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Mr. Terrence C. Moran, PE  
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Re: Boone County Public Service District  
Prenter Road / Route 5 Area Waterline Extension Phase II  
Request Waiver for Balls, Bells, and Retainers on [REDACTED] Ball & Socket Pipe

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request a waiver of the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements for the ductile iron balls, bells, and retainer rings in order to install the ball and socket pipe provided [REDACTED].

Ductile iron push-on pipe manufactured [REDACTED] is approved for use on this project. [REDACTED] certifies its ductile iron pipe complies with the AIS requirements but some components of the ball and socket pipe are produced non-domestically, as stated in the certification, and is rejected from use on this project. The AIS certification [REDACTED] is attached for reference.

An alternate pipe manufacturer, [REDACTED] was suggested as approved for past AIS projects. Upon receipt of the pipe quote and delivery schedule it was determined that change orders would need to be requested for the increase in material cost and for a time extension to complete the project due to delays for pipe production and shipping. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This timeframe delays the work into fish spawning season (April 1 - June 30). The stream crossings will not start until July 1, which can delay project completion 2-3 months in order to pressure test, flush, and sterilize the water line, draw water quality samples, and install the water meter settings. The pipe quote [REDACTED] and the email from [REDACTED] salesman stating the delivery schedule is attached for reference.

FAMCO, Inc. requests a waiver in this case because the iron and steel products are not sufficiently produced in the United States and ball and socket pipe quantities are not reasonably available. In addition, there are [REDACTED] in West Virginia, nor did we receive any material quotes [REDACTED] prior to the bid opening. A waiver allows the ball and socket pipe provided [REDACTED] installed immediately and the project to continue as scheduled.

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Please consider our request for a waiver to limit additional delays. I am available to answer any questions you have regarding this correspondence. Please contact me anytime.

Very Respectfully,



Robert M. LaFon