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To: ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES

From: James Puddicombe, Utilities Engineer
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Subject: Public Utility Master Franchise Agreement(s)

It is important to note the Master Franchise is a legal instrument by which the general use of the State's right-of-way is granted. This Franchise does not change the conditions or the regulations with which utility companies must comply for the privilege of occupying public right-of-way, and utility construction permits are still required prior to any work taking place.

Please review the DelDOT Utilities Regulation for more information regarding the Master Franchise requirements and the overall utility construction permitting requirements and process.

To start the process of obtaining a **State of Delaware Department of Transportation Public Utility Master Franchise**, please contact the DelDOT Utility Engineer listed below.

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Thank you.
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