminate the affected portions of this Agreement without further liability. Any relocations shall be subject to Lessee's acceptance as set forth below in Section 8(a).

6. CITY'S TITLE. City is the owner and/or holder of the property comprising the ROW associated with the Conduit System and shall be the owner of the Conduit System, subject in each case to the terms and limitations under which they are owned or held, including but not limited to covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, including pre-existing fiber optic easements or licenses, reversionary interests, bond mortgages and indentures, and other matters, including but not limited to encroachments, licenses and permits, whether or not of record, and to the rights of tenants and licensees in possession. The rights granted herein are subject to each and every existing limitation, restriction or reservation affecting the same; provided however, that City does hereby represent and warrant that it possesses, and in the future shall use commercially reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain, the rights necessary to provide the Space or Additional Space leased hereunder in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and Lessee shall have the right to terminate the affected portions of this Agreement without further liability in the event that any limitation, restriction or reservation in such rights has a material adverse impact on Lessee's ability to use the Space leased hereunder.

7. RESTRICTION. Lessee shall not (a) create, or permit to exist, any lien, encumbrance or other property interest in the Conduit System, or (b) subject to the provisions of section 23 below, directly or indirectly sell or otherwise transfer any interest hereunder to any person or entity without the prior approval of City, which approval may be denied for reasonable cause shown. Without limiting the foregoing, City need not approve a sale or transfer hereunder unless in connection therewith such purchaser or transferee shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including without limitation those provisions which limit the liability of the Parties hereto), and Lessee and its permitted successors or assigns remain primarily liable for the performance of all of the obligations under this Agreement. Lessee

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shall not sub-lease its Space in the Conduit System to any third party. The foregoing notwithstanding, Lessee is not restricted in the normal sale or lease of products and services that utilize Lessee Fiber Optic System installed within the Conduit System, including but not limited to selling or leasing dark fiber in Lessee Fiber Optic System to third parties including Incumbent or Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and providers of Commercial Mobile Radio Service.

8. ACCEPTANCE.

(a.) Pre-acceptance Inspection. Lessee shall have thirty (30) days from the Effective Date or from the date of City's approval of Additional Space, as the case may be, to inspect and accept the Space within the Conduit System. All costs associated with pre-acceptance inspection shall be borne by Lessee. The City shall cooperate with inspection operations and participate if requested, but at Lessee's sole cost and expense. Lessee shall provide City at least five (5) business days notice of Lessee's desire for City participation.

(b.) Lessee built Assets. Assets constructed or installed, and work performed related to the construction of said Assets within the ROW and attached to the Conduit System, by Lessee in compliance with the TSS shall be considered acceptable to the City. Acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the City and shall be granted, or a notice of defects provided, by City within 15 business days of Lessee notifying City that the construction or installation is complete. If such acceptance is not granted within the 15 business day period and a notice of defects is not provided, the Assets shall be deemed accepted by City. Assets not accepted shall be brought into compliance with the TSS by Lessee. If physical conditions in the ROW prevent Lessee from satisfying the TSS, the Lessee and City shall work together to reach a solution mutually agreeable to both Parties. As-Built plans including, but not limited to the geospatial special location and physical attributes of the Assets will be submitted in an electronic format acceptable to the City.

9. OWNERSHIP. The Conduit System and all extensions of the Conduit System located in the ROW shall at all times be and remain the property of City. Assets constructed or installed by Lessee within the ROW, shall become property of the City immediately upon Acceptance. From and after City's Acceptance of Assets, Lessee shall have no obligation to perform or provide for maintenance or repair of the Assets and no liability for any subsequent work, costs or obligations of any kind whatsoever that are imposed or required with respect to the Assets, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, and City shall assume all such liability for the Assets. The Fiber Optic System shall at all times be and remain the property of Lessee. Lessee shall install and maintain the Lessee Fiber Optic System at Lessee's own expense and risk. Further, facilities and equipment, including but not limited to conduit, innerduct, manholes, handholes and fiber optic cable, installed by Lessee in the ROW and connected to the Conduit System for the sole purpose of interconnecting the Conduit System with the Lessee Network shall at all times be and remain the property of Lessee and shall be considered a part of the Lessee Network and shall not be a part of the Conduit System. City agrees to obtain and maintain in full force and effect for and during the Term, and any renewal terms, for the Space, all rights, licenses, permits, authorizations, franchises, rights of way, easements and other approvals (collectively, the "Required Rights") that are necessary for City to obtain to permit City to construct, install and keep installed, and maintain the Conduit System in accordance with this Agreement and to convey the lease in the Space to Lessee and all other rights under this Agreement. Lessee shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for and during the Term, and any renewal terms, for the Space, all Required Rights that are necessary for Lessee to obtain to use and operate the Lessee Fiber Optic System within the Space.

10. INTENDED USE. City certifies the continuity and integrity of the Conduit System, that it is acceptable for its intended use, and that the Space assigned to Lessee is capable of passing a solid mandrel of at least 6" long and 80% of the diameter of the conduit or innerduct in which the Space is assigned. When notified in writing by Lessee of deficiencies in the Space, the City shall correct such deficiencies expeditiously at City's sole cost and expense, or assign different Space to Lessee. During the Pre-acceptance Inspection described in Section 8(a) above, Lessee may refuse to accept the Conduit System and terminate this Agreement in the event City fails to correct said deficiencies located in the City right of way within fifteen (15) business days of receiving written notice from Lessee. Where deficiencies are located outside

the City right of way, on bridges, or under state, federal, or railroad property or easements, City shall have sixty (60) days from receipt of written notice from Lessee. If repairs will not be completed within the specified timeframe, Lessee may also request and receive approval from the ROW Manager to repair the deficiency at the City's sole cost and expense. If repairs are not completed in accordance with the timeframes outline above, City shall abate and Lessee shall not be obligated to pay Rent for the length of damaged Space until the deficiencies are corrected.

