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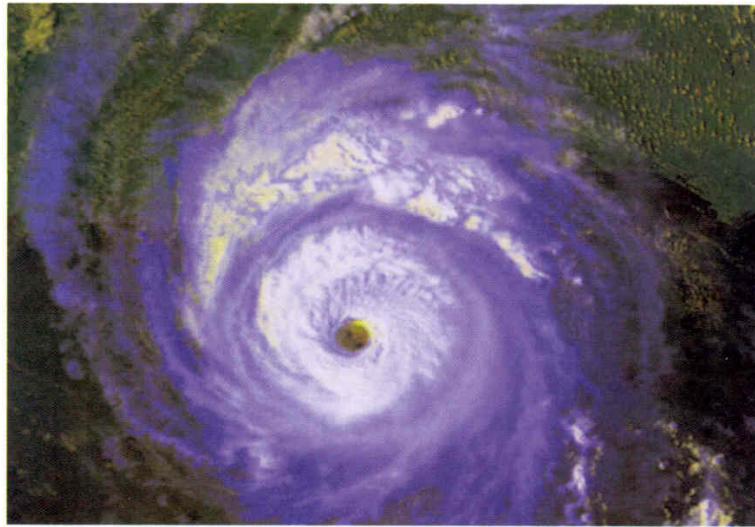
Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology

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Dear Trustees:

As Chair of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology, I am pleased to present to you the "Report of Activities" of the Commission as of November 1, 2000. This report documents the fifth year of the Commission's work.

Section 627.0628, F.S. created the Commission as a panel of experts to be administratively housed in the State Board of Administration but requires the Commission to independently exercise its powers and duties. The Commission is required to "... adopt revisions to previously adopted actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges at least annually". Such revisions were made in compliance with the statute.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the work of the Commission, please call me at (352) 392-6649.

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Legislative Findings and Intent

The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology was established by the Legislature during the 1995 session. CS/HB 2619, passed on May 8, 1995, and signed by the Governor on June 14, 1995, created Section 627.0628, Florida Statutes. The Legislature specifically determined, in Section 627.0628(1), Florida Statues, that reliable projections of hurricane losses are necessary to assure that rates for residential insurance are neither excessive nor inadequate, and that in recent years computer modeling has made it possible to improve upon the accuracy of hurricane loss projections. The Legislature found that "it is the public policy of this state to encourage the use of the most sophisticated actuarial methods to assure that consumers are charged lawful rates for residential property insurance coverage," Section 627.0628(1)(a), Florida Statues. The Legislature clearly supports and encourages the use of computer modeling as part of the ratemaking process.

The Legislature intended that the State Board of Administration (SBA) use the findings of the Commission, to the extent feasible, in developing reimbursement premium rates for the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF) and that insurers may use those findings in residential property rate filings.

The Role of the Commission

Although the statutory section creating the Commission is in the Florida Insurance Code, the Commission is an independent body and is administratively housed in the SBA. The role of the Commission is limited to adopting findings relating to the accuracy or reliability of particular methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges used to project hurricane losses. As noted above, the FHCF must use the Commission's findings, to the extent feasible, in establishing reimbursement premium rates. Individual insurers may or may not take advantage of the Commission's findings. If they do, the findings are admissible and relevant in rate filings and in administrative, arbitration, and judicial proceedings.

The Commission's rejection of a particular method or model has no binding effect upon insurers or the Department of Insurance. The Department of Insurance may still accept a method or model if an insurer decides to use it in a rate filing. It is important to note that the Department of Insurance reviews and approves rates based on the standards and requirements of Section 627.062, Florida Statutes -- not on particular methodologies. The methodology appropriate for one insurer in leading to sound rates may be inappropriate for another insurer. The Department of Insurance has complete authority to review and determine the resolution of a rate filing. The Commission's charge is limited to adopting findings regarding methods or models it reviews. The Commission's findings are not binding on either the SBA as regards the FHCF or on the Department of Insurance. Insurers are not required to use the Commission's findings, but may choose to do so in order to support or justify a rate filing.

The Work of the Commission

The Commission, a panel of experts, was created to evaluate computer models and other recently developed or improved actuarial methodologies for projecting hurricane losses so as "to resolve conflicts among actuarial professionals" and "to provide both immediate and continuing improvement in the sophistication of actuarial methods used to set rates.…", Section 627.0628(1)(b), Florida Statutes. Section 627.0628(3)(a), Florida Statutes, defines the role of the Commission:

> The commission shall consider any actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges that have the potential for improving the accuracy of or reliability of the hurricane loss projections used in residential property insurance rate filings. The commission shall, from time to time, adopt findings as to the accuracy or reliability of particular methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges.

The statutory language is clear in that those methods or models which have the potential for improving the accuracy or reliability of hurricane loss projections are the ones to be considered by the Commission. "Improving" suggests that the methods or models should be an improvement over the then existing current methods or models used in the residential rate filing process prior to the Commission's enactment.

Section 627.0628(3)(d), Florida Statutes, originally established two deadlines for the Commission to take action. No later than December 31, 1995, the Commission was required to "adopt initial actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges ....". No later than July 1, 1996, the Commission was required to "adopt revised actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges which include specification of acceptable computer models or output ranges derived from computer models". The Commission met both those deadlines. To achieve the requirements of the Florida Statutes, in 1995 the Commission developed the following three-step evaluation process:

1. **Identification of methods or models** -- models were identified in the following ways: (1) by referral after having been rejected by the Department of Insurance; (2) by being submitted directly to the Commission; or (3) by the Commission's soliciting them directly from the sponsor or owner.

2. **Analysis of the method or model --** the Commission adopted Standards and five Modules to assist in its analysis. The Modules are as follows:

   Module 1 - General Description of the Model
   Module 2 - Background and Professional Credentials of the Modeling Firm
   Module 3 - Tests of the Model
   Module 4 - Professional Team On-Site Review
   Module 5 - Modeler Presentations and Discussion of Issues

3. **Adoption of findings** -- the Commission may (1) accept a method or model, model specifications, or output ranges derived from computer models; or (2) accept the method or model, model specifications, or output ranges subject to modification; or (3) reject the method or model, model specifications, or output ranges.

