



July 11, 2011

Chair, Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology  
c/o Donna Sirmons  
Florida State Board of Administration  
1801 Hermitage Boulevard, Suite 100  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Commission Chairman:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request the Commission reconsider its decision to deny certification of version 4.1 of the Florida Public Hurricane Loss Model at its June 16 meeting. The Commission approved thirty six of the thirty seven standards and concluded by a 6 to 3 vote the model did not meet standard G5 on editorial compliance. It was noted the submission document had many errors, typos, and formatting issues. As per section VI.F of the Process for Determining Acceptability we would like to appeal the Commission decision regarding standard G5 and to provide a revised document that we think complies with the standard.

The revised document has undergone extensive editorial checks. We have corrected all the typos and errors we could find and streamlined and formatted the references for consistency. We adopted the APA standard for references etc. and used several new MS Word tools to streamline the document. Instead of relying primarily on a technical editor, all signatories of forms G1-G7 have reviewed the document repeatedly and contributed to the editorial process.

The model has been used extensively by the State of Florida and by its clients in the insurance industry. The Commission's decision to not certify the model will likely lead to the inactivation of the public model and will have a detrimental impact on its clients and the state of Florida. The model has passed all the scientific standards pertaining to meteorology, vulnerability, actuarial science, statistics, and computer science, and four of the five general standards. We strongly believe we have now complied with the editorial standard G5. Therefore, we respectfully request the Commission reconsider its decision not to certify the model.

We are submitting 20 bound copies of our corrected document. Also enclosed are 21 CDs containing the submission document, output files and forms, including one without track changes in the document. We will gladly provide any additional information the Commission may need to respond to our appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Hamid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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