11. OBLIGATIONS.

(a.) Lessee Obligations.

(i.) During the Term of this Agreement, Lessee shall maintain the Lessee Fiber Optic System in a functional and safe condition. All installation and maintenance of the Lessee Fiber Optic System shall be the responsibility of Lessee and shall be performed under its direction by Lessee contractors approved by City, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. Lessee shall perform such maintenance as is reasonably necessary and customary for normal use of the Lessee Fiber Optic System in the manner described in Exhibit A. The installation and maintenance of the Lessee Fiber Optic System shall be performed in a manner that minimizes any interruption or disruption of the ROW, utilities, communications or streets (including traffic control devices and systems) and shall restore the ROW, utilities, communications and streets (including traffic control devices and systems) in accordance with Exhibit "A". The Lessee shall follow reasonable guidance and instructions from City for this purpose which need not be the lowest cost or most cost effective method for Lessee.

(ii.) If, in the course of Lessee's monitoring and maintenance of the Lessee Fiber Optic System, Lessee identifies any degradation in service, failures or defects in the Conduit System, Lessee shall promptly report such degradation in service, failures or defects to the City, in which case, City shall immediately correct said degradation in service, failures, or defects to the extent they affect the Space leased to Lessee or Lessee Fiber Optic System.

(iii.) In accordance with the Lincoln Revised Ordinances, Lessee shall be responsible for all damage, loss, and expense which may result by reason of defective material and/or workmanship directly in connection with work performed by Lessee under this Agreement, arising within a period of one (1) year from acceptance of said work by the City pursuant to Section 8(b) above. Lessee shall promptly repair such defect and pay, or cause to be paid, all expenses associated with said repair; and Lessee shall save and hold the City harmless from all damages, loss, and expense occasioned by or resulting from such defect.

(iv.) City acknowledges and agrees that Lessee facilities installed previous to this Agreement, if any, are in accordance with the standards in Exhibit A and this Agreement and, as of the date hereof, there are no known outstanding amounts due from Lessee to City for said previously installed facilities. Lessee agrees, at City's request, to make such changes as are required to bring installation in line with the standards. Cost associated with this work is the responsibility of the Lessee.

(v.) Where required by state, federal or local law, Lessee is obligated to pay sales taxes, occupation taxes, lane fees or similar liabilities.

(b.) City Obligations.

(i.) Ongoing maintenance and repair of the Conduit System, including without limitation, all Assets installed by Lessee and Accepted by City, shall be the responsibility of the City and at City's sole expense, except that damage or degradation of the Conduit System that is attributable to negligence of the Lessee shall be at the expense of the Lessee. The City shall maintain the Conduit



System in good working condition, ensuring continuity between manholes, hand holes and Building Entrance points where located in the public right of way and usable for its intended purpose. In the event City has failed to perform its obligations relating to the maintenance of Conduit System, City agrees that Lessee may access the Conduit System solely for the purpose of providing maintenance to the Conduit System, provided such maintenance shall be performed by persons sufficiently qualified to perform such maintenance, and request to perform such maintenance will be approved in writing by City in advance. City shall reimburse Lessee for its costs of performing such maintenance activities within 60 days of invoice.

(ii.) Subject to construction notification requirements, City shall keep confidential and not disclose to other occupants of the Conduit System, or otherwise make public, information concerning any Asset construction by Lessee, whether planned, in progress, or completed, until thirty (30) days after Acceptance of the Asset by the City.

12. LESSEE USE OF CONDUIT SYSTEM.

(a) Third Party Contracts. Lessee shall not act in any way which would interfere with City's performance of City contracts for provision of communication services utilizing the Conduit System.

(b) Damage from Misuse. Lessee shall not use the Conduit System except as intended under this Agreement. If Conduit System damage is attributable to misuse or abuse by Lessee, then Lessee shall pay City for the repair or replacement of the affected portion of Conduit System and any damage to City property in accordance with City schedule of time and material charges then in effect.

(c) Use in Accordance with Law. By agreeing to this Agreement, Lessee agrees to obey and comply with all applicable governmental ordinances laws, rules, regulations, or restrictions, including, but not limited to, the City of Lincoln Title 5 and Title 14. Subject to City ordinance, City permitting requirements, and Exhibit A. Lessee shall have unrestricted access to the Conduit System for purposes of operating, repairing, installing, inspecting, and removing Lessee Fiber Optic System, interconnecting with the Space, and extending the Conduit System.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. Lessee shall indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims, suits, actions or judgments, including all expenses, reasonable attorney fees, witness fees and costs of defending or prosecuting any such claim, or appeals therefrom, relating to personal injury (including death) and damage to tangible personal property to the extent arising from Lessee's negligent acts or omissions in connection with the performance of this Agreement (including Exhibit A) or Lessee's negligent acts or omissions in connection with the installation, use or maintenance of the Lessee Fiber Optic System or the Conduit System, including any interference or damage to any third person or property. Lessee agrees to investigate (and at City's election, defend with counsel approved by City, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), indemnify, and hold harmless City from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, detriments, costs, charges and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees) and causes of action of whatsoever character which City may be subjected to on account of loss of or damage to or destruction of property, including but not limited to the Conduit System and the Lessee Fiber Optic System, and loss of use thereof to the extent arising from Lessee's, its agents' or contractors' negligent acts or omissions in connection with the performance of this Agreement (including Exhibit A) or Lessee's, its agents' or contractors' negligent acts or omissions in connection with the installation, use or maintenance of the Lessee Fiber Optic System or the Conduit System. To the extent permitted by applicable law, City shall indemnify, defend and hold Lessee harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims, suits, actions or judgments, including all expenses, reasonable attorney fees, witness fees and costs of defending or prosecuting any such claim, or appeals therefrom, caused by the negligent acts or omissions of City or its employees, contractors, or agents in connection with the performance of this Agreement or installation or maintenance of the Conduit System.

