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**FOUR SEASONS SOLAR PRODUCTS LLC**

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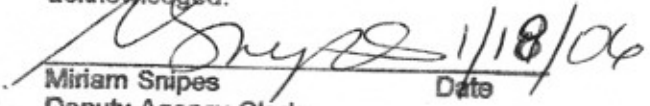
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**Petition for Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Commission**

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The petitioner requests a declaratory statement regarding the interpretation of the 2004 Florida Building code Section 1609.1.4., Protection of openings

More specifically we would request an interpretation of Part 4 of that section

4. Openings in sunrooms, balconies or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall are protected in accordance with Section **1609.1.4** above. Such spaces shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.

We interpret this section of the code to mean that openings in sunrooms are not required to be protected as long as they are separated from the building and are designed as partially enclosed or enclosed structures. Is this correct?

In addition, with regard to sunrooms only, they are not required to be constructed under an existing roof or deck to avail themselves to the provisions of this section. Is this correct?

We believe that the reference to existing roofs or decks only applies to enclosed porches and not

Interpreting the code this way makes sense because when enclosing a porch under an existing roof or deck the existing roof or deck will see the same pressure as if the enclosure were designed as partially enclosed structure and less pressure as a closed structure. Our sunrooms are designed specifically as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures to meet the required internal pressure requirements.

We respectfully request that you clarify the abovementioned section of the code.

Sincerely,  
Four Seasons Solar Products, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K McGrath', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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