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Vincent Ford
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Dear Mr. Ford:

This is a follow-up to our phone conversation regarding the policy of the District Government for the provision of utility services, specifically gas and electric service, to commercial or residential customers. My understanding is as follows:

The District of Columbia Construction Codes require permits authorizing any type of construction in this jurisdiction. In addition to the construction permit, a separate permit is required for each of the supplemental services, i.e., gas, electrical or plumbing. An electrician, plumber or gas fitter must have a Master License, issued by this Department, to obtain permits for supplemental services.

Once a permit is issued, periodic inspections are conducted, at specific stages, to assure that work is performed in compliance with appropriate codes and standards. Upon completion, one last inspection is conducted before final approval is granted. Final approval is an indication that the building is ready for service. The utility companies will not energize the property until they have received notification of final approval from the Building and Land Regulation Administration.

This process was in place when you came to the agency and has been in uninterrupted effect for the entire twenty-year period that you have served as Program Manager of the Building Inspection Division.

If these statements are correct, please indicate by signature below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edgar T. Nunley
Zoning Services

BZA
Case No. 16803
Exhibit No. 29

Concurrence

Vincent Ford, Program Manager
Building Inspection Division

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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