October 24, 2012

Walter Veselka, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Bristol
111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

RE: Birch Street/Ronzo Road Intersection Modifications

Dear Mr. Veselka:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that ESPN is in the process of developing plans to construct a permanent entrance on the north side of its main campus. The project will consist of reconfiguring our northern entrance at Birch Street and Ronzo Road and will include installing new traffic signals at the referenced intersection.

The proposed plan would involve removing the existing street lights in the area and incorporating new street lights into the traffic signal support poles. It is my understanding that the proposed lighting arrangement will result in a modification of the City's existing street light policy. Currently the street lights are owned by CL&P and the City pays monthly fee for each light. If approved the proposed lights will be incorporated into the traffic signal support poles and will be owned by the City of Bristol. Street light electrical costs will then be paid for by the City through a metered service associated with the traffic signal. In addition to the street light lighting configuration, ESPN would like to propose the use of mast arms to support the traffic signal equipment.

ESPN has had an opportunity to meet with Raymond Rogozinski from the Engineering Division and the City Planner Alan Wiener to discuss the project. In addition to informing ESPN of the various site plan requirements necessary to construct the project they also advised us of the potential approvals required by the City Council, Board of Public works and Police Commission. It is my understanding, based on those conversations, that Police Commission Board approval is required to install new traffic signals. City Council and Board of Public Works approvals are required to install a non-standard street light that has a metered service. It is also my understanding that the Engineering Division is concerned with ESPN's proposed use of a mast arm traffic signal support system and that ESPN will have to provide structural analysis documentation to address their concerns.

ESPN will be forwarding a request directly to the Police Commission for approval of the proposed traffic signal. However, if appropriate, please place this item on the Board of Public Works November meeting agenda to review the project and forward a recommendation to City Council for approval.

Attached for your review is a document prepared by Bubaris Traffic Associates summarizing the proposed project accompanied by a site plan showing the proposed improvements. Following approval by the City Council, Board of Public Works, and Police Commission it is the intent of ESPN to complete necessary plans and supporting documentation for filing applications to the Wetlands and Planning Commissions. Please contact me should you require additional information regarding this request by ESPN to gain acceptance of the entrance design. Our consultants and I are prepared to meet with you as necessary to expedite this process.

Sincerely,

Robert Longfield
Director of Planning and Construction

Cc: R. Rogozinski, A. Weiner, Lt. E. Spyros, J. Cistulli

Attachments: