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Khoa Nguyen Director, Office of Technical Services Federal Highway Administration 3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400 Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office Section: **007**

Proposed Specification: **SP0070104-10 Legal Requirements and Responsibility** to the Public- Laws to be Observed – Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations (Bats).

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

The changes are proposed by Erica Christiansen to instruct contractors to retain previously installed bat exclusion devices during the duration of a bridge construction or maintenance project.

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

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Dan Hurtado, P.E. State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc. State Construction Engineer

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (BATS) (REV 12-7-18)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4.1 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

7-1.4.1 Additional Requirements for Bats:

Maintain the previously installed bat exclusion devices to prevent future bat roosting during construction on Bridge No(s)

Immediately repair exclusion devices that become torn or damaged. Repairs must be conducted by a qualified specialty contractor or experienced biologist. Remove the exclusion devices upon completion of construction. Notify the Engineer if bats, bat remains, or new evidence of roosting is found.