PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION III(B)(1)(a) AND SECTION III(B)(1)(b) OF INSTRUCTIONS AND CHAPTER 67-48

Petitioner, LULAV SQUARE APARTMENTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership ("Petitioner"), hereby petitions Respondent, FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION ("Florida Housing") for a waiver of: (i) the requirement to provide air conditioning systems with a SEER rating of 14 in the units of the Development (as defined below), and (ii) the requirement to provide a full-size range in the kitchen of those units located in the Development. See Universal Application Instructions, Housing Credit Program, Part III, Section B(1)(a) ("Rule B(1)(a)") and Part III, Section B(1)(b) ("Rule B(1)(b)") (the "Instructions") and Chapter 67-48, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-104.002, Florida Administrative Code, Petitioner requests a waiver of (i) Rule B(1)(a) to allow for the use of EER (as opposed to SEER) 12.9 split air conditioning systems ("Alternative A/C System") in lieu of air conditioning systems with an SEER rating of 14 ("Required A/C System") in the redeveloped units of the Development, and (ii) Rule B(1)(b) to allow for the use of a smaller 20-inch wide
range ("Alternative Range") in lieu of a full-sized range ("Required Range") in the redeveloped units of the Development.

THE PETITIONER

1. The address, telephone number, and facsimile number for Petitioner and its qualified representative are:

Lulav Square Apartments Limited Partnership
Attention: Mr. Don Paxton
2206 Jo An Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34231
Telephone: 941-929-1270 Ext. 110
Facsimile: 9941-929-1271
Email: dpaxton@beneficialcom.com

2. The address, telephone number, facsimile number and e-mail address of Petitioner’s counsel is:

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Telephone: (407) 839-4200
Facsimile: (407) 425-8377
Email: dleon@broadandcassel.com

4. Petitioner has closed on the financing and housing credit syndication which will provide funds for the renovation of 140 units intended to serve low-income persons in Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Development").

5. The waiver being sought is permanent in nature.

6. The requested waiver will not adversely affect the Development; however, a denial of this Petition would result in:

   a. substantial economic hardship to Petitioner by requiring (i) new electrical panels to be installed, (ii) a significant redesign of the kitchens of the Development, (iii) the use of less efficient air conditioning systems due to the inapplicability of the SEER standard to air conditioning systems of this size;

   b. deprivation of the residents in the Development of a workable kitchen with proper counter space;

   c. deprivation of Miami-Dade County of essential affordable housing units constructed in a timely manner;

   d. violation of the principles of fairness.\footnote{"Principles of Fairness" are violated when literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule. Section 120.542, Florida Statutes.} Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes.

THE RULE FROM WHICH WAIVER IS REQUESTED AND STATUTE IMPLEMENTED BY THE RULE

7. Petitioner requests a waiver of Part III, Section B(1)(a) of the Instructions, that provides as follows:

   \textit{Part III. Proposed Development \ldots}
B. Construction Features and Amenities …

1. Required General Features and Amenities for All Developments (Threshold) …

   a. All Units in ALL Developments: …

   - Air conditioning with a minimum SEER rating of 14 (excluding building with central chiller system). Window air conditioning units are not allowed; however, through-wall air conditioning units with a minimum EER rating of 10 are permissible for rehabilitation units.

8. Petitioner requests a waiver of Part III, Section B(1)(b) of the Instructions, that provides as follows:

   Part III. Proposed Development …

   B. Construction Features and Amenities …

   1. Required General Features and Amenities for All Developments (Threshold) …

   b. All Units in ALL Developments Except SRO: …

   - Full-size range, oven and Energy Star qualified refrigerator in all units.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED WAIVER

9. Under Section 120.542(1), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-104, Florida Administrative Code, Florida Housing has the authority to grant waivers to its rule requirements when strict application of the rules would lead to unreasonable, unfair and unintended consequences, in particular instances. Waivers shall be granted when the person who is subject to the Rule demonstrates that the application of the rule would: (1) create a substantial hardship
or violate principles of fairness,\textsuperscript{2} and (2) the purpose of the underlying statute has been or will be achieved by other means by the person. Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes (2012).

10. In this instance, Petitioner meets the standards for a waiver of Rule B(1)(a) and Rule B(1)(b).

11. Among other sections of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act, Rule B(1)(a) and Rule B(1)(b) implements Section 420.5089, Florida Statutes, the statute that created the HOME Program.

12. Pursuant to Rule B(1)(a), air conditioning systems with a SEER rating of 14 are required in all units within all developments receiving funding in the 2011 Universal Application Cycle. However, the Alternative A/C System, being a unit greater than 5 tons does not have a SEER rating. Such systems are rated in EER or IEER rather than rated in SEER. The Energy Code Minimums for a 360,000 MBH/H unit has an EER of 10.0, or an IEER of 10.1. The Alternative A/C System actually “exceeds FHFC commercial requirement for ‘central chiller A/C system based on size > 135-240 KBTuh: 11.0EER/11.5 IPLV’ and also the FHFC requirement for ‘in-unit conditioning: minimum 14 SEER’”. See letter from the mechanical engineer attached hereto at Exhibit “A” confirming same. A copy of the specifications with tonnage and efficiency rating for the Alternative A/C System is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

13. The Alternative A/C System significantly exceeds the code minimum, is the most efficient unit available for the particular design concept and is more than adequate for the residents of the units. Use of the Alternative A/C System will alleviate the need for substantial

\textsuperscript{2} “Substantial hardship” means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. “Principles of Fairness” are violated when literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the Rule. Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes.
revisions to the plans for the Development's renovations and thereby insure timely delivery of the renovated units for residential occupancy.