   The Commission adopted standards for the specifications of a computer model in June, 1996. Those standards were subsequently revised in May, 1997, May, 1998, August 1999, and again in

September 2000.

The Mission Statement

At the September 21, 1995, Commission meeting, the following mission statement was adopted:

> The mission of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology is to assess the efficacy of various methodologies which have the potential for improving the accuracy of projecting insured Florida losses resulting from hurricanes and to adopt findings regarding the accuracy or reliability of these methodologies for use in residential rate filings.

The mission statement closely tracks the statute and restates the critical aspects of the Commission's work. Minor revisions to the mission statement were adopted on November 30, 1995, and can be found in the Principles section of this Report.

Overview

To date, the following models have been evaluated by the Commission against the standards for the applicable years listed below and have been found acceptable.

Modeling Company	Standards
Applied Insurance Research, Inc.	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
Applied Research Associates	1999
E.W. Blanch Co.	1998, 1999
EQECAT, Inc.	1997, 1998, 1999
Risk Management Solutions, Inc.	1997, 1998, 1999
Tillinghast–Towers Perrin	1998

II.   PRINCIPLES

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1. All adoptions of findings and any other formal action taken by the Commission shall be made at a publicly-noticed meeting, by motion followed by a formal member by member vote, all of which shall be transcribed by a court reporter, such transcription to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings of the Commission. *History-New 11/30/95*

2. The mission of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology is to assess the effectiveness of various methodologies which have the potential for improving the accuracy of projecting insured Florida losses resulting from hurricanes and to adopt findings regarding the accuracy or reliability of these methodologies for use in residential rate filings. *History-New 9/21/95, rev. 11/30/95*

3. The proprietary nature of the computer simulation model being reviewed should be respected; however, the Commission must have sufficient information and access to information and data to make a determination of a model's acceptability. *History-New 11/30/95, rev. 5/20/96*

4. All findings adopted by the Commission are subject to revision at the discretion of the Commission. *History-New 11/30/95*

5. No model or method will be determined to be acceptable by the Commission until it has been evaluated by the Commission in accordance with the process and procedures which the Commission considers appropriate for that model or method. *History-New 11/30/95, rev. 5/20/96*

6. The Commission's determination of acceptability of a specific model or method does not constitute determination of acceptability of other versions or variations of that model or method; however, the Commission will attempt to accommodate routine updating of acceptable models or methods. *History-New 11/30/95, rev. 5/20/96*

7. The Commission's process for determination of acceptability of models should, as far as possible, not restrict competition in the catastrophe modeling industry or thwart innovation in that industry. *History-New 11/30/95, rev. 5/20/96*

8. All models or methods should be theoretically sound. *History-New 9-21-95*

9. The output of a computer simulation model should be reasonable and the modeler should demonstrate their reasonableness. *History-New 9-21-95*

10. Insurers should not improperly manipulate or control computer simulation model results. *History-New 9-21-95*

11. Models or methods should not be biased to overstate or understate results. *History-New 9-21-95*

12. All sensitive components of the computer simulation model should be identified. *History-New 9-21-95*

III.   FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

Findings of the Commission

Concerning Model Accuracy and Reliability

Background

Section 627.0628(3)(a), Florida Statutes, instructs the Commission to make findings from time to time as to the accuracy or reliability of standards and models, among other things. The following findings address the accuracy or reliability of the standards that the Commission has adopted over the past four years and the accuracy or reliability of the several computer simulation models which the Commission has reviewed.

The Commission finds that the terms "accurate" or "reliable" as they are used in Section 627.0628, Florida Statutes, are vague and hence, may be misunderstood by the general public. The Legislature did not define those terms when the statute was enacted. The Commission was constituted to review a potentially wide range of methods designed to produce loss costs as related to hurricanes for purposes of residential rate filings in Florida. The Commission thus far has reviewed computer simulation models exclusively because these constitute the only widely accepted approach to estimate residential loss costs.

The Commission finds that the computer simulation models which it has reviewed are stochastic forecasting models. This means that future hurricane events are stochastically generated and the associated loss costs are accumulated. By generating a sufficient body of future events, the sampling uncertainty in the output ranges owing to the random variate generation process becomes negligible. The Commission finds that the accepted models produce statistically sound loss costs for the entire state of Florida.

Accurate and Reliable - Defined

The Commission finds that using "accurate" or "reliable" in the necessarily narrow context of computer simulation models means that the definitions of those terms must be related to those models and the output that they produce. "Accurate" is defined for computer simulation models as meaning that the models have been designed and constructed in a careful, sensible, and generally accepted scientifically grounded manner. "Reliable" is defined for computer simulation models as meaning that they consistently produce dependable results.

The Commission finds that the computer simulation models which have been reviewed by the Commission and found acceptable include appropriate model representations to simulate hurricanes and the induced damage on residential property in Florida. The basic features of the model construction are reflected in the five sections of standards established and refined since June of 1996: general standards reflecting the professional status of the model designers and testers; meteorological standards covering all aspects of this infrequent weather phenomenon; vulnerability standards assessing the impact of the storm on residential property; actuarial standards assessing the damage impact in insurance terms; and the computer standards providing the overall design, construction,

and execution of the model.

The Commission finds and recognizes that the scientific fields underlying loss projection models continue to evolve providing further insights into property damage and insurance implications. As a direct consequence, the Commission annually reviews and revises the standards comprising its yearly report of activities. The Commission finds that the standards adopted each year represent the current state-of-the-art in computer simulation modeling for purposes of producing loss costs for residential property in Florida that are accurate and reliable.

Findings of the Commission

Concerning Proprietary Information

The Commission finds the following with respect to Principle #3:

The Commission finds that each of the companies which owns a computer simulation model reviewed by the Commission has proprietary information regarding the design and construction of that model. The Commission finds that the modeling companies are unwilling to reveal that proprietary information to the Commission in the context of the public meetings which the Commission holds because their competitors are part of the audience or can get a copy of the publicly available transcript of the meeting. The Commission finds that the modeling companies are willing to reveal all of their proprietary information if that information can remain confidential. Since that information would become publicly available in the context of a meeting in the sunshine, the Commission has authorized the assembling of the Professional Team to review the models on-site on behalf of the Commission. The Commission finds and recognizes that some or all of the models have been reviewed by various state departments of insurance, by various credit rating agencies, by their direct writer clients, and by their reinsurance clients.