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14. INSURANCE. Lessee agrees to maintain, during the term of this Agreement, policies of insurance in accordance with the material terms of the City of Lincoln Revised Ordinances, Section 5.17.250 Grantee Insurance.

15. TERMINATION.

(a) By Lessee. Lessee may terminate this Agreement for any reason or no reason, upon ninety (90) days written notice to City. Any such termination shall also terminate the obligation of Lessee to pay rent, other than Early Termination charges listed in section 15(b) and the duties provided in this section 15(a). Upon termination of this Agreement as herein provided, at its sole cost and expense, Lessee shall within one (1) year after Lessees' election to terminate this agreement, completely remove all of the Lessee Fiber Optic System and restore the Conduit System and any other facilities, cables, and public property, to the state and condition of such immediately prior to commencement of this Agreement. With the permission and approval of the City, Lessee may, upon termination, leave all the Fiber Optic System and other facilities in place and transfer title to the City. Lessee will continue to pay Rent at the effective rate in place during the thirty (30) days prior to the City receipt of the request to terminate until all Lessee Fiber Optic System have been completely removed and restoration work is complete or until title to the Lessee Fiber Optic System passes to the City.

(b) Early Termination Charge. Upon termination in accordance with the terms of this Agreement by the City pursuant Section 16, or upon termination for convenience by Lessee (collectively "Early Termination"), City may assess and collect from Lessee, and Lessee shall pay, an Early Termination charge equal to the sum of the percentage of the remaining recurring Rent charges calculated from the Effective Date of termination through the end of the Term as (i) 100% of the remaining recurring Rent charges that would have been incurred for years 1-2, if any, plus (ii) 75% of the remaining recurring Rent charges that would have been incurred for years 3-4, if any, plus (iii) 50% of the remaining recurring Charges that would have been incurred for year 5, if any.

16. VIOLATIONS; TIME TO CURE; SUMMARY TERMINATION. If at any time in the performance of this Agreement, Lessee should violate any law(s), standard(s) of good practice, or material term of this Agreement, including Exhibit A, City may notify Lessee in writing of said violation, and Lessee shall have thirty (30) days to cure said violation to City's reasonable satisfaction, or such longer period as may be reasonably necessary under the circumstances provided that Lessee commences to cure such failure within such thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently pursues such cure. If Lessee does not cure said violation to City's satisfaction within said period, City may summarily terminate this Agreement, upon ninety (90) day advance written notice to Lessee.

(a) Dispute Resolution. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or claim arising out of or in relation to this Agreement through negotiations between the Conduit System Manager and the Lessee. If the dispute cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days from the date on which either Party has served written notice on the other of the dispute then the remaining provisions of this Clause shall apply.

(b) Escalation of Dispute Resolution. In the event of a dispute between the Conduit System Manager and the Lessee (other than a matter to be resolved pursuant to Clause concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or the performance of any of the terms of this Agreement) is not resolved, such matter or matters in dispute shall be escalated as follows:

- (i.) Lessee may submit a written request to the Public Works Director requesting a meeting to discuss the matter. The Public Works Director will meet with Lessee and issue a written response to the issue within fifteen (15) days of the meeting;

- (ii.) In the event the Lessee does not agree with the findings of the Public Works Director, the Lessee may submit a written request the Office of the Mayor for a review of the issue in dispute. The Office of the Mayor will review the findings of the Conduit System Manager and the Public Works Director and issue a written response to the Lessee within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request; and
- (iii.) In the event the Lessee does not agree with the findings of the Office of the Mayor, the Lessee may proceed to file litigation before the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska seeking to obtain a resolution of any remaining open issues.

17. NOTICES. City and Lessee agree to keep contact information complete and updated. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any notice or other communication shall be given in writing and sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or by recognized overnight delivery, or by email provided the email is followed in writing by one of the aforementioned methods within seventy-two (72) hours. Except as otherwise specifically provided, notices and other communications shall be deemed given and received three days after the date of mailing or, in the case of notices or other communications delivered in person, when received at the recipient's designated address for notices. The addresses for notice may be changed by giving written notice in accordance with this Section.

- (a) City. City's representative for notice and communications with Lessee is:

City of Lincoln
Attn: Mayor's Office
555 S. 10th Street,
Lincoln NE 68508

- (b) Lessee. Lessee's representative for notice and communications with City is:

Level 3 Communications, LLC
1025 Eldorado Blvd
Broomfield, CO 80021
Attn: NIS Contract Management

With a copy to:

Level 3 Communications, LLC
1025 Eldorado Blvd
Broomfield, CO 80021
Attn: General Counsel

18. BINDING UPON SUCCESSORS. This Agreement, shall bind both Parties hereto, and their successors and permitted assigns.

19. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW. Representatives of City and representatives of Lessee shall meet together on or about each anniversary of the execution of this Agreement, to review the performance of this Agreement, identify problems, discuss areas of concern, and make suggestions for future performance and cooperation. By mutual agreement, the Parties may waive the said meeting.

20. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Headings. The front page of this Agreement and the heading of the paragraphs of this Agreement are strictly for convenience and shall not in any way be construed as amplifying or limiting any of the content of this Agreement as set forth in the body of such paragraphs.

(b) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, with all its attached exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter to which it refers and supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between City and Lessee or their predecessors in these regards. Nothing herein is intended to benefit any person or entity not a party hereto.

(c) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the Parties in two (2) separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy, but which shall constitute but one agreement.

(d) Computation of Time. The time in which any act provided by this Agreement is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and then it is also excluded.

(e) No Partnership, Joint Venture or Franchise. The relationship between the Parties to this Agreement shall not be that of partners, joint ventures, or franchisor/franchisee, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or franchise. Neither Party hereto may represent to any third party that this relationship is one of partnership, joint venture or franchise.

