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Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation Right-of-Way & Utilities Division 200 NE 21st St, Rm #2A1 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Applications for Sign Registration 80804-25 & 80804-26 23925 S Highway 66, Verdigris Office Assistance: Kate Kunzē kateandernie@gmail.com 707-235-8688

This letter serves as a formal request to undo the two "Applications for Sign Registration" submitted by Sherrill Outdoor Advertising for our property. These applications were submitted without our knowledge or permission in September 2022, and we did not learn of them until February 2024, after Whistler Inc. announced their intension to buy Sherrill ODA Inc.

At the time of our two lease agreements with Sherrill (dated Nov 2002 & Dec 2003), Highway 66 was not subject to the Highway Beautification Act, and there was no requirement to register the billboards with ODOT.

This new requirement substantially affects our contracts.

We find our negotiating position with both Sherrill and Whistler to be unconscionable. We respectfully ask that the permit applications be nullified, as if they had never been submitted.

Had we been informed of the new ODOT requirement (as Jeanne Sherrill would certainly do, if she were alive) we would have insisted that the permits be in our name, as we did with the Verdigris sign permits which we filed for ourselves. Additionally, knowing that the ODOT process would cause the signs to be grandfathered we would have refused to allow the submission until after we renegotiated our two contracts.

In fact, we probably would have negotiated to buy the signs outright. My late father always insisted on owning the billboards on our property, and only leasing the use of them. Having the signs revert to our possession, either with or without additional payment from us, had always been the long-term plan. Jeanne agreed with this in various discussions, although we never formalized it.

This situation has now become very time sensitive, as Jeanne's heirs are working to sell the company to Whistler, and Whistler's intention is to remove half of the signs that they buy. "Our" signs, which Verdigris registered as conforming, are now grandfathered by ODOT (again, without our knowledge or permission) so we no longer have the option to work with anyone besides Sherrill/Whistler. Sherrill OAC won't talk to us because of the negotiations. We are far apart on terms with Whistler.

We would like to restart the process with all parties properly informed. Please nullify the applications on record. If you have a better solution, we would be happy to hear it. Please respond as soon as possible, as our only other recourse appears to be legal action against one or more of the parties involved.

Sincerely,

Ernest Kunze