IV. PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF A COMPUTER SIMULATION MODEL

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This section sets out the Commission's process for the determination of acceptability of a computer simulation model. Although the Commission's charge is to review *any* method or model which has the potential for improving the accuracy or reliability of hurricane loss projections for purposes of residential property ratemaking in Florida, the Commission's focus has been computer simulation models. When the Commission undertakes the review of other methods, the acceptability process will be revised accordingly.

The Commission has determined that prior to November 1 of each year, it will adopt new standards, revise existing standards, and, if necessary, revise this process. The effective date of new or revised standards will be November 1 unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

The Commission has determined that significant changes are those changes to the standards or any changes to the model which result in changes to loss costs or have potential for changes to the loss costs. Any minor revisions or changes to the standards or any changes to the model by the modeler which do not result in changes to loss costs are not considered significant. The Commission may determine in its judgement whether a change is significant.

The Commission has determined that any modeling company that wishes to be reviewed for compliance with the standards adopted by the Commission shall notify the Commission in accordance with the requirements set out below by February 28 following the adoption of each year's standards. Any modeling company which fails to notify the Commission by February 28 for consideration under the most recently adopted standards or fails to be found acceptable in accordance with those standards shall not be considered for review until the standards are again revised or reviewed.

The Commission has further determined that the period between November 1, the effective date of new and revised standards, and February 28, the deadline for notification by the modeler, is a reasonable amount of time for any modeler to comply with the standards adopted by the Commission. If the Commission determines that four months is not sufficient, based on the nature of the changes to the standards or based on other circumstances which might necessitate a longer period of time for compliance, then the Commission can adjust this period of time accordingly. If requested by a modeler, the Chair shall have the authority to grant a reasonable extension should the Chair determine that an emergency situation exists.

I.   Notification Requirements for New and Existing Modeling Companies

A.   Notification

For purposes of this section, a "new" modeling company is defined as a company whose model was not accepted by the Commission under the previous year's standards. An "existing" company is defined as a company whose model was accepted by the Commission under the previous year's standards.

1.   **Notification of readiness for review by a new modeling company.** By February 28 of each year, any new modeling company wishing to have its model reviewed for the first time for acceptability by the Commission shall notify the Chair of the Commission in writing that the company is prepared for review. The notification shall consist of (1) a letter to the Commission; (2) a summary statement of compliance with each individual standard; (3) the data and analyses required by Module 1, Module 2, and Module 3; and (4) a general description of the information to be presented to the Professional Team and to the Commission.

More specifically,

a.   The letter to the Commission shall state that professionals having credentials and/or experience in the areas of meteorology, statistics, actuarial science, engineering, and computer science have reviewed the model for compliance with the standards and that the model is ready to be reviewed by the Professional Team. Any exceptions to this statement will be noted in the letter and accompanied by a complete explanation.

b.   A summary statement of compliance with each standard and the data and analyses required by Modules 1, 2, and 3 shall be enclosed with the letter referenced in 1, above.

c.   A copy of any non-proprietary information and documentation which the modeler anticipates presenting to the Commission in connection with the acceptability process, and a general description of any proprietary information which the modeler intends to present to the Professional Team in connection with the acceptability process shall be enclosed.

d.   Twenty-five (25) bound copies of all documentation with one additional unbound copy (for the purpose of making additional copies) will be provided to the Commission. In anticipation of the development of a FCHLPM web page and the posting of all submissions on this site, an electronic copy of the submission must also be provided in the following manner:

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1. Table of Contents must be included;

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b. The data and analyses required by Modules 1, 2, and 3 shall be enclosed with the letter referenced in 2. For existing modeling companies, the material must be updated as appropriate to reflect compliance with the new or revised standards even though the modeling company submitted this material as part of a determination of acceptability under the previous year's standards.

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3. **Revisions to the Standards or the Model - Not Significant.** If the Commission does not revise any standards or makes only minor revisions to some standards so that existing models should still be in compliance with all the standards, then the modeling company will notify the Commission in writing that there have been no significant changes to the model previously determined acceptable. The Commission would then meet and review the letter and any other documentation provided and determine whether the model will be considered acceptable for an additional year and whether an on-site review by the Professional Team is

warranted and whether a meeting with the Commission is warranted.

4. **Revisions to the Standards or the Model – Significant.** If the Commission does not revise or makes only minor revisions to some existing standards but makes significant changes to other existing standards and/or adopts new standards so that a model already determined to be acceptable is still in compliance with some, but not necessarily all, the standards, then the modeling company will inform the Commission in writing as to whether it believes it is still in compliance with the standards that have been substantially revised or are new. If an existing modeling company makes significant changes to the version of the model previously accepted by the Commission, then at the time it notifies the Commission that it is ready to have its model reviewed for acceptability, the modeling company must notify the Commission in writing of the change(s) and describe the magnitude of the change(s). The Commission will then meet and review the modeling company's notification and any other documentation provided and determine whether the model is acceptable for an additional year or whether an on-site review by the Professional Team is warranted or whether an on-site review is not necessary but that additional documentation must be provided which would then be reviewed at a Commission meeting. The Commission will not review changes made to a previously approved version of a model at any time other than after the next February 28 notification date.

B. Review of the Readiness Notification

The Chair will notify the Commission members of a projected time frame for an on-site review by the Professional Team and for the Commission meeting to review a model for acceptability. If there is any doubt as to the readiness of the modeling company to receive the Professional Team on-site, the Chair may request that the modeling company (in person or by conference call) meet with the Commission and explain any issue concerning compliance with the standards or Modules 1, 2, and 3. The Commission may request additional information if deemed necessary to complete the submission. If the Commission determines that the submission is not complete, the Commission may specify a time frame for correcting the deficiency. Failure of the modeler to correct the deficiency within the time frame specified will result in the termination of the review process. The prior year's acceptance of a model will expire at this time, and the modeling company will be notified as such in writing. Upon termination of the review process, the modeling company shall be required to wait until after the next revision or review of the standards before requesting the Commission review its model.