(f) Rules of Construction. The singular herein shall include the plural, and the plural herein shall include the singular, where appropriate. Related forms of capitalized terms shall carry the implied meaning of the defined term.

(g) Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be in breach of its obligations under this Agreement (other than payment obligations) or incur any liability to the other Party for any losses or damages of any nature whatsoever incurred or suffered by that other if and to the extent that it is prevented from carrying out those obligations by, or such losses or damages are caused by, a Force Majeure Event.

"Force Majeure Event" means the occurrence of: an act of war, invasion, terrorism or civil disorder, a strike, labor disputes, explosion, embargo, earthquake, lightning, cyclones, hurricanes, floods, droughts or such other extreme weather or environmental conditions, unanticipated geological or ground conditions, epidemic, famine, plague or other natural calamities and acts of God.

(h) No Waiver. Lessee, by entering into this Agreement, does not waive, and hereby expressly reserves its rights pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §224, *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§86-701 through 86-710 or other laws or regulations that grant Lessee rights to place equipment or facilities in the City's right-of-way.

21. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the later of the date on which it is executed by the City or Lessee.

22. CONFIDENTIALITY. Each Party may disclose confidential information to the other Party in connection with this Agreement. Confidential information includes information that is marked confidential or bears a marking of like import, or that the Party disclosing such information states is to be considered confidential and then confirms such confidentiality in writing within ten (10) days ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information may only be used by the receiving Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement. Confidential Information may not be disclosed except to those officers, directors or employees of the receiving Party or its affiliates with a need to know or to consultants or subcontractors of the receiving Party who agree to be bound by this Section. If the receiving Party is legally compelled by any means (including deposition, interrogatory, request for documents, - Nebraska Open Records Act, subpoena, civil investigative demand, etc.), or is required under federal securities laws or regulations to disclose Confidential Information, the receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to provide the disclosing Party with prompt notice of such legal requirement prior to disclosure so that the disclosing

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Party may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy. If such protective order or other remedy is not obtained, receiving Party will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information that it is legally required to furnish Confidential Information does not include information that: (i) is or becomes generally available to the public through no wrongful act of the receiving Party; or (ii) is independently developed by the receiving Party.

23. ASSIGNMENT. Neither Party shall assign, encumber or otherwise transfer this Agreement to any other Person without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party shall have the right, without the other Party's consent, but with reasonable written notice to the other Party, to assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement (i) as collateral to any institutional lender of such Party subject to the prior rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder; and (ii) to any affiliate, parent or subsidiary of such Party, or to any entity into which such Party may be merged or consolidated or which purchases all or substantially all of the equity or assets of such Party; provided that such Party shall not be released from its further obligations hereunder until said assignee or transferee assumes in writing all obligations and liabilities of the transferring party set forth in this Agreement. Any assignee or transferee shall also be subject to all of the provisions of this Agreement.

24. LIMIT OF OBLIGATIONS. Nothing contained herein pertaining to the use of or attachment to the Conduit System, or City control thereof, shall be construed as imposing an obligation on Lessee with regard to any fiber optic or other telecommunication facilities owned and/or operated by Lessee outside the ROW unless specifically noted in this Agreement and approved by Conduit System Manager, it being understood that "ROW" under this Agreement strictly refers to City rights-of-way located within the LTID as defined in Exhibit C. Similarly, no such obligations shall be imposed on Lessee's equipment or facilities, existing or in the future, not specifically constructed or installed under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall require Lessee to install or construct any Assets.

25. LIMITS OF LIABILITY. Under no circumstances will either City or Lessee be liable to each other for any incidental or consequential damages, including without limitation loss of profits, arising in connection with this Agreement or with the use of the Conduit System or liability for the City's services under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the liability of either Party for personal injury or death resulting from the negligence of a Party or its employees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
a municipal corporation**

Chris Beutler, Mayor

Public Works Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Jeffery R. Herzog

City Attorney

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LESSEE:

Level 3 Communications, LLC

By: 

Name: Jeff Polachek _____

Title: Vice President, Field Implementation _____

Date: 5/7/15

Exhibit A

Technical Standards and Specifications

These standards and specifications pertain only to use of the Conduit System as relates to this Agreement. The Conduit System is located within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District as shown in Exhibit B and generally described in Exhibit C of this Agreement.

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Main Line" means the portion of the Conduit System consisting of manholes, hand holes, 4", 3" and 2" conduit, the running line of which is as generally depicted in Exhibit B, and segments of which may be populated existing copper traffic operations wire.
- B. "Main Line Extension" means any extension of the Main Line subsequent to the Effective Date, whether constructed by the City or by any tenant in the Conduit System, including Lessee.
- C. "Non-Typical Conduit" means any existing 2" or 3" traffic conduit located within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District.
- D. "Lateral Extension" means that portion of the Conduit System, located within the ROW, originating at a manhole or hand hole in the Main Line and extending to a building entrance point, excluding the building entrance point.

II. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

A. Materials

- i. **Main Line Extensions.** All Steel, Fiberglass, PVC or HDPE conduit hereinafter installed in the City ROW are to be 4" minimum in size and match the existing number of conduits in place. Steel conduit will be joined with threaded collars, Zap-Lok, or welding. All split steel conduit shall be flanged. All installations will include (4) ducts and will be 1 ¼" SDR 13.5 HDPE. All Main Line Extension conduit locations and materials will be subject to approval by Conduit System Manager. Where site conditions warrant and at the request of the Lessee, the Conduit System Manager may approve the installation of six (6) 1 ¼" SDR 11 innerducts as a mainline extension.
- ii. **Lateral Extensions.** All Lateral Extensions are to consist of four (4) 1 ¼" SDR 13.5 ducts or an equal alternate approved by Conduit System Manager..
- iii. **Non-Typical Conduit.** All non-typical conduit is provided where is and as is under this agreement. The use of non-typical conduit is provided to the Lessee on an as-request basis and subject to the approval of the Conduit System Manager. Non-typical conduit sizes are typically 2" or 3" in diameter. Lessee will take precautions to avoid damaging any existing City-owned cable while installing Lessee facilities in the non-typical conduit. Lessee agrees to cooperate with the City in the removal and replacement of the existing cable in return for the use of the Non-Typical Conduit. MaxCell innerduct with a minimum capacity for four (4) cables will be installed in any Non-Typical Conduit prior to installing any Lessee facilities.
- iii. **Main Line Innerduct.** Any unoccupied 4" Main Line conduit in which Space is assigned to Lessee and which Lessee desires to utilize shall be first filled with a minimum of four (4) innerducts, three (3) innerducts will be 1 ¼" SDR 13.5 HDPE innerduct and one (1) 1" SDR 13.5 HDPE innerduct by Lessee prior to use, where technically feasible. The use of smooth wall or corrugated exterior innerducts will be approved by Conduit System Manager on a case by case basis. Alternates must be approved in writing by the City in advance. Lessee will properly identify leased innerducts with cable tags.

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Where existing 4" conduit has an internal diameter (I.D.) of three and six tenth inch (3.6") or less, the conduit shall be first filled with a minimum of four (4) innerducts. Two (2) innerducts will be 1 ¼" SDR 13.5 HDPE innerduct and two (2) innerducts will be 1" SDR 13.5 HDPE innerduct, where technically feasible.

- iv. **Hand holes.** Unless otherwise approved by City, all hand holes will be located in the green spaces/landscaped areas or sidewalks within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District. All hand holes will have a minimum size of 30" x 48" x 36". All hand holes will be installed in accordance with ASSHTO-H20-44 Load rating and conform to the City of Lincoln Traffic Standards and Specifications.
- v. **Manholes.** All manholes installed within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District shall comply with the City of Lincoln Construction Standard Specifications and Standard. No manholes constructed with masonry brick will be permitted within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District.
- vi. **Communication Cabling.** It is the intent of the City to increase the use of fiber optic based telecommunications within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District. Therefore, the desired communication cable to be used within the Conduit System will be fiber optic cable. An equitable alternate may be approved upon written request to the City. Fiber optic cable located in Non-Typical Conduit will not exceed 96 count.
- vii. **Locate Wire.** Locate wire will be placed inside all segments of the Conduit system. Locate wire will consist of a minimum of #12 stranded core PVC coated copper wire. An equitable alternate may be approved upon written request to the City. All locate wires will be attached with anchor clips to the walls of the Manholes in a clean, secure and orderly manner. Locate wires will connected to termination blocks installed by the contractor no more than 10" below the Manhole or handhole lid. Signal induction is recognized as an approved alternative.

B. General:

- i. **Construction Plans.** Preliminary plans shall be submitted for each new construction or installation project at the time of application for a Conduit Access Permit. After completion of construction on each project, final as-built construction and acquisition Facility maps shall be submitted to the Conduit System Manager. Such as-built maps shall be based upon post-construction inspections to verify location. Copies of as-built maps in a digital format acceptable to the City shall be submitted to the Conduit System Manager.
- ii. **Depth.** Unless agreed to in writing in advance by the City, the depth of installed facilities shall be, at a minimum, as follows:
 - a. Forty-eight (48) inches in soil,
 - b. Forty-eight (48) inches below a projected slope from the flow line of a ditch at a three (3) horizontal and one (1) vertical slope,
 - c. Forty-eight (48) inches under a roadway measured from the surface of said roadway to the top of the installation,
 - d. Forty-eight (48) inches under a storm water or creek channel design flow line, and
 - e. Cross under all existing utility lines at a depth of twenty-four (24) inches.
- iii. **Lincoln Technology Improvement District Specific Locations**
 - a. Street – All conduits placed at a minimum 4' depth unless otherwise approved by Conduit System Manager
 - b. Alley – All conduits placed at a minimum 4' depth unless otherwise approved by Conduit System Manager

- c. Sidewalk – All conduits placed at a minimum 4' depth unless otherwise approved by Conduit System Manager
 - a. Aerial – No aerial installations will be permitted unless on an existing pole and approved by the Conduit System Manager. Any relocation of facilities from an aerial installation to underground will be at the sole discretion of the City and at the sole cost of the Lessee.
- iv. **Backfilling/Testing.** Excavations shall be promptly backfilled according to the City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction on file with the Public Works Director and the surface shall be restored to original grade to assure no hazard to vehicular, animal, or pedestrian traffic. Lessee shall perform all necessary compaction tests in accordance with the latest design and construction specifications approved and disseminated by the Director of Public Works setting forth requirements for backfill and paving cut repairs (e.g., standard concrete pavement cut and repair; standard asphalt pavement cut and repair, etc.). All test reports shall be submitted to the Conduit System Manager.
- v. **Pavement Cutting.** Lessee, Lessees' contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the applicable terms and conditions of the Lincoln Municipal Code prior to cutting any pavement.
- vi. **Replacement.** The replacement of any sidewalk, curb, any driving surface and the base of any roadway shall comply with Public Works Engineering Standards, pursuant to engineering standards on file with the Public Works Department and will require additional removal to the nearest joint in all directions. This removal and all pavement restoration cost shall be the responsibility of the Lessee. Lessee repair contractor may be approved by the Conduit System Manager provided contractor is qualified and in good standing with the City with all work done at the expense of the Lessee as set forth in title 14 and Lincoln Revised Ordinances. The Lessee may request the City perform the replacement work with City internal staff and bill Lessee for the work. In the absence of an approved repair contractor, The City shall make repairs per the terms of the Lincoln Municipal Code.
- vii. **Trenching.** Lessee shall not proceed with additional trench work exceeding a maximum of one hundred (100) feet of open trench without the approval of the Conduit System Manager. All excavation spoils and/or construction debris will be removed immediately.
- viii. **Crossings.** All underground crossings of paved roadways and storm water and creek channels shall be made by a bore method approved by the Conduit System Manager. Any alternate method shall be reviewed and subject to approval by the Conduit System Manager. Voids and all holes shall be properly grouted. Crossings shall be at approximately right angles to the roadway and in no case shall any facility be placed in any culvert or drainage pipe or within ten (10) feet of a culvert or storm sewer unless approved by Conduit System Manager.
- ix. **Boring Specifications:**
 - a. Casing pipe or Conduit shall be placed as indicated on the drawings and shall be as specified in the section entitled "Materials."
 - b. Casing pipe or Conduit shall be placed to the minimum depths indicated on the drawings. The horizontal tolerance shall be plus or minus 0.5 foot and the vertical alignment plus or minus 0.5 foot.
 - c. The method of placement when indicated on the drawings as Boring shall mean that the casing or Conduit is placed between two points (either at grade or from an excavated bore pit) without disturbing the ground in between. Unless otherwise required by permit, all bores shall be guided and tracked by equipment that gives continuous,

