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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0598

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TO

DATE: October 18, 2010

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0598 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to grant a franchise to Apex Oil Company to construct, use, and maintain a private fuel pipeline under and across a portion of the 1800 block of Frankfurst Avenue right-of-way, connecting facilities located on the properties known as NuStar – LP Terminal pier and Center Point Terminal on Vera Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations.

Petroleum Fuel and terminal is a subsidiary of Apex Oil Company and owns the property known as Center Point Terminal located at the corner of Vera Street and Frankfurst Avenue. The property is a storage facility for petroleum products. A new 12-inch diameter fuel line will be constructed from the NuStar – LP Terminal pier to a manifold at the Center Point Terminal. Measuring approximately 4,400 linear feet, the fuel line alignment is proposed to run from the loading arm on the NuStar Patapsco River pier along an existing above-ground pipeway through the NuStar Terminal, then underground to cross the 1800 block of Frankfurst Avenue right-of-way, a CSX rail line, a privately owned parcel of land, then emerging as an above ground pipeway within the Center Point Terminal property.

City Council Bill 10-0598, if approved, would authorize the portion of fuel pipeline that would cross beneath and across the 1800 block of Frankfurst Avenue right-of-way, a length of approximately 60 feet. The pipeline will be built approximately 6 feet below the surface of the Frankfurst Avenue street bed. The fuel pipeline will be a 12-inch diameter steel, API 5L Grade B carrier pipe contained within an 18-inch diameter steel, API 5L Grade B casing pipe. The pipeline will be installed using horizontal directional drilling techniques under the right-of-way from jacking and receiving pits located on the north and south sides of Frankfurst Avenue. This installation technique should not unduly interfere with traffic flow on Frankfurst Avenue. The proposed alignment will not impinge upon existing underground utilities. In accordance with the Minor Privilege Schedule of Charges and Regulations as established and set by the Board of Estimates, an annual franchise fee of \$210.00 is recommended for this type of encroachment into the public way.

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Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0598.

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Theodore Atwood
Director

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