C. Professional Team On-Site Review

1. **Telephone Conference Call.** After the Commission has received a complete submission from the modeling company and prior to the on-site review, the SBA staff will arrange a telephone conference call between the modeling company and the Professional Team or a subset of the Professional Team. The purpose of this call is to review the materials, data files, and personnel that will need to be on-site during the review by the Professional Team. This does not preclude the

Professional Team from asking for additional information during the on-site review that was not discussed during the conference call. The Professional Team will not make a determination regarding the modeling company's readiness for review, but the conference call will allow the modeling company and the Professional Team the opportunity to clarify any concerns or ask any questions regarding the upcoming on-site review.

2. **New Modeling Companies.** If a determination has been made that the modeling company is ready for an on-site review, the staff will schedule an on-site review of the Professional Team to (a) review the information provided by the modeling company in Modules 1, 2, and 3; and (b) to audit for compliance with the most recently adopted standards. The Commission staff will handle all arrangements for the on-site review. The on-site review will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. On-site, the Professional Team will assist the Commission in identifying issues for the Commission's consideration, including the development of new standards, and also verifying that each existing standard has been met.

There are two possible outcomes of the on-site review regarding auditing for compliance with the standards:

a. The Professional Team determines that, in its opinion, the model complies with the standards, and so reports to the Commission.

b. The Professional Team determines that, in its opinion, the model has not been demonstrated to comply with one or more standards.

For those standards not met, the Professional Team is free to react to possible corrections proposed by the modeling company but will not tell the modeling company how to correct the non-compliance. If the problems can be remedied while the Professional Team is on-site, the Professional Team will review the corrective actions taken.

If the problems cannot be corrected while the Professional Team is on-site, within seven days of the final day of the initial review, the modeling company will notify the Chair in writing that the model will be ready, within 30 days of the date of such notification, for an additional verification review by the Professional Team. The Chair will assemble the Professional Team or an appropriate subset of the Professional Team for only one additional review to ensure that the corrections have been incorporated into the current, running version of the model. The Professional Team will make no more than one additional on-site review to address problems noted by the Professional Team.

As to a new model, if the modeling company disagrees as to compliance, then the company has two options: (1) it can proceed with the scheduled Commission meeting and present its arguments to the Commission at its meeting to determine acceptability; or (2) it can withdraw its request for review. Such a withdrawal will result in the company having to wait until the next revision or review of the standards before requesting the Commission review its model.

3. **Existing Modeling Companies.** If a determination has been made that an on-site review is necessary, the staff will schedule the on-site review of the Professional Team to: (a) audit for compliance with the most recently adopted standards; and (b) review any changes provided by the modeling company in Modules l, 2, and 3. The Commission staff will handle all arrangements for the on-site review. The on-site review will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. On-site, the Professional Team will assist the Commission in identifying issues for the Commission's consideration, including the development of new standards, and also verifying that each standard has been met.

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D. *Professional Team Report*

After the new or existing model has been reviewed on-site and prior to the meeting at which the model will be reviewed for acceptability, the Professional Team will provide the Commission with a written report. The Professional Team report shall include a section that summarizes its review of the information submitted in Modules 1, 2 and 3, as well as a general overview of the model, citing any pertinent issues for the Commission's consideration. As to each standard, the Professional Team will state whether it verified that the standard was met or not met, and also provide an explanation and appropriate support for the Professional Team's conclusion. For both new and existing models, as to each standard, the report will indicate whether or not the Professional Team reviewed proprietary information or documentation and, if so, include a general description of this proprietary information or documentation. Any disagreements among Professional Team members will be noted and explained.

II.   Review by the Commission

A.   *General Review of a Modeling Company*

For any modeling company seeking the Commission's determination of acceptability, the Commission may request a meeting with the modeling company prior to the Commission's review of the modeler's compliance with the standards. The meeting may provide a general discussion about the model and will also give the Commission and the modeler an opportunity to address any issues. This meeting may be conducted concurrently with the meeting to determine acceptability.

B.   *Meeting to Determine Acceptability*

The Commission will meet at a properly noticed public meeting to determine the acceptability of a new or existing model once the modeling company has provided all required material and the Professional Team has concluded its on-site review or any rescheduled reviews.

All materials shall be reviewed by the Professional Team prior to presentation to the Commission. If the Commission determines that meeting one standard makes it impossible to meet a second standard, the conflict will be resolved by the Commission and the Commission will determine which standard will prevail. If at the meeting a unique or unusual situation arises, the Commission will determine the appropriate course of action to handle that situation, using its sound discretion and adhering to the legislative findings and intent as expressed in Section 627.0628(1), Florida Statutes. Each company's model will be reviewed independently of any other companys' models previously approved or presently applying for review.

C.   *Voting at the Meeting to Determine Acceptability*

At its public meeting to determine the acceptability of a new or existing model, once a quorum is present, either in person or by telecommunications, all votes will be by a roll call vote based on the majority vote of those present. For those circumstances in which a standard does not apply to a particular model, the Commission will vote affirmatively

that the standard does not apply and such a vote will constitute a determination by the Commission that the standard is not applicable.

To be determined acceptable, the model must have met all applicable standards by a majority vote on each standard.

For a _new_ model, the Commission will consider each standard and will determine whether the model meets each standard by a majority vote of those present. Before voting on whether the model meets the standard under consideration, the Commission will permit the modeler to make whatever presentation it chooses to convince the Commission that it meets the standard. Following the modeler's presentation, the Professional Team will comment on whether the model meets the standard. Commission members will then have the opportunity to ask questions of both the modeler and the Professional Team. Once a motion is made and seconded and the discussion has concluded, a roll call vote will be taken on each standard. The model will be determined to have met the standard if the majority of those present vote that the standard has been met. The Commission will have completed its determination of the acceptability of the model when it has completed voting on each standard individually.

For an _existing_ model, there are three types of standard changes that will require a vote by the Commission:

1. No Change –   The Commission will vote a blanket acceptability for
                  compliance with the standards with no revisions;

2. Not Significant – The Commission will determine whether or not it
                  will vote a blanket acceptability for compliance
                  with standards where changes were determined by
                  the Commission as being not significant;

3. Significant –   The Commission will vote separately for compliance on
                  each standard which has significantly changed.

D. *Notification of Acceptability*

Once the Commission has determined that a model is acceptable in accordance with the procedures in this process, the Chair of the Commission will provide the modeling company with a letter confirming the Commission's action. The letter shall be in the following form:

(Name and Address of Modeler)

Re: Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology

Dear _____:

This will confirm the finding of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss

Projection Methodology on (date), that the (name of company) computer model has been determined acceptable for projecting hurricane loss costs for personal residential rate filings.