accurate monitoring of the drill bit position. All guidance equipment shall be subject to the acceptance of the engineer. Auger bores are acceptable when required by permit entities. This could possibly apply to RR crossings.

- d. Bore methods and procedures shall follow industry established best practices.
 - e. No non-guided boring (such as what has been referred to as “missile” or “thumper”) shall be permitted unless approved by Conduit System Manager.
 - f. The contractor is responsible to protect all existing utilities and private property. Existing utilities shall be potholed prior to boring. Drill fluid shall be bentonite based compatible with the environment. Waste oil or environmentally non-compatible polymers cannot be part of the composition.
 - g. Used drilling fluid shall be properly, immediately and legally, disposed of.
 - h. The contractor shall continuously monitor boring operations for the possible frac-out of drill fluid. Any frac-out or surface uplifting shall be immediately reported to the engineer, contained, repaired and cleaned up. Any drill fluid released into waterways shall be immediately reported to the Conduit System Manager, contractor and permit agency governing the water. In water, the frac-out shall be contained, in accordance with the permit. Clean up shall be in accordance with the permits. Drill fluid shall not be allowed to remain in the water.
 - i. The contractor shall be responsible for dewatering, diverting water, and controlling water surface runoff that would affect downstream water turbidity as required for the site conditions.
 - j. At bore locations with lengths in excess of 600 feet as indicated on the drawings, the contractor may be allowed to establish intermediate bore pits. The Conduit System Manager shall make the determination on the acceptability of intermediate bore pits.
 - k. Where pipe bends are required to be made in the field, such bends shall be made with approved bending tools, and following the pipe manufacture’s approved method of procedure.
- x. Erosion.** Erosion prevention measures shall be incorporated into all work within the ROW as described in the Storm Water Management Manual. All gutters, ditches, and other drainage features shall be maintained free and unobstructed of sediment, dirt, and debris. The handling, grading, excavating, or moving of excess construction materials or the movement or cleaning of construction vehicles or equipment shall be conducted in such a manner that materials and washout will not be deposited into catch basins, gutters, ditches, or areas where runoff may carry materials into any public or private storm water system.
- xi. Inspection.** All construction inspection shall be coordinated with the Conduit System Manager.
- xii. Nebraska One Call System.** Lessee and any contractor or subcontractor working on behalf of the Lessee agree to comply with the State’s One Call notification/location system, known currently as the Nebraska One Call System. Lessee will be responsible for all locates of existing and post-acceptance newly constructed Conduit System occupied by Lessee. Lessee shall be responsible for locating Lessee Fiber Optic System as provided for under the Nebraska Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act.
- xiii. Damages.** Lessee agrees to perform construction in such a manner as to avoid possible damage to the Conduit System or any other City improvement. Should Lessee become aware of damage to the Conduit System, City improvements or the facilities of its tenants, Lessee agrees to notify the City of damages. If damage is attributable to Lessee negligence, Lessee agrees to bear full responsibility for all cost associated with the repair and restoration of the affected area. Lessee and the Conduit System Manager shall cooperate to determine the best means of restoration. The contractor performing repairs shall be approved by the Conduit System

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Manager, provided contractor is qualified and in good standing with the City.

III. USE OF CONDUIT SYSTEM

A. Installation Procedures.

i. Permit Requirements.

- a. Lessee shall be responsible for any reasonable 3rd party supervision charges relating directly to damages attributable to Lessee negligence.
- b. Lessee will meet all requirements under Title 5, Chapter 17 in order to receive a permit prior to beginning any construction in the Conduit System.
- c. Lessee agrees to comply with the "Call Nebraska One Call System" or any successor utility location system requirements prior to beginning construction.
- d. Construction Zone Identification. Lessee excavating or obstructing any portion of the ROW shall erect a temporary sign displaying either:
 - i.) The names of Lessee, any contractors and/or subcontractors involved in the project, and the City permit number authorizing said activity; or
 - ii.) The names of the Lessee and a local telephone number or toll free number manned during regular business hours by a person who is knowledgeable about the construction project. The sign shall be visible from any adjacent traffic lane and shall be maintained throughout the duration of the project.
- e. Cable Identification. Lessee will attach cable identification tags to lessee-owned fiber cables within the LTID system.
 - i.) Cable identification tags will contain the name and contact information for the lessee and be located in each System manhole and hand hole where lessee-owned cable is present.

