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February 11, 2014

Mr. Rufus Summers
Fire Chief of Katy OPA
1417 Avenue D
Katy, Texas 77493

Place Code: Fort Bend: 15817 Harris: 20107 Waller: 47317

Dear Mr. Summers:

Insurance Services Office (ISO) has submitted a recommendation that extends your fire department response to an area outside the city limits. This area is considered an Outside Protected Area (OPA) and is limited to the area indicated on the map which accompanied the request. Please note this does not apply to the area within the city limits or the area covered by the Public Protection Classification (PPC). Currently, the area outlined in the OPA is a Class 2/9.

Insurance Services Office is recommending the Public Protection Classification for the OPA be changed to a split Class 2/9 with an effective date of 07/01/2014. The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 10/10/2013 and does include application of the Texas Addendum.

With a split **Class 2/9**, all class-rated properties located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within 5 miles of a fire station will use **Class 2**. All class-rated properties located farther than 1000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within 5 miles of a fire station will use **Class 9**.

Public Protection Classifications range from 1 (best) to 10 (worst).

We have reviewed the information provided and believe it is sufficient to grant approval. Enclosed is a PPC Submittal sheet indicating the point totals for the major areas associated with the review. The Insurance Services Office will be notified of our approval of their recommendation and the 07/01/2014 effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this change, I may be reached at the address indicated above or by telephone at (512) 305-7941.

Please make sure all community officials and residents within your district are notified of the new Public Protection Classification rating for your community, and the effective date.

Sincerely,

Jesse James Williams
Deputy State Fire Marshal
PPC Oversight Officer

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PPC SUBMITTAL

Municipality:	Katy OPA	County:	Fort Bend/Harris/Waller	Population:	15000
Surveyed:	10/10/2013	Total Credit:	84.13	Class:	2/9
Submitted:	02/04/2014	Effective Date:	07/01/2014		
Place Code:	15817/20107/47317	Addendum Applied:	10/10/2013		

SUMMARY OF ASSIGNED CREDIT

Feature	Assigned Credit	Addendum Credit	Maximum Credit
Receiving and Handling Fire Alarms	8.02		10.00
Water Supply	38.99		40.00
Fire Department	36.08		50.00
Texas State Training (CTT)		1.06	3.26
Texas Addendum Credit (CTX)		4.62	6.50
* Divergence:	< 4.64 >		
Total Points:	78.45	5.68	106.50

The Public Protection Class is based on the total percentage credit as follows:

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Class	Percentage %
1	90.00 or more
2	80.00 to 89.99
3	70.00 to 79.99
4	60.00 to 69.99
5	50.00 to 59.99
6	40.00 to 49.99
7	30.00 to 39.99
8	20.00 to 29.99
9	10.00 to 19.99
10	0 to 9.99

Divergence is a reduction in credit to reflect a difference in the relative credits for the Fire Department and Water Supply.

The difference in protection provided by the fire department and the water supply prevents the better feature from being utilized to its fullest extent. Therefore, an adjustment (divergence) is made to reflect any difference between these two features. Because of the difference in the total weights assigned to the two features, the total for the Fire Department is adjusted to make the comparison reflect the relative adequacies of the two features.

Divergence = 50% (100% water supply credit – 80% of fire department credit)