The Commission has determined that the (name and version of model) complies with the standards adopted by the Commission on (date of adoption), and concludes that the (name and version of the model) is sufficiently accurate and reliable for projecting hurricane loss costs for residential property in the State of Florida.

In accordance with the Commission's procedures, this determination of acceptability expires on February 28, 2001, unless the modeler has complied with the latest adopted procedures described in the "Process for the determination of acceptability of a computer model".

On behalf of the Commission, I congratulate you and your colleagues. We appreciate your participation and input in this process.

Sincerely,
(Name), Chair

E. *Notification of Expiration*

A model's acceptability expires when a model which had been determined acceptable under the prior year's standards is determined not acceptable as to the following year's standards. A model's acceptability will also expire under the previous year's standards on February 28 following the November 1 effective date of new and revised standards unless the modeling company has notified the Commission of its compliance with the new and revised standards by February 28. In that case, the previous year's determination of acceptability will remain effective until the conclusion of the determination of acceptability process for the then current standards.

Upon the expiration of a model's acceptability, for whatever reason, the Chair of the Commission shall send a letter to the modeling company informing the company that its acceptability has expired.

The letter shall be in the following form:

(Name and Address of Modeler)

Re: Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology

Dear _____:

This will confirm the finding of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology on (date), that the Commission's determination of acceptability for the (name of company) computer model under the standards effective (date) has expired as of (date).

The Commission appreciates your participation and input in this process.

Sincerely,
(Name), Chair

V.   MODULES

Florida Commission on
Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology

Model Identification

Name of Model and Version: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mailing Address, if different from above: _____

_____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date: _____

MODULE 1

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I. General Description of the Model
(Standards 5.5.1-5.5.8 for all items in this Section)

A. In General

1. Specify the model and program version number reflecting the release date. *(Standard 5.1.3)*

2. Provide a complete and concise description of your model, with a one-page introductory summary. Include a description of your methodology, particularly the wind components, the damage components, and the insured loss components. Describe the computer language/code in which your computer program is written and what type of computer hardware is needed. Specify the details of translation from model structure to program structure.

3. Describe the theoretical basis for your model. Provide precise citations to or, preferably, copies of, the representative or any primary technical papers which help describe the theory underlying your model and which you relied on as to any particular component of the model.

4. Provide classes, objects, and procedures that define how the model is represented and how the domain associated with hurricane catastrophe (including all hurricane-related entities) is mapped to elements in your computer program. Explain all interfaces and coupling assumptions.

5. Provide a list and a description of the model variables and the outputs from your model. Indicate what assumptions are made, if any, relating to any of the model variables that are missing. In describing the variables, state which are qualitative and which are quantitative. Describe the possible range associated with each variable. Identify differences, if any, in how the model produces loss costs for specific historical events versus loss costs for events in the stochastic hurricane set. Indicate which model variables are critical as determined from a sensitivity analysis or suitable equivalent. The objective is to provide an assessment of the attendant uncertainty in the loss costs produced by meteorological variables (including both occurrence and windfield aspects), vulnerability variables and actuarial variables.

6. Are there methods used in the model to incorporate modification factors to the actuarial functions or characteristics? If so, describe. In particular, to what extent are mitigation factors incorporated in the model. *(Standard 5.4.2)*

7. Describe the number of categories of the different vulnerability functions (damage ratios) used within the model. Specifically, include descriptions of

the structure types, lines of business, and coverages in which a unique vulnerability function is used. What is the basis for differentiation (e.g., engineering analysis, empirical data, etc.)? *(Standard 5.3.4)*

8. What are the primary or representative documents used or the research results which developed the model's vulnerability functions (damage ratios)? *(Standard 5.3.1)*

9. What efforts have been made to update or revise your model or specific parts of the model? How many times have revisions been made? Discuss which changes you consider substantive and which you consider technical. When did the revisions occur? What specific revisions were made? *(Standard 5.1.3)*

10. Describe methods and procedures available to the model user so that the user may incorporate modifications into the model. *(Standards 5.4.2 and 5.4.4)*

B. Loss Costs

1. Does the model produce the same loss costs if it runs the same information more than once (i.e., not changing the seed of the random number generator)?

2. What is the highest resolution for which loss costs can be provided? What resolution is used for the reported output ranges? Describe how the model handles beach/coastal areas as distinct from inland areas. *(Standard 5.2.6)*

3. How does the model handle deductibles (both flat and percentage), policy limits, replacement costs, and insurance-to-value when estimating loss costs? *(Standard 5.4.8)*

4. Are annual aggregate loss distributions available? What review or tests have been done on these? *(Standards 5.4.1, 5.4.3, and 5.4.4)*

5. How are loss adjustment expenses considered within the loss cost estimates?

6. Can your model distinguish among policy form types, i.e., homeowners, dwelling property, mobile home, etc., and if so, what are your assumptions? Does your model produce loss costs for different types of policies, i.e., structure and contents; loss of use; mobile home; commercial residential; or contents only? Discuss in detail.

C. Other Considerations

1. Describe how your model takes into consideration the following:

    a. Socio-economic effects resulting from a large catastrophe, both upside as in FEMA mitigation and downside as in labor and material shortages; *(Standards 5.4.3 and 5.4.5)*

b. Building code and enforcement differentiation; *(Standards 5.4.7 and 5.4.11)*

c. Specific construction characteristics (e.g., use of hurricane shutters); and *(Standard 5.4.2)*

d. Storm surge and flood damage to the infrastructure.

2. List your input variables for all of the categories in 1 above. *(Standard 5.1.6)*

II. Specific Description of the Model
(Standards 5.5.1-5.5.8 for all items in this section)

A. Model Variables

1. Using the list of model variables provided in response to I.A.5 above, describe the source documents and any additional research which was done to develop the model's variable functions or databases. Particularly describe all such information, including a description of the historical database(s), for the model's hurricane wind speeds and hurricane frequencies. Were there any assumptions used in creating any of these databases? Describe how you deviate, if at all, from the Commission's hurricane set. Describe intensities used for these hurricanes.