14. Pursuant to Rule B(1)(b), a full-size range is required in all units within all developments receiving funding in the 2011 Universal Application Cycle. However, the electrical consultant for the Development has concluded that, if the Required Range were used in the units, the kitchen would not be as usable as if the Alternate Range were installed, because (i) the kitchen area within the rehabilitated units did not allow for a range the size of the Required Range; (ii) the use of the Alternative Range will allow for a functioning kitchen with increased usable kitchen countertop space; and (iii) the Required Range would increase the electrical load in each unit by as much as ten percent (10%), thereby requiring a new electrical panel and other electrical upgrades in each unit which is neither feasible nor necessary as a practical matter. Further, the Alternative Range consists of four burners and an oven of sufficient capacity to serve the units which will not be occupied by more than two (2) persons. A copy of the specifications for the Alternative Range is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

15. Like the Required Range, the Alternative Range contains a full oven and four burners which is more than adequate for the residents of the units. Use of the Alternative Range will alleviate the need for substantial revisions to the plans for the Development's renovations and thereby insure timely delivery of the renovated units for residential occupancy.

16. Because the use of the Required A/C Systems and the Required Ranges are requirements for all units in the Development, a waiver is necessary to prevent the Petitioner from being in default under Rule B(1)(a) and Rule B(1)(b) respectively.
CONCLUSION

17. Controlling statutes and Florida Housing rules are designed to allow the flexibility necessary to provide relief from rule requirements when strict application, in particular circumstances, would lead to unreasonable, unfair or unintended results. Waivers should be granted when the applicant subject to the rule demonstrates that strict application would: (a) create a substantial hardship or violate principles of fairness; and (b) the purposes of the underlying Statute has been or will be achieved by other means. Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes.

18. The requested waiver will not adversely impact the Development or Florida Housing and will ensure that 140 affordable housing units will be available for the target population in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

19. A denial of the requested waiver of Rule B(1)(a) could result in a substantial hardship for Petitioner, which would be obligated to use less efficient air conditioning systems due to the inapplicability of the SEER standard to the Alternative A/C Systems. In addition, a denial of the requested waiver of Rule B(1)(b) could result in a substantial hardship for Petitioner, which would be unable to provide usable, accessible kitchen with adequate countertop space for its residents, or would be required to revise the kitchen layout and further to make significant electrical upgrades resulting in delay in providing those renovated units for occupancy.

20. The requested waivers serve the purposes of Section 420.5099, Florida Statutes (2012), and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act (the "Act"), as a whole, because one of
the primary goals is to facilitate the availability of decent, safe and sanitary housing in the State
of Florida to low-income persons and households by ensuring:

... the maximum use of available tax credits in order to encourage development of low-
income housing in the state, taking into consideration the timeliness of the application, the
location of the proposed housing project, the relative need in the area for low-income
housing and the availability of such housing, the economic feasibility of the project, and
the ability of the applicant to proceed to completion of the project in the calendar year for
which the credit is sought.

Section 420.5099(2), Florida Statutes (2012).

21. Finally, by granting the requested waiver, Florida Housing would recognize the
economic realities and principles of fundamental fairness in the development of affordable rental
housing of the elderly. This recognition would promote participation by experienced developer
entities in meeting the purpose of the Act through rehabilitation of projects in an economical and
efficient manner, as well as to provide practical features and amenities within residential units
developed for low-income residents.

22. Should Florida Housing require additional information, Petitioner is available to
answer questions and to provide all information necessary for consideration of its Petition for
Waiver of Part III, Section B(1)(a) and Section B(1)(b) of the Instructions and Chapter 67-48.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the following:

A. Grant the Petition and all relief requested herein;

B. Waive Rule B(1)(a)'s requirement for the use of air conditioning systems with a
SEER rating of 14 and allow Petitioner to use split air conditioning systems with
an EER rating of 12.9;

C. Waive Rule B(1)(b)'s requirement for the use of full size ranges and allow
Petitioner to use the 20-inch ranges in the units in the Development; and

D. Grant such further relief as may be deemed appropriate.
Respectfully submitted,

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COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The original Petition is being served by hand delivery, for filing with the Corporation Clerk for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, with copies served by hand delivery on the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, 680 Pepper Building, 111 W. Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400, this 27th day of August, 2013.

