September 5th, 2008

Urban Design Committee City of Madison

RE: Dane County Credit Union variance request for an electronic message center.

Dear committee.

A previous variance for the current sign location, design and size was already granted., therefore we are presenting a modification to the ground sign to include the electronic message display. This display is not considered to be a change of copy, therefore it requires re-approval of the variance by U.D.C.

The new design's size and setback both comply with the zoning code for the M1 district. The current code allows for 16' maximum height and 60 sq. feet of graphic area. The proposed design is 9' high with 58 sq. ft.

The current design (Exhibit A and A.1) is not complimentary to the contemporary architecture of the building and has no capacity to advertise current interest rates, which is crucial to the success of this business.

The Credit Union's intent is to install a more contemporary, clean looking sign that matches the architecture of the building. We present to you a design with an electronic message center integrated into the design (Exhibit E).

The contemporary look of an electronic display fits within the aesthetics of the sign and building's design (Exhibit B and B.1) much better than a plastic manual track lettering display.

The location is quiet and not heavy with traffic (Exhibit C). The sign would sit at a 4 way stop and not hinder traffic flow.

We chose an amber display to look more professional and not like a retail environment.

The customer would have a great deal of convenience to be able to control the messages from one central location.

Most important of all, is that the customer is restricted under the current ordinance to only be allowed one static message change every hour.

We truly feel this design is a cleaner, more useful style than the manual lettering kits. We're asking for your approval to integrate the electronic message center instead of a manual track reader board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Olkwitz

EXHIBIT C



INTERSECTION PHOTO



EXHIBIT B



BUILDING ARCHITECTURE



EXHIBIT B.1



BUILDING ARCHITECTURE



EXHIBIT A



CURRENT SIGN



EXHIBIT A.1



CURRENT SIGN LOCATION