2. List the current primary databases used by your model and the aspects of the model to which they relate. Indicate which databases are "public" and which are "proprietary".

3. What are your assumptions in the following areas:

    a. Meteorological
    b. Damageability
    c. Insurance Coverage

    How does your model address the issue of demand surge? (*Standards 5.4.1 and 5.4.4*)

4. Are there other major or significant assumptions not listed above? If so, describe. *(Standards 5.4.1 and 5.4.4)*

5. Describe the nature and extent of actual insurance claims data which have been used to develop the model's vulnerability functions (damage ratios). Describe in detail what is included, such as, number of policies, number of insurers, and number of units of dollar exposure; separate into personal lines, commercial, and mobile home. *(Standards 5.4.1 and 5.4.6)*

B. Methodology

1. Specify the wind speed(s) (e.g., one-minute sustained, peak gusts, etc.) used for loss estimation. *(Standards 5.2.4 and 5.2.7)*

2. Is the asymmetric nature of hurricanes considered? If so, describe. *(Standard 5.2.4)*

3. Describe the nature of the filling rate function used. *(Standards 5.2.4 and 5.2.9)*

4. Other than the hurricane's characteristics, what other variables affect the wind speed estimation (e.g., surface roughness, topography, etc.)? Describe the database used for land friction calculation and its compatibility with the friction model. *(Standards 5.2.4 and 5.2.8)*

5. Identify the characteristics (e.g., central pressure, radius of maximum winds, etc.) of a hurricane that are used in estimating wind speeds and how this information is applied for the entire state of Florida. *(Standards 5.2.4 and 5.2.8)*

6. Which variables in the wind speed component are dependent, and how is this dependence incorporated in the model? *(Standard 5.2.4)*

7. Describe how the coastline is segmented (or partitioned) in determining the parameters for hurricane frequency used in the model. Provide the hurricane frequency distribution by intensity for each segment. *(Standards 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.6, and 5.2.7)*

8. If stochastic simulation techniques are used, describe how the hurricanes are generated from the underlying probability distributions. How are landfall sites, hurricane paths, and decay rates determined? *(Standards 5.2.3, 5.2.4, and 5.2.7)*

9. Does the model produce confidence intervals for:

   a. Wind speed estimates given a set of hurricane parameters
   b. Damage estimates given a wind speed estimate
   c. Annual loss costs

   Characterize the uncertainties in your model, for example, with an uncertainty analysis or suitable equivalent. Uncertainty refers both to possible model misspecifications and inherent random variation.

10. Describe the method or methods used to estimate annual loss costs needed for ratemaking. Identify any source documents used and research performed.

11. What functions or variables does your model consider to be independent? On what are the other functions or variables dependent (including latitude)? Are there limitations on the functions or variables that are a function of latitude? If so, describe. What are the intermediate (endogenous) variables which are part of the calculations between the inputs and outputs described in I.A.5? *(Standard 5.1.4)*

12. Identify the form of the probability distribution used for each function or variable, if applicable. What statistical techniques are used for distributions that are estimates? What tests are used for goodness of fit?

13. What is the most sensitive aspect of your model? Is this sensitivity based upon a) an assumption, b) an underlying datum unique to your model, or c) a technique which the model employs? Discuss fully and provide an example to illustrate how (to what degree) this sensitivity affects output results. *(Standards 5.1.4, 5.6.3, and 5.6.4)*

14. Are there other aspects of your model that may have a significant impact upon the sensitivity or variation in output results? *(Standards 5.1.4, 5.6.3, and 5.6.4)*

15. What sensitivity analyses have been done on the model's variables? *(Standards 5.1.4, 5.6.3, and 5.6.4)*

C. Validation Tests

1. What were the nature and results of the tests performed to validate the wind speeds generated?

2. What were the nature and results of the tests performed to validate the expected loss estimates generated? If a set of simulated hurricanes or simulation trials was used to determine these loss estimates, specify the convergence tests which were used and the results. Specify the number of hurricanes or trials which were used. *(Standard 5.4.16)*

3. What were the nature and results of the tests performed to validate the damage estimates generated?

4. Were insured losses from ancillary perils included within the annual loss cost estimate? If so, describe which perils, the basis for the loss estimation, and the validity testing or peer review which were done on these calculations.

5. What were the nature and results of any validation tests on any other aspects of the model?

6. Provide documentation of all validation tests performed.

MODULE 2

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Background/Professionalism

1.   Company Background

A.   Describe the ownership structure of your company. Is your company affiliated with any other company? If so, describe the nature of the relationship.

B.   How long has your firm been in existence?

C.   In what year was your model developed?

D.   How long have you been using your model for ratemaking purposes?

E.   In which states have you attempted to use your model for ratemaking purposes? Has your model been accepted for use in any state? If so, what state or states? Provide the Commission with the name of a contact person in all the states where you have previously used your model for ratemaking purposes. (The Commission may contact these persons to discuss your work.)

F.   Describe generally your company's services and the percentage of the company's annual income derived from each.

G.   How long have you used your model for analyzing insurance company exposures or other such uses? Describe these uses.

2.   Professional Credentials
(*Standard 5.1.2 for all items in this section*)

A.   List the names of your technical staff and consultants and indicate their years of experience with hurricane modeling for ratemaking and their credentials and years of experience in their area of expertise.

B.   Describe the credentials of the individuals or groups involved in the development of the following aspects of the model:

1. Meteorology
2. Vulnerability
3. Actuarial
4. Computer Science
5. Statistics

State whether these persons are full-time employees or outside consultants**.**

3.   Multi-discipline Team

(Standard 5.1.2 for all items in this section)

A. Indicate the different academic disciplines used to provide input and to construct your model.

B. Of the disciplines listed above, which are represented by current employees with your firm? Are other disciplines represented through consulting arrangements?

C. Modeler shall provide visual business workflow documentation connecting all personnel related to model design, testing, execution, and maintenance.

4. List of Clients

A. Provide a sample list of your clients in the following categories: for ratemaking, for reinsurance, in government. Regarding the ratemaking clients, state the number of clients in this category and the total residential market share, in Florida and nationwide, represented by these clients. For your ratemaking clients, how many clients have a U.S. aggregate annual property and casualty insurance premium of $100 million or more? Do any of your ratemaking clients have a U.S. aggregate annual property and casualty insurance premium of over $1 billion? (The Commission may contact these persons or firms to discuss your work.)

