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The Hon. Edward Ho Sing Tin,
Chairman,
Panel on Planning, Lands and Works,
Legislative Council,
C/o Wong, Tung & Partners Limited
5/F, City Plaza, Tai Koo Shing
Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Proposed Charging and Penalty System for Road Opening Works

We refer to the proposed charging and penalty system for road opening works, and would like to voice our main concerns as follows:

1. We believe the proposed system conveys a very negative message to utility companies who in recent years have taken a lot of initiatives to improve the quality of roadworks. If the fundamental rationale of the charging system for recovery of Government administrative cost on an “users pay” principle stands, utility companies requiring less supervision by the Government should be charged less. Unfortunately, no matter how well a utility company performs in road opening, according to the charging scheme it still has to pay the same rate as others.
2. Introduction of the proposed system will add more administrative overheads to both the Government and the utility companies. The overheads will reduce efficiency; increase costs, but will not contribute value to improve quality. The additional costs incurred by the utility companies inevitably will be recovered from end users, and this will not be received favourably by the public especially under the present economic climate.
3. The charging on a duration basis fails to take into account time factors that are outside the utilities’ control, such to meet police and EPD requirements.

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