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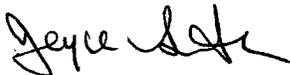
Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your response to my letter concerning the noise emanating from the heating/cooling system at Sibley.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies of your letter to Ms. Carol Mitten and Ms. Rachel Thompson.

I am glad you are checking to see if the generator load test is in compliance with the DC noise code. Be sure to have it checked for compliance with the noise code for noise before 7 am. When I spoke with you about this problem last summer you said you were looking into getting a muffler system – what happen with that?

As far as hearing the pretty steady humming noise from Silbley, just go outside into the NE parking lot and listen. We hear it very clearly from our residence. That noise we'll have to live with, but the early AM noise, which lasts for quite awhile – about an hour at least - is very loud and disrupting. *There are large venting structures on top of the large building and the emergency room building making noise.*

Sincerely,


Joyce Smith
5225 Partridge La., NW
Wash., DC 20016

Cc: Carol Mitten, Chair
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Jerry Price
Chief Operating Officer

February 7, 2007

Mrs. Joyce Smith
5225 Partridge Lane, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I have received your letter of February 1, 2007 regarding the "noise" from Sibley. I have no knowledge of a "pretty steady humming noise coming from Sibley throughout the day and night." But I can confidently say, with the exception of the generator load test, we are in compliance with the D.C. noise code.

We may be in compliance with the load test but we will verify this. We test our emergency generators under load conditions every month. This is probably the "noise" you hear from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m., one hour per month. This test is required by our licensing and accrediting agencies. The test must be performed early in the morning before the operating rooms start.

I have contracted with a sound engineer to measure the noise levels the next time the generator test is performed. If we exceed the threshold of the D.C. noise code, we will formulate an action plan to address this issue. Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Price
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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cc: William Vroom

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