B. Describe the present mix of your clients (ratemaking, reinsurance, government, etc.) and whether (and, if so, how) that mix differs from the mix over the last 3 to 5 years.

C. How long have your ratemaking clients been clients of your company?

5. Independent Expert Review
(Standard 5.1.2 for all items in this section)

A. What independent peer reviews have been performed on the following parts of the model:

1. Meteorology
2. Vulnerability
3. Actuarial
4. Computer Science
5. Statistics

B. The modeler shall provide documentation of independent peer reviews of both the standards and modules and clearly identify any unresolved or outstanding issues as a result of these reviews.

C. Describe the nature of any on-going or functional relationship your company has with any of the persons performing the independent peer reviews. State which of the peer reviews described above were paid for by your firm and which were performed for no compensation. Describe any review by an independent organization, such as Standard and Poor's, Moody's, etc.

D.   Discuss any adversarial situations (such as a ratemaking hearing) in which your model was subjected to review.

MODULE 3

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On the following pages are questions and follow-up tests. Answer each question thoroughly and with as much detail as possible. Answers that do not address the question directly may not help the Commission make the appropriate decisions regarding your model.

Your written response and output files must be submitted to the Commission.

NOTE: Answer all questions for your model as your model relates to ratemaking. Answering a question about how your model is used for exposure evaluation purposes or for other uses will lead to confusion. The Commission is solely interested in evaluating your model as a ratemaking tool.

Module 3 - Section I

Meteorology – Hurricane Set
(*Standards 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.6, 5.2.8, and 5.2.9 for all items in this section*)

1. Define an "event" in your model. Does it include only hurricanes making landfall (i.e., the eye of the hurricane crosses land) or does it also include any hurricane where hurricane force winds cause damage (i.e., the eye need not necessarily cross land). (*Standard 5.2.5*)

2. What is the upper limit of wind speeds (maximum one-minute average wind at 10 meters height) per hurricane category (defined by the Saffir-Simpson scale wind speed) that your model produces? (*Standards 5.2.5 and 5.2.7*)

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Central Pressure (mb)
1	74 - 95	≥ 980
2	96 - 110	965 – 979
3	111 - 130	945 – 964
4	131 - 155	920 – 944
5	> 155	< 920

3. How does your model handle events with multiple landfalls? Are these defined as a single event or multiple events? How does this affect your frequency assumptions? (*Standard 5.2.5*)

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4.	How does your model handle the definition of an event from the insurance policy perspective? In other words, does it recognize the 72-hour limitation for an occurrence as defined by some insurance policies? From this perspective, could events with multiple landfalls greater than 72 hours apart be considered as two events?

5.	Describe the hurricane tracks in your model. Discuss the appropriateness of the hurricane tracks used by your model. What historical data are your hurricane tracks based on?

6.	Describe in detail the decay rates or hurricane degradation assumptions used by your model after the hurricane makes landfall. How far inland are hurricane force winds estimated for different category events (as defined by wind speed in the Saffir-Simpson scale)? Does the decay rate vary by region or hurricane segment? Describe in detail and complete *Figure 1*.

Figure 1

Category	Distance of Hurricane Force Winds Inland (mi)
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____

7.	Name the source of the historical data set used to develop frequency distributions for specific hurricane characteristics. How many years worth of data does the data set contain? Did you make any modifications to the data set? If so, describe in detail the modifications and their appropriateness. (*Standard 5.4.14*)

8.	Provide estimates of radius of maximum winds, radius of hurricane force winds and far field pressure used by your model for the central pressures provided in *Figure 2.* (*Standard 5.2.7*)

Figure 2

Central Pressure (mb)	Radius of Maximum Winds (mi)	Radius of Hurricane Force Winds (mi)	Far Field Pressure (mb)
900	_____	_____	_____
910	_____	_____	_____
920	_____	_____	_____
930	_____	_____	_____
940	_____	_____	_____
950	_____	_____	_____
955	_____	_____	_____
960	_____	_____	_____
965	_____	_____	_____
970	_____	_____	_____
975	_____	_____	_____
980	_____	_____	_____
985	_____	_____	_____
990	_____	_____	_____

9.   Provide maps showing the maximum winds at the zip code level for the modeled 100 year historical storm set and also for a 100 year period from the stochastic storm set.

10.   Provide frequency and annual occurrence rates from both the historical data set given and the data set that your model generates by hurricane category (defined by wind speed in the Saffir-Simpson scale) for the entire state of Florida and selected regions as defined in *Figure 3.* (*Standard 5.4.14*)

Figure 3

Figure showing a map of Florida divided into four regions by boundary lines:

- A (Northwest)
- B (Southwest)
- C (Southeast)
- D (Northeast)

Coordinate labels on boundary lines:
- 82.69 W 30.6 N
- 80.53 W 28.45 N
- 82.8 W 28.17 N
- 80.85 W 25.17 N

