## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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5	AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN,	) District Court Cas <b>ONto 29, 20456 21-0</b> :2 ) Elizabeth A. Brov	
6	Petitioner,	) Clerk of Supreme	Court
7	VS.	)	
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9	EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT		
	OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT 25, HONORABLE	)	
10	KATHLEEN DELANEY,	)	
11	and		
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13	DENNIS RUSK, and Dennis E. Rusk,	)	
14	Architect, LLC	)	
15	Real Parties in Interest.	)	
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Real Parties in Interest's Brief in Opposition to Petitioner's Motion to File Reply Brief

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# REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST'S OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

NOW COME Real Parties in Interest ("Rusk"), and herewith oppose the motion of the Petitioner ("Board") for leave to file a reply brief. This Opposition is based on the papers on file to date.

#### I. ANALYSIS

The Board comes before this Court seeking to further delay the proceedings at issue. This matter was heard in the District Court on February 14, 2018, over eight months ago. The pressing nature of the completion of this matter warrants denial as the issues are well briefed to this point, and are before this Court in their entirety. Moreover, the Board already had its opportunity to present its full analysis, and there exists no reasonable basis upon which to grant the relief at issue. In short, the Board is arguing that it allegedly failed to present a full analysis in its Petition, and should be granted a further opportunity to expound on its position. Nonetheless, the full briefing in the Court below is before this Court in the Board's Supplemental Appendix, together with the current Petition, and there is no reason to further expand and delay these proceedings. Finally, in the context of the Board's request, it now allegedly wants to raise new analysis without giving Rusk an opportunity to respond, and new matters cannot be raised in a Reply.

For example, the first issue raised is the concept of alleged "premature petitions for judicial review." Board's Motion, p. 2. This was fully addressed by

the Board in its Petition for Judicial Review, pp. 15-19 (note that the Board expressly uses the words premature or prematurely at least twice in its analysis). Clearly, the argument was raised and briefed, and invited a response which was provided, and which is all that is allowed under NRAP 21(b)(1).

As to the Board's arguments, the Board is being disingenuous with the Court. At p. 2 of its Brief, the Board maintains that the issue from Windsor Hall, was never reviewed below. The issues, nonetheless, were fully briefed. Board's Supplemental Appendix, pp. 30-33. Also, undisclosed by the Board is that at oral argument the precise issue of the effectiveness of an oral ruling demanding a Petition of Judicial Review within thirty days of the oral ruling was extensively discussed and authority was provided, but the Board has failed to include a copy of that argument in any appendix.<sup>1</sup>

The Board next complains that Rusk does not address a case never raised in the Board's Petition. Board's Brief, p. 3. If it was not part of the Board's Petition, and did not even appear in the appendix contemporaneously filed by the Board, Rusk could not address an argument made off of this case. With this motion, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At oral argument during the February 14, 2018 hearing Rusk presented a case from another jurisdiction showing that when an oral decision is authorized by statute, a late filed request for review is absolutely abandoned. A copy of this case was provided to the Court and to opposing counsel at this hearing. The copy given to opposing counsel was Rusk's counsels copy, and no copy was retained. Rusk has ordered a DVD of the hearing (due to be provided Monday) which should disclose this case, and Rusk will seek to supply the case in a supplement hereto.

Board is again attempting to put new matters before the Court in a reply, a strictly prohibited procedure. Holcomb v. Georgia Pacific, LLC, 128 Nev. 614, 289 P.3d 188, n. 12 (2012)("[A] party may not raise a new issue for the first time in a reply brief."); Browning v. State, 120 Nev. 347, 368, 91 P.3d 39, 54, n. 54 (2004). Clearly, if there is any real relevance to the analysis, the case would have been argued in the Board's Petition. It was not, and to subject Rusk to this prohibited activity requested by the Board would be inappropriate.

#### II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Rusk requests that the Board's request for supplemental briefing be denied.

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Nonetheless, for the Board to argue that the issues evident from <u>Windsor Hall</u> were not raised below is false.

Real Parties in Interest's Opposition to Petitioner's Motion to File a Reply Brief through the electronic filing system maintained by this court upon the following counsel for Petitioner:

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