By:  
Keith Hetrick, Esq.
Exhibit “A”
August 23rd, 2013

Re: FORUM Architecture & Interior Design, Inc.
745 Orienta Avenue, Suite 1121
Altamonte Springs, Fl 32701
Building Permit Number: BLD2013-04909
JLC Project Number: 13.0064.00

Subject: Lulav Square Senior Apartments

Re: FHFC Plan Review Comments

To whom it may concern:

Josef, Lawrence & Co., is in receipt of the Due Diligence Associates review comments August 5th, 2013 for the Lulav Square Senior Apartments project. We have reviewed the comments with respect to our disciplines and have the following responses:

Comment: Plans indicate air conditioning systems with EER 12.2 split systems, although a SEER rating of 14 is required.

Response: Units greater than 5 tons are rated in EER or IEER, not SEER. The specified system is a 14 ton common condensing unit with a 12.9 EER rating and 19.1 IEER rating. This efficiency rating exceeds FHFC commercial requirement for “central chiller AC system based on size >135-240 KBTUH: 11.0EER/11.5 IPLV” and also the FHFC requirement for “in-unit conditioning: minimum 14 SEER.” Finally, the specified system significantly exceeds state Energy Code Minimums for a 360,000 MBH/H unit are EER=10.0 “OR” IEER=10.1.

If there are any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Josef, Lawrence & Co.

[Signature]

Adam Joseph Barney, P.E.
Principal

Joseph, Lawrence & Co. LLC
155 Cranes Roost Blvd Suite 2080 Altamonte Springs FL 32701 · Tel: 321. 972.4486 · Web: www.jlcoeng.com · C.A. #28730
## CITYMULTI® Outdoor Unit: 14-TON PURY-P168TSKMU-A (-BS) MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC

(Consists of One PURY-P96TKMU-A (-BS), One PURY-P72TKMU-A (-BS), and One CMY-R100CBK2 Twinning Kit)

### Job Name: Lulav Square Apartments

**Schedule Reference: Sheet M15.61**

**Date:**

### OUTDOOR VRF HEAT PUMP WITH HEAT RECOVERY

**SYSTEM FEATURES:**
- INVERTER-driven compressor
- Air-source, simultaneous cooling and heating
- Long line lengths - for details see Engineering Manual
- Connects to CITY MULTI indoor units
- Controlled via CITY MULTI Controls Network

### UNIT OPTION
- Standard Model: PURY-P168TSKMU-A
- Sea Coast (BS) Model: PURY-P168TSKMU-A-BS

### OPTIONAL PARTS
- Twining Kit
- T-Branch Joint (≤ 72,000 Btu/h) CMY-R100CBK2
- T-Branch Joint (78,000-144,000 Btu/h) CMY-Y102S2-G2
- Branch Joint (T-Branch: 145,000-234,000 Btu/h) CMY-Y102LS-G2
- Main BC Controller CMY-PB10010/1010/1016NU-GA/101ENJHA
- Sub BC Controller CMY-PB10010/1010/1016NU-GA/101ENJHA
- Joint Adapter (Port Connector >94,000 Btu/h) CMY-R160C-J

**Ambient Kit Submittal**
- *Twinning Kit is necessary in the outdoor unit installation.

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**NOTE:**
- For details on extended cooling operation range down to -10°F DB, see Low Ambient Kit Submittal.
- *Each individual module requires a separate electrical connection*

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168,000 btu/h / 12,000 btu/h/ton = 14 tons cooling per system (per floor)

**EER is efficiency rating for full-on cooling demand, IEER is calculated rating for typical likely demand across all units**
Exhibit “C”
Hotpoint® 20" Electric Free-Standing Range

Model# RA720KWH

FEATURES

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- Coil heating elements - Provides consistent and even heat on the cooktop with a plug-in element that is removable for easy cleaning
- Chrome Drip Bowls - Contain spills and remove for easy cleaning
- Lift-Up Cooktop - Cooktop lifts up for easy access to porcelain-enamelled subtop
- Two Oven Rocks - Feature a durable construction to help accommodate any size or type of cookware
- Broiler Pan With Grid - Convenient broiler pan can be used when broiling for crisping and browning

Have more questions? Please contact 1-800-626-2005
Hotpoint® 20" Electric Free-Standing Range

Model# RA720KWH

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS (HxDxW)
• 40 in x 26 1/2 in x 20 in

CAPACITY
• Total Capacity (cubic feet) 2.4 cu ft

Claims & Certifications
• ADA Compliant

WARRANTY
• Parts Warranty - Limited 1-year entire appliance
• Labor Warranty - Limited 1-year entire appliance
• Warranty Notes - For models produced on or after January 1, 2006
  See written warranty for full details

Have more questions? Please contact 1-800-626-2005
August 27, 2013

VIA COURIER

Ms. Ashley Black
Corporation Clerk
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Lulav Square Apartments Limited Partnership
Petition for Rule Waiver
Application No. 2011-126C

Dear Ms. Harrell:

Enclosed for filing is a Petition for Rule Waiver, submitted on behalf of Lulav Square Apartments Limited Partnership, for consideration by the Board at its next meeting. A duplicate copy has been delivered to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

BROAD AND CASSEL

By: [Signature]

Jacqueline S. Best

Enclosure

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