ii. Access

- a. Standard Access. Advance notice as specified below is required prior to Lessee accessing the Conduit System. After receiving notification of access, the City will notify all parties with product in the affected area of the date and time of proposed access. Lessee can opt to have a representative on site at the time of access to monitor all construction activities. The Lessee will be responsible for any cost to the City associated with this access.
 - i.) Manholes – 5 business days written notification to Conduit System Manager or designee is required prior to accessing manholes.
 - ii.) Hand holes – 5 business days written notification to Conduit System Manager or designee is required prior to accessing hand holes.
- b. Routine Maintenance Access. Lessee shall access the conduit twenty-four 24 hours a day and seven 7 days a week for inspection, locate, splicing and verification purposes.
- c. Emergency Access. In the event of an emergency, Lessee shall endeavor to provide City with notice immediately prior to accessing or working around the Conduit System, but in any case shall notify City within 4 hours of commencement of work or access into the Conduit System. On the first available business day City may notify all parties with product in the affected area.
- d. Supervision. Any customary charge incurred by the City for a City technician to

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supervise the installation, maintenance, or emergencies of the Lessee project will be the responsibility of the Lessee. In addition, Lessee shall be responsible for any reasonable 3rd party supervision charges relating directly to damages attributable to Lessee negligence. The City will provide Lessee with a City technician rate sheet and notify Lessee prior to any proposed rate change.

iii. Core bore location

- a. All manholes core bore locations or similar access will be subject to the approval of the Conduit System Manager. Such request must be made in writing, accompanied with a set of plans showing the location of all existing core bore locations in the manhole. The City shall take no more than fourteen (14) days to respond to core bore requests.
- b. All hand hole core bores or similar access locations will be subject to the approval of the Conduit System Manager. Such requested must be made in writing, accompanied with a set of plans showing the location of all existing core bore locations in the hand hole. The City shall take no more than fourteen (14) days to respond to core bore requests.
- c. Core bores will be accomplished using generally accepted industry practices. Requests will not be unreasonably delayed or denied by the City.

iv. Open Cut

- a. Removal of Spoil. Any/all spoil from excavation, trenching, boring or other construction activity shall be removed from the ROW the same day it is excavated. No spoil will be left on the street, sidewalk, or any other traveling surface overnight.
- b. Approval of Backfill. Cement-based flow-able fill or Class A aggregate base compacted to 95% standard modified proctor as described in the City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction shall be used as backfill under a street or alley. At no time shall any excavation spoil be used as backfill. At no time shall sand be used as bedding or backfill material. Only cement-based flow-able fill or other equal material will be approved for use by the Conduit System Manager.
- c. Plating of open trench. Any trench in the roadway to be left unattended for any length of time shall be plated.

v. Pulling or Blowing Communication Cabling

- a. If fiber optic cable shall be installed using a powered pulling winch and hydraulic powered assist pulling wheels. The maximum pulling force to be applied to the fiber optic cable shall be 600 pounds. Sufficient pulling assists will be available and used to insure the maximum pulling force is not exceeded at any point along the pull. The cable can also be installed via other methods as long as maximum pulling force on the cable does not exceed 600 pounds. All cables shall be lubricated with Polywater or approved equal. A pulling swivel with a break-away rated at 600 pounds shall be used at all times during the pulling operation.
- b. All splices and splice cases will be contained in manholes with locations of splice cases within the manholes to be approved by Conduit System Manager. Splices will not be approved in hand hole locations.
- c. Where technically feasible, slack loops for Main Line cables will be one hundred and twenty foot (120') maximum length of cable and may be installed in every Main Line manhole where space exists. Slack loops for Lateral Extension cable will be a maximum

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of eighty feet (80') in length and located in hand holes where space exists. The Conduit System Manager will review and approve all locations for Slack Loops. All slack loops and splice cases will be securely mounted to the manhole wall using generally accepted industry practices and will not interfere with conduit, innerduct, or manhole access. Slack loops may be prohibited in hand holes and manholes where physical space is not available or where the addition of slack may cause the hand hole or manhole to be unusable in the sole discretion of the System manager. No slack will be allowed on the manhole floor.

- d. Splice cases may be installed in any Main Line manhole. All mounting locations for splice cases and equipment racks will be approved by Conduit System Manager.
- e. All Manholes and hand holes will be kept clean and free of trash, unsecured slack loops, unsecured splice cases, and or other debris at all times.
- f. All conduits, innerducts, locate wire and fiber shall have a lubricant applied at each conduit ingress and egress location and during the pull operation. Lubricant shall be Polywater (type specific to be approved per project) or equal.

B. Restoration

i. Street

- a. Lessee shall comply with the terms and conditions of Title 14 and Lincoln Revised Ordinances prior to cutting any pavement.
- b. The replacement of any sidewalk, any driving surface, and the base of any roadway shall comply with City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction, pursuant to engineering plans on file with the Public Works Department and will require additional removal to the nearest joint in all directions. This removal and all pavement restoration shall be the responsibility of the Lessee. The Lessee contractor shall be approved by the Conduit System Manager provided contractor is qualified and in good standing with the City, with all work done at the expense of the Lessee as set forth in Title 5, Title 14 and Lincoln Revised Ordinances.

ii. Alley.

- a. All restoration in alleys shall comply with City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction, pursuant to engineering plans on file with the Public Works Department. Conduit System Manager shall determine proper size, scope, and material used to repair alleys on a case by case basis.

iii. Contractor / Subcontractor Qualifications. All Lessee contractors and subcontractors will meet the requirements set forth in by the Public Works Department.

iv. Traffic Control and Safety

- a. Lessee occupying any portion of ROW shall erect a barrier around the perimeter of any excavation and provide any and all traffic-control devices, signs, and lights appropriate to the level of complexity of the activity in order to protect, warn, and guide the public (vehicular and pedestrian) through the work zone. The manner and use of these devices shall be described within a traffic-control plan in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and approved by the Traffic Engineer and submitted to the Conduit System Manager for review prior to commencing construction.
- b. Lessee shall implement each traffic-control plan and agrees to be in compliance at all times with all applicable city, state, and federal requirements and maintain all devices in

good repair. Lessees with open excavations awaiting final restoration shall maintain all devices until repair is complete or until the Public Works Department notifies the Lessee in writing that the City or the City's designated contractor is assuming responsibility for traffic control for the paving cut restoration.

