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Oscar Garza, Program Coordinator  
County of Hidalgo, Texas  
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Re: Pct. 1 Constable's Building

Dear Mr. Garza,

This is to clarify the installation of the parking lot light poles for the project. The construction drawings for the parking lot were prepared by Guzman/Munoz for the County. These plans included the parking lot light poles, lamps, wiring connections and concrete bases. Under our A/E contract, we prepared the construction drawings for the building. Our plans included the electrical conduits and wiring extending from the building to each light pole location. This was according to the instructions the County gave to each design firm.

The construction of the parking lot is being managed by the County. The building construction is being done by Holchemont, LLC, general contractor. Holchemont installed the conduits and wiring for the parking lot lights as per our plans and specs. After these Holchemont installations, we were notified that the County- provided lamps were not compatible with the electrical power serving the building. The solution was to install a step-up transformer for the lamps as recommended by AEP. The lamps could have been modified, however, the lamp warranty would have been nullified, so that modification of the lamps was not a practical option.

The transformer needs to be connected to the electrical service at the building. This can best be done under the Holchemont contract. Had the County hired another contractor for this work, it would have created the possibility of electrical warranty limitations and the possibility of questionable responsibility for the proper functioning of the parking lot lights. Based on these circumstances, and in the best interests of the County, we supported the County's decision to have Holchemont install the transformer and the related items.

The County completed the installation of the concrete bases for the light poles. The installation of the parking lot light poles and lamps is to be done by Holchemont as additional work required to complete the lighting installations, including the wiring connections for the lamps. As with the transformer installation, this electrical work has its own warranty and responsibility implications.

Sincerely,



George A. Garcia, Project Architect