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August 30, 2011

Buncombe County Commissioners c/o Kathy Hughes 60 Court Plaza, Room 206 Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Commissioners:

Biltmore Estate is hosting a number of events in the next several weeks that would like to incorporate a firework display incorporated into the festivities. Following, please find a list of the proposed events. The fireworks are all scheduled to be set off in the same two locations we have used in the past.

September 13, 2011 – Employee Dinner, South Terrace, 400 people {Rain Date – September 14, 2011}

September 17, 2011 – Wedding on South Terrace, 150 people

September 17, 2011 – Wedding at Diana at Biltmore, 200 people

September 24, 2011 – Wedding at Diana at Biltmore, 120 people

November 4, 2011 – Benefit at Diana at Biltmore, 350 people

I have contacted Pyrotecnico out of New Castle, PA who has provided fireworks displays for The Biltmore Company in the past. They have agreed to provide the display for this event as well. Enclosed is a copy of the \$10 million insurance certificate. You will see that The Biltmore Company is named as the additional insured.

Jerry Leatherwood has verbally approved the fireworks in a phone conversation I had with him some time ago. Our Company Police will handle the arrangements for Skyland Fire and Rescue to have the appropriate staff and equipment on hand.

I ask your approval of these plans as described. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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