- c. Lessee shall designate a safety officer. The safety officer shall be responsible for safety-related issues affecting both the public and the Lessee's field employees and contractors for all job sites within the ROW.

- v. **Safety.** Lessee agrees to perform all work in strict accordance with federal, state, local and all applicable private rules and laws regarding safety and environmental issues, including those set forth by OSHA and the EPA.

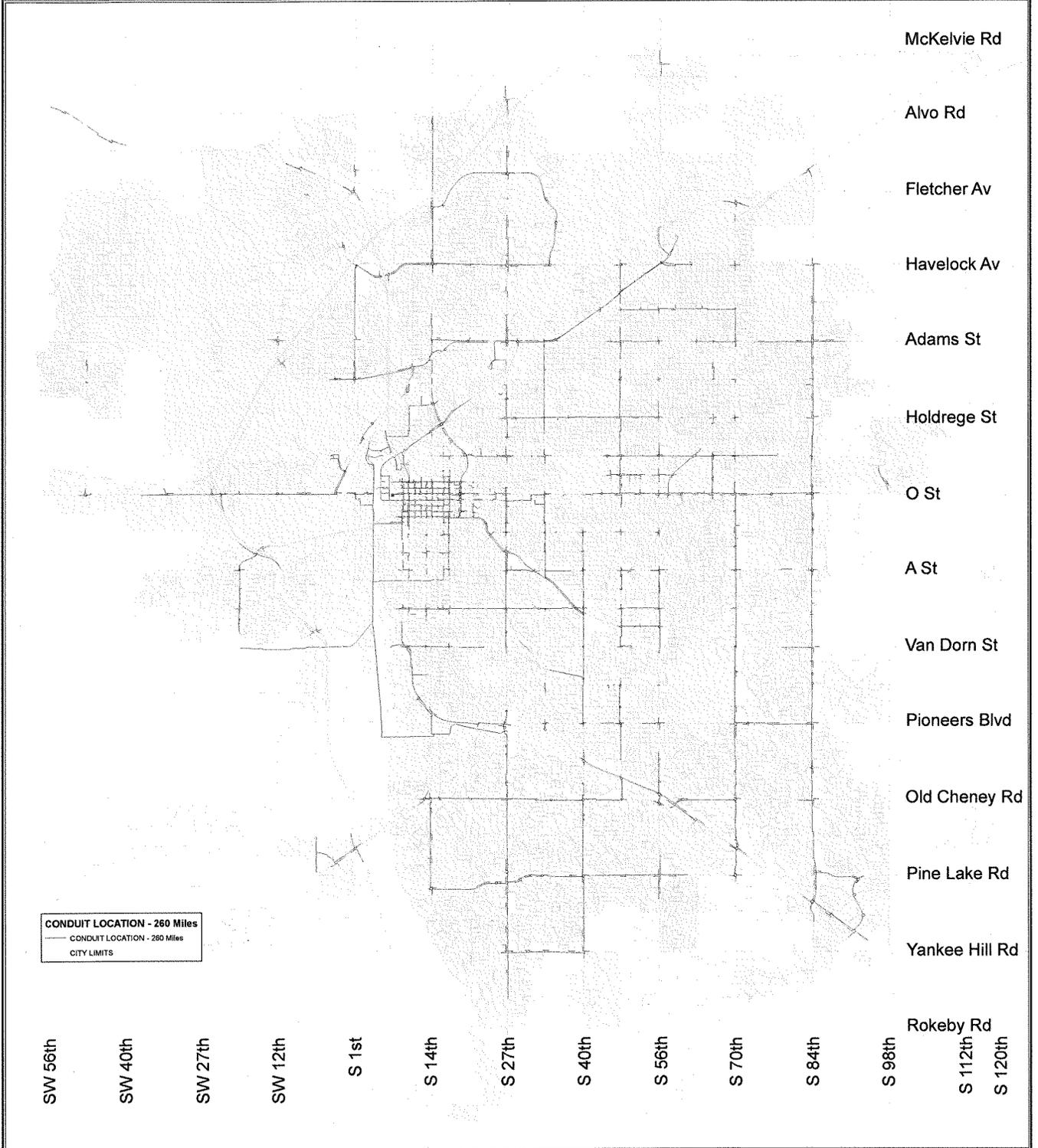
- vi. **Construction Staging.** At no time shall the Lessee direct, nor shall a contractor or subcontractor working on behalf of the Lessee be directed to stage on any traveling surface within the Lincoln Technology Improvement District unless specifically approved in writing by the Conduit System Manager.

- vii. **Timeline.** Lessee agrees to perform all construction and attempt with all reasonable effort to complete projects in a timely manner.

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Exhibit B

Public Works & Utilities



McKelvie Rd

Alvo Rd

Fletcher Av

Havelock Av

Adams St

Holdrege St

O St

A St

Van Dorn St

Pioneers Blvd

Old Cheney Rd

Pine Lake Rd

Yankee Hill Rd

Rokeby Rd

CONDUIT LOCATION - 260 Miles
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CITY LIMITS

SW 56th

SW 40th

SW 27th

SW 12th

S 1st

S 14th

S 27th

S 40th

S 56th

S 70th

S 84th

S 98th

S 112th

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Conduit Location - 260 Miles



Exhibit C

Lincoln Technology Improvement District (“LTID”) **Defined**

The LTID, as defined in the City of Lincoln is described as being all public Right of Ways located in the boundaries of the City.

The City of Lincoln reserves at its sole discretion, the right to expand the boundaries of the LTID in the future.

The City of Lincoln also reserves the right to designate any component of the conduit listed on the map as City only use and such use shall not be unreasonably withheld. If and when any such component is designated as City only, the City shall work with providers to provide alternate routes.

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Exhibit D

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