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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:

This firm is counsel for the BP Corporation in the above-referenced application. In accordance with my letter dated August 30, 2001 and pursuant to 11 D.C.M.R. § 3113.01, BP respectfully requests that this application be withdrawn. Under the Board's Rules and prior to issuance of a written order, this withdrawal supersedes the Board's action on September 4, 2001.

As set forth in my letter of August 30, 2001, BP has heeded the Board's advice on renewing its commitment to a community-based planning process for this project. On August 20, 2001, BP, including senior BP officials not previously involved in this process, met with the most immediately affected neighbors in Square 776, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association, Scenic America, the Office of Planning, and other members of the community (collectively, the "Community").

As a result of this meeting and its earlier internal review, BP abandoned the current project proposal and committed to working with the Community to develop a new and mutually agreeable proposal for the site. As part of this planning process, BP agreed to drop the existing and pending matter-of-right building permits for this site in an attempt to focus on the development of a new and Community-supported development proposal. This planning process

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will include a new look at all elements of the project, including, especially urban design supported by mutually agreed upon additional local architectural resources. Finally, BP has agreed to bring in a mutually acceptable third-party mediator/facilitator identified from a list provided by the Office of Planning, at its own expense, to assist in this renewed Community planning process.

In light of this meeting and BP's internal decisionmaking, it was decided not to file additional materials requested by the Board at the June 19, 2001 hearing because that information related to a proposal which had been abandoned and would not be applicable to any plan developed under the new and renewed community planning process. No disrespect for the Board or any interested party was intended, but simply a recognition that the information requested was no longer relevant. In fact, submission of information relating to a plan BP had committed to abandon could have been viewed as bad faith by the Community and in direct conflict with the renewed planning efforts.

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

Very truly yours,

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