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THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

April 6, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO:

MR. C. R. LANDRIGAN, Vice President and Controller 520 General Offices

Attached for the General Files is Building Permit No. 380-49 and renewal dated June 29, 1950, copy of decision by Board of Zoning Appeals, Building Inspector's letter staying construction on permit until above decision and copy of our request for permit in connection with the construction of our 120-KV steel tower transmission line along the Grand Trunk Western Railroad right-of-way through the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. This is a portion of the tower line extending from our Lincoln Station in Royal Oak to our Bloomfield Station in the City of Pontiac.

While this is not a recorded permit, we will appreciate your placing this file with the recorded rights-of-way.

Director

Rights-of-Way Department

R. H. Taylor/HB encl.

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City of Birmingham

151 Martin St. BIRMINGHAM, MICH.



Office of CLERK

December 16, 1949

Detroit Edison Company 2000 Second Detroit, Michigan

Att: Mr. Richard Taylor

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeals of the City of Birmingham met Tuesday, December 6 for the purpose of reviewing an appeal of Mr. Phillip H. Smith, et al on the issuance of a Building Permit dated August 29, 1949, to erect electrical public utility steel towers on and along the west side of the Grand Trunk Right-of-Way where it intersects parts of the City of Birmingham.

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the Resolution upholding issuance of the permit by the Building Inspector.

Very truly yours,

Irene E. Hanley
Secretary to Board of Appeals

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BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Decision in the matter of erection of electrical public utility towers on and along the west side of the Grand Trunk Right-of-way where it intersects parts of the City of Birmingham:

I, Irene E. Hanley, Secretary to the Birmingham Zoning Board of Appeals, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held Tuesday, December 6, 1949.

Moved by Mr. Glossop, Supported by Mr. Miller.

WHEREAS, at this hearing it has been brought out that many property owners are fearful of possible depreciation as to property values, other property owners opposed the proposed action for exthetic reasons, others opposed it because of danger, or radio and television interference, and others opposed it because of the danger of these towers constituting an attractive nuisance, and

WHEREAS, a great deal of testimony was heard both pro and con, and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that the towers do not constitute a hazard, and that radio and television interference would be negligible, and

WHEREAS, the entire voting board is sympathetic with the views of the adjacent property owners that these towers will possibly bring about depreciation in property values, and from an esthetic standpoint may not prove to be attractive, NEVERTHELESS, the Board is of the opinion that it is obligated in this particular case to sustain the action of the Building Inspector in issuing the permit, which in turn was predicated on an opinion given by the city attorney, which says in part as follows:

"My examination of the Ordinance fails to disclose any restriction on installations of the utilities companies. they are apparently not affected by the zoning regulations.

"On the Zoning Map, the railroad right of way is shown in white, that being the marking for single residence property. This same marking is shown for the streets and alleys. If a power line cannot be constructed on the railroad right of way, through a single family district, neither could it be constructed in the streets, alleys, or any other place in that district."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appeals of Philip H. Smith, Sherman L. LaMeasure, Loren J. Sherff, David S. Piggott, F. W. Brede, Jr. and the Birmingham Estates Association, Inc. be denied.

Yeas: - Blenman, Glossop, Green and Miller

Nays:- None

Not Voting: - Groves (being a Detroit Edison Company employee)

Secretary Secretary

City of Birmingham

151 Martin St. BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Office of BUILDING INSPECTOR

August 31, 1949

Detroit Edison Company 2000 Second Avenue Detroit, Michigan

Att: Mr. Sullivan

Gentlemen:

The issuing of Building Permit #380-49, dated August 29, 1949, has been appealed by Philip H. Smith, 1756 Yosemite Street, Birmingham, Michigan as of this date.

Section 1503 of our Zoning Ordinance #221 states, "An appeal stays all proceedings in futherance of the action appealed from unless the officer from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the Board of Appeals after the notice of appeal shall have been filed with him that by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would in his opinion cause imminent peril to life or property, in which case proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Appeals or by the circuit court, on application, on notice to the officer from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown."

No construction or other action permitted you by the issuance of the above building permit can be undertaken until the hearing and decision on this case by the Board of Appeals is completed.

You will be notified in the near future of the date and place of such hearing.

Sincerely

Barkley G. Omans

Building Inspection Department

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cc: Mr. Egbert Mr. Gare Miss Hanley

Bd. of Appeals

August 19, 1949

City of Birmingham Eirmingham, Kichigan

Attention: Mr. Donald C. Egbert, Manager

Centlemen:

We are submitting sketches showing the route in Birming-ham of the proposed 120-kv steel tower transmission line. This line is to be erected from our Bloomfield Station at South Boulevard, Pontiae, along the Grand Trunk Western Railroad right of way, to our Lincoln Station at Lincoln Avenue, Royal Cak, Michigan. We also submit form of application for permit to which this letter may be considered supplemental.

This line is to be a second feed to furnish power at 120-kv at Lincoln Station in Royal Cak. This is the main distribution point of our service to the various substations located in the greater North Roodward area.

Due to the rapid growth of the territory, it has been necessary to add six new substations in the past four years. We plan to add an additional five or six substations in the next two years. Because of this growth and to have available the necessary voltage in the area, we propose to have this additional line constructed early this fall.

This line will be within the limits of the City of Birmingham in three places as noted on the sketches. Our estimate is that five or six steel towers, 85 feet high, will be needed within those limits.

Certain phases of this construction program have heretofore been taken up with you when our plans were less crystallised. As we read the Birmingham Zoning Ordinance, the lands of the Railroad are not soned.

very truly yours,

Henry J. Sulliven

Assistant.

Vice President's Office