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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **715**
Proposed Specification: **7150300 Highway Lighting System.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Jason Russell from the State Construction Office to provide additional articles for Remedial Work and Statewide Disputes Review Board for the painting of products covered by this Specification. The following proposed changes are associated with changes to Section 646 and 649.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

**HIGHWAY LIGHTING SYSTEM
(REV 5-25-21)**

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Fill the voids around precast concrete foundations under roadway light poles with flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121 or clean sands placed using hydraulic methods to a level 6 inches below grade.

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Leave at least 3 feet of conductor where the cable enters and leaves conduit. Protect conductors pulled into conduit or ducts against abrasion, kinking, and twisting. Locate pull boxes so that the conductors are not subjected to excessive pulling stresses.

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Unless otherwise shown in the Standard Plans or authorized by the Engineer, splices shall be made with split bolt connectors. The connector shall be sealed in silicone gel that easily peels

away leaving a clean connection. The gel will be contained in a closure that when snapped around the split bolt will provide a waterproof connection without the use of tools or taping. This closure will be UV resistant, impact resistant and abrasion resistant.

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Install conduit at the locations shown in the Plans and in accordance with Section 630.

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715-~~11~~-13.6 Screen Installation for High Mast Light Pole Bases: Install a screen in accordance with 649-6.

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Ground in accordance with the NEC, and local codes which exceed these Specifications.

Ground each metal light pole, not on a bridge structure, with an approved rod, 20 feet in length and at least 5/8 inch in diameter.

For poles on bridge structures, bring the grounding conductors out to a pull box at each end of the structure and connect them to driven ground rods, 20 feet in length and at least 5/8 inch in diameter.

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Make all bonds between ground wires and grounding electrode assemblies or arrays with an exothermic bond with the following exception: do not exothermically bond grounding electrode to grounding electrode connections.

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Ground all high mast poles in accordance with the details for grounding in the Standard Plans, Index 715-010.

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Stencil labels on the cases of transformer and panel board with white oil paint, as designated by the Engineer. Also, mark the correct circuit designations in accordance with the wiring diagram on the terminal marking strips of each terminal block and on the card holder in the panel board.

715-~~14~~16 Tests of Installation.

Upon completion of the work, test the installation to ensure that the installation is entirely free of ground faults, short circuits, and open circuits and that it is in satisfactory working condition. Furnish all labor, materials, and apparatus necessary for making the required tests. Remove and replace any defective material or workmanship discovered as a result of these tests at no expense to the Department, and make subsequent re-tests to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

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Not less than 48 hours prior to the beginning of the test period, give the power supplier the schedule for such test.

Test the installation under normal operating conditions during the seven-day test period specified in 715-14, rather than as a continuous burn test period.

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