

**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HURRICANE
LOSS PROJECTION METHODOLOGY**

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Re: Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology

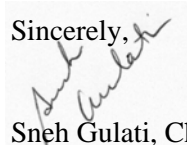
Dear Mr. Smith:

This will confirm the finding of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology on May 13, 2004, that the EQECAT, Inc. computer model has been determined acceptable for projecting hurricane loss costs for personal residential rate filings.

The Commission has determined that the USWIND[®] 5.8/WORLDCAEnterprise[™] 3.6 complies with the Standards adopted by the Commission on August 21 & 22, 2003 and concludes that the USWIND[®] 5.8/WORLDCAEnterprise[™] 3.6 is sufficiently accurate and reliable for projecting hurricane loss costs for residential property in Florida.

In accordance with the Commission's procedures, this determination of acceptability expires on February 28, 2005, unless the modeler has complied with the latest adopted procedures described in the "Process for the determination of acceptability of a computer simulation model" in order to maintain its acceptability.

On behalf of the Commission, I congratulate you and your colleagues. We appreciate your participation and input in this process.

Sincerely,

Sneh Gulati, Chair