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Mr. Mo Madani Florida Building Commission c/o Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation 1940 North Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Via E-mail Transmission: Mo.Madani@dbpr.state.fl.us

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SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission

Dear Mr. Madani:

Please consider this letter as a request for a petition for a declaratory statement before the Florida Building Commission. The request involves a garage door alteration at the time of installation.

Our request focuses on a particular garage door offered by Overhead Door Corporation for a garage in New Port Richey, Florida. The door model has been tested for impact resistance without allowance for vents. A vent in the bottom garage door panel is needed for flood control, as a modification for this specific project. Our questions are as follows:

- 1. If a vent is installed in the door, is the state approval still valid if the approval does not include allowance for a vent?
- 2. Is there any difference in the answer to #1 above for a door involving a vent for flood control versus a vent for air ventilation?
- 3. Does the size of the vent itself make a difference in the answer to Question #1?

Please advise as to when our Petition will be considered by the Commission. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Technical Director

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cc: Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee