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Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Charles M. Compton
Planning and Development Director
Lexington County, South Carolina
212 South Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

RE: Proposed Revision to the Congaree River Floodway at Cross Section 226700

Dear Mr. Compton:

Attached is the report by Braswell Engineering, Inc. submitted as supplemental comments in the prior appeal filed December 7, 1999 pursuant to 44 C.F.R. Section 67 on behalf of Blanchard Investments, Inc. Braswell Engineering was retained by us to study the "Proposed Revision to the Congaree River Floodway at Cross Section 226700" and has prepared this additional data pursuant to the comment period given to appellants by FEMA during the public hearing on September 26, 2000. This data, submitted in accordance with 44 CFR, Part 67, Section 67.6, has been incorporated into the revised floodway model presented by FEMA on October 18, 2000. As explained at the October 18 meeting and as evidenced by the current model, FEMA conservatively estimated flood elevations on the Lexington County side using the "Lexington County model" which assumes the levees would hold during the 100 year flood, but defined the floodway using the "Richland County model," which follows FEMA's standard method of assuming that existing non-certified levees would fail.

As you know, our client is the owner of property that is directly affected by the proposed maps. Ownership is established by deeds of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Lexington County recorded in Book YY, page 380; Book 2546, page 173; Book 2728, page 185; Book 3121, page 109; Book 3141, page 323; Book 3194, page 5; Book 4217, page 325; and Book 4441, page 56.

[redacted] our consulting engineer, is Secretary/Treasurer, Civil Engineer of Braswell Engineering, Inc. His professional registration number is: [redacted]

We simultaneously are filing this material directly with FEMA prior to the close of the comment period. Should you have any questions concerning this data or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you and FEMA in the near future.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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