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VIA HAND DELIVERY

D. C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N. W.
Suite 220 South
Washington, D. C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16758
BP Amoco Corporation
1300 Rhode Island Avenue, N. E.

Honorable Members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a postponement of the public hearing in the above-referenced case. This case is presently set for public hearing on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, as the last case of the day. Copies of this request are being sent to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C, the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association and the Office of Planning. The undersigned has previously contacted representatives of all three of those organizations to inform them of this request.

The basis of the request for postponement is to allow the Applicant additional time to discuss the project with the community and with the Office of Planning, prior to making its written submission to the Board. The Applicant is seeking to have additional dialogue with the community and the Office of Planning in order to address, to the extent possible, all issues of the Office of Planning and the community on this application. In the ordinary course, the Applicant's Statement would be due today, September 18th.

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The undersigned discussed this application with the ANC single-member district commissioner earlier in the summer, and was informed at that time that the next available date for a presentation to the ANC was today, September 18th, which is two weeks prior to the public hearing. After that discussion, the undersigned requested a meeting with the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association prior to September 18th, and that meeting was held on August 29, 2001. The Applicant has also had a preliminary meeting with the Office of Planning on September 5, 2001. The Office of Planning was originally scheduled to discuss this project in-house during the week of September 10th, but we have been informed that this discussion was necessarily postponed and will not take place until the week of September 17th.

Mr. Arthur Jackson of the Office of Planning has authorized the undersigned to state that he supports the postponement. Ms. Regina James, President of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association has authorized the undersigned to state that they have no objection to this request. Ms. Sondra Jefferson, ANC 5C 11, has also authorized the undersigned to state on behalf of the ANC that they do not object to this request.

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests a postponement of the public hearing in this case. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mr. James Berry, Chairman, ANC 5C
Ms. Sandra Jefferson, ANC 5C 11
Ms. Regina James, Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association
Mr. Arthur Jackson, Office of Planning
Mr. John Lombardo
Mr. Dan Duke