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Ms. Sheila Cross-Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BP Corporation
BZA Application No. 16648

Dear Chairperson Reid:

On behalf of the BP Corporation, I want to provide the Board a brief update on this matter and request a deferral of the public meeting and Board decision scheduled for September 4, 2001.

Specifically, on August 20, 2001, senior BP officials met with the most immediately affected neighbors, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association, Scenic America, the Office of Planning, and other members of the Community. This meeting was requested by Mr. Joseph M. Mullan, the Director of Asset Management for BP in the Atlantic Region and it was intended to bring all the parties together to discuss this project and re-start the cooperative community planning process. A senior member of the BP global design team attended from Chicago.

This was an important meeting, encouraged by the Board, which provided a renewed and enhanced basis for the interested parties to move forward together. In response to requests from the community, Mr. Mullan committed BP to take the following immediate steps. First, continue the planning process through a third party mediator. Second, take a new look at all elements of the project, including especially urban design. The community was not interested in pursuing a design based on the Scenic America proposal offered at the June 19 BZA hearing. And, third,

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drop the existing and pending matter-of-right building permits for this site, provided the community consents to working through the process with a third party mediator.

BP is hopeful and desirous of this process being able to continue to a successful conclusion. As a result, BP requests that the Board defer action on this application at its September 4 public meeting date for three (3) months. Alternatively, BP requests Board approval to withdraw the current application without the ninety (90) day restriction on refiling a revised application and with the $4,000 application fee waived.

Thank you for your continued attention and patience in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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