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Bruce Emory, President  
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Dear Mr. Emory:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your August 3 letter. I have been advised that prevailing wage classifications on this project were discussed, and provided to you, from the beginning.

I have attached the scope of work description for Utilities Construction. This scope clearly applies the Utilities Construction wages to landscaping restoration, and I believe this resolves the issue. It is my understanding that this is clearly a "water main" project for which the Utilities Construction wages are specifically established. Further, I am told this question came up early in the project and you were advised that the Utility Construction wages apply. All this is clearly supported by the enclosed scope description which specifically mentions "restore landscaping."

Your letter mentions "right of way" and asserts that Utilities Construction wages are not required for certain work performed under this contract. While this is an interesting proposal for use of the lower Landscape Construction wages, I do not believe it is a reason or justification.

The appropriate prevailing wages for this project is that of Utilities Construction, not Landscape Construction.

Sincerely,



Jim P. Christensen  
Industrial Statistician

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