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To Whom It May Concern:

Title III of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6831-6837), requires states to certify to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that they have reviewed the energy provisions of their building code, held public hearings and made a determination as to whether their code meets or exceeds the national code within two years of federal notice. In the May 17, 2012, edition of the Federal Register, the U.S. Department of Energy noticed that the 2012 edition of the *International Energy Conservation Code* would achieve greater energy efficiency in low rise residential buildings than the 2009 edition of that code.

The Florida Building Commission, which has statutory authority to administer the *Florida Building Code* (s. 553.72(3), *Florida Statutes*), met on August 23, 2013, and voted to certify that the residential building provisions of the 2013 *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation*, will meet or exceed the 2012 edition of the *International Energy Conservation Code* for low-rise residential buildings.

Florida has been working since March, 2012, toward producing the 2013 *Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation*, which will utilize the 2012 *International Energy Conservation Code* as its base document. A triennial code change cycle, as well as a supplemental cycle (intended to fix conflicts between codes and inconsistencies with federal or state law, and updates to standards) has produced a variety of approved energy code changes, which have undergone significant public review. That effort has resulted in a document that clearly reflects the 2012 IECC as its model. A code change workshop was held on August 22, 2013, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to accept public input regarding the modifications "supplement" to the model code (2012 International Codes) approved by the Florida Building Commission's Technical Advisory Committees. The combination of "supplement" modifications approved on August 23, 2013 and those approved through the triennial code modification process will become the next edition of the *Florida Building Code*. Although the code won't become effective until sometime in 2014 because of the continuing process of editing/producing the 2013 Florida Building Code and training code officials, designers and contractors on changes to the current code, its provisions were approved by the Commission and can be certified at this time.

Should you have questions regarding the Commission's findings, please contact Mo Madani, Planning Manager with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation ((850) 717-1825, mo.madani@myfloridalicense.com)).

Sincerely,

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