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Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:17 AM
To: dencc - City Council
Cc: Richard Schutz
Subject: Re: Public Comment Period for Century Link Cable Franchise
Attachments: IMG_1847.jpg; IMGP2945.JPG; IMGP2947.JPG; IMGP2948.JPG; Century Link comment.docx

I have attached 4 pictures and a comment I would like entered into the public record for tonight's public hearing on CenturyLink cable television franchise.

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From: "dencc - City Council" <dencc@denvergov.org>
To: richardschutz@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 12:26:14 PM
Subject: RE: Public Comment Period for Century Link Cable Franchise

Hi Richard.

You can have a small display that someone holds for you while you speak during the public hearing. It can't be displayed outside of your speaking time.

If you have something in a digital format, send it to me and we can make it a part of the official record.

Thanks.

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Century Link has been installing new fibre optic communication equipment in my neighborhood. The new equipment supports higher speed communication technologies cable television and makes Century Link more competitive with Comcast. We as consumers usually come out ahead when there is competition, and I support this. However, the installation has a lot to be desired. Century Link has chosen to put four or five separate boxes at some sites. The result is that each site has a standalone Xcel power meter, a fibre optic equipment box, a DSL box, and one or two patch panel boxes. There is at least one of these sites within a four block radius of each other. Most of the time these boxes end up in the utility right-of-way strip between the sidewalk and the street which is often landscaped by the property owner. I think the installations look too industrial and out of place in my neighborhood.

Our neighborhood also has Comcast service but I have never seen any of the Comcast equipment or if I did see Comcast equipment it did not look out of place or bad to me. So why can Comcast provide service and not trash out the neighborhood with their equipment and Century Link does?

Another problem with the Century Link infrastructure is it becomes a graffiti magnet that is never ever ever cleaned off by Century Link people. This really adds insult to injury. The neighborhoods really don't need industrial looking equipment covered in graffiti.

In the public right of way Century Link has all the rights but none of the responsibility.

I would like to question if the right of way is the best place for this kind of equipment. This equipment's foot print is increasing in size and number of the sites.

In many cases the public right of way is the front of the homes and therefore the front of the neighborhoods but this equipment looks like something that belongs in the alleys.

Placing the Century link equipment in the right of way might have sounded like a good idea in the past but after seeing the reality of this new implementation I think it was a bad mistake.

Can we have as part of the conversation with Century Link how can their infrastructure be more compatible with neighborhood character and not look so industrial?

During permitting can we have better oversight were this equipment is going to be placed?

And finally at a minimum can we hold Century Link responsible to clean the graffiti off of their equipment?



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