Note: Lake Okeechobee
      26.9714N 80.875W
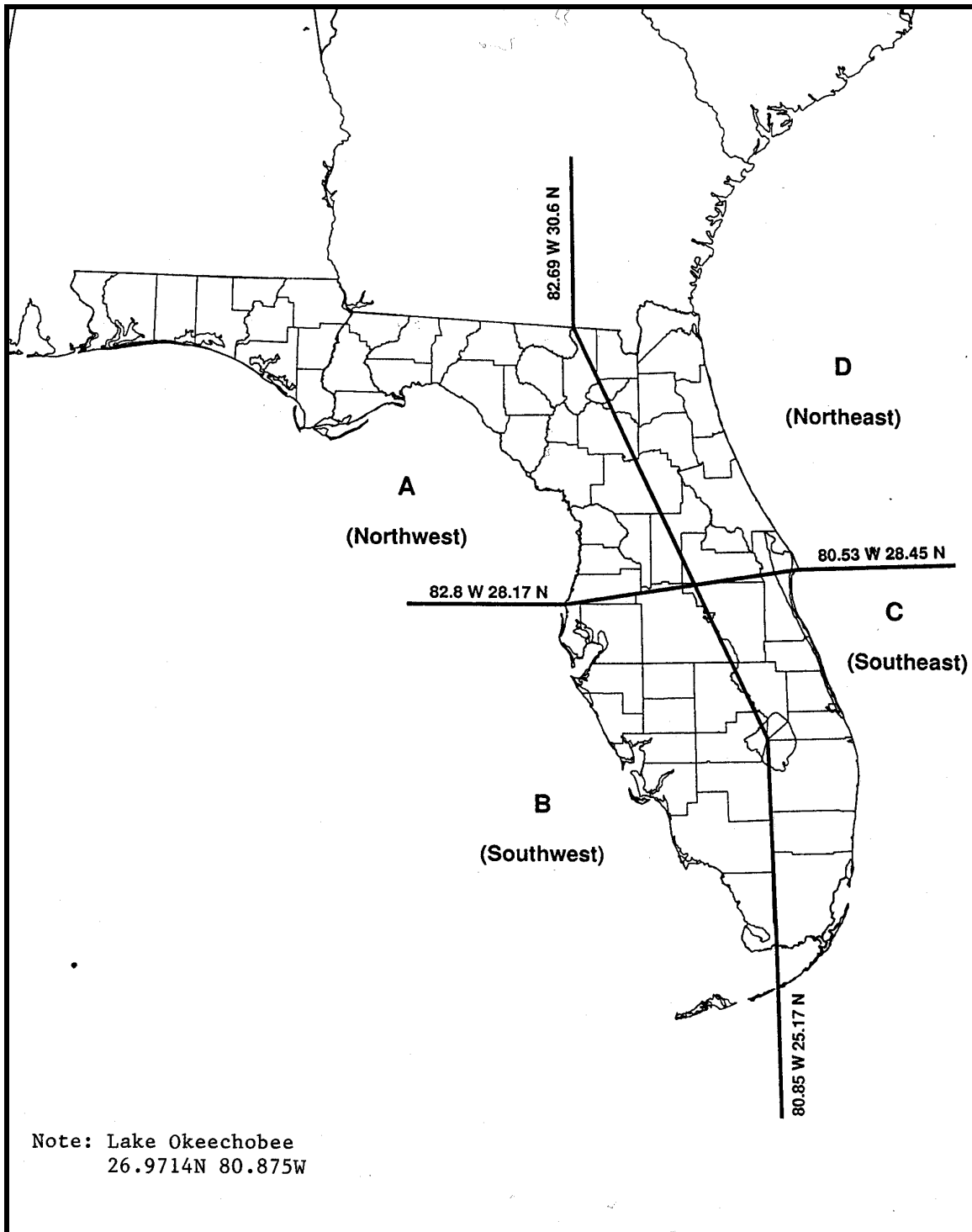
11. Complete the following tables in *Figure 4* with modeled information for Florida in total and by region as defined in *Figure 3*. List the number of events, the relative frequency (percent of the total) and annual occurrence rate (probability of an event in a given year) per hurricane category.

Figure 4

Entire State of Florida

Cat.	Hurricanes/Coastal X-ings		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	25/37	/	45%/48%	/	.25/.37	/
2	12/18	/	21%/24%	/	.12/.18	/
3	14/17	/	25%/22%	/	.14/.17	/
4	4/4	/	7%/5%	/	.04/.04	/
5	1/1	/	2%/1%	/	.01/.01	/

Region A – Northwest Florida

Cat.	Hurricanes/Coastal X-ings		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	11/16	/	64%/67%	/	.11/.16	/
2	4/5	/	24%/21%	/	.04/.05	/
3	2/3	/	12%/12%	/	.02/.03	/
4	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/
5	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/

Region B - Southwest Florida

Cat.	Hurricanes/Coastal X-ings		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	8/9	/	50%/42%	/	.08/.09	/
2	2/4	/	13%/19%	/	.02/.04	/
3	4/6	/	25%/29%	/	.04/.06	/
4	1/1	/	6%/5%	/	.01/.01	/
5	1/1	/	6%/5%	/	.01/.01	/

Note: Number of Hurricanes does not include By-Passing Storms

Region C - Southeast Florida

Cat.	Hurricanes/Coastal X-ings		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	6/10	/	27%/37%	/	.06/.10	/
2	5/6	/	23%/22%	/	.05/.06	/
3	8/8	/	36%/30%	/	.08/.08	/
4	3/3	/	14%/11%	/	.03/.03	/
5	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/

Region D - Northeast Florida

Cat.	Hurricanes/Coastal X-ings		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	0/2	/	0/40%	/	0/.02	/
2	1/3	/	100%/60%	/	.01/.03	/
3	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/
4	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/
5	0/0	/	0/0	/	0/0	/

By-Passing Storms

Cat.	Hurr./Regions Affected		Relative Frequency		Annual Occurrence Rate	
	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled	Historical	Modeled
1	1/B	/	20%	/	.01	/
2	2/C,C	/	40%	/	.02	/
3	1/A	/	20%	/	.01	/
4	1/B	/	20%	/	.01	/
5	0	/	0	/	0	/

Note: Number of Hurricanes does not include By-Passing Storms

12.   Complete the table in *Figure 5* showing the Probability of Hurricanes by Year.

Figure 5

MODEL RESULTS
PROBABILITY OF HURRICANES BY YEAR

NUMBER OF HURRICANES PER YEAR	HISTORICAL PROBABILITY	MODELED PROBABILITY
0	0.57	
1	0.27	
2	0.14	
3	0.02	
4	0.00	
5	0.00	
6	0.00	
7	0.00	
8	0.00	
9	0.00	
10 or more	0.00	

13.   Complete the table in *Figure 6* showing the Distribution of Hurricanes by Size. For the column, Return Time (Years) the modeler should indicate the return time associated with an average loss within the ranges indicated on a cumulative basis. For example, if the average loss is $4,705 million for the range $4,501 million to $5,000 million, we are looking for the return time associated with a loss that is $4,705 million or greater. For each range limit in millions ($1,001-$1,500, $1,501-$2,000, $2,001-$2,500) the average loss within that range will be identified and then the return time associated with that loss will be calculated. The return time is then the reciprocal of the probability of the loss equaling or exceeding this average loss size. The probability of equaling or exceeding the average of each range should be smaller as the ranges increase (and the average losses within the ranges increase). Therefore, the return time associated with each range and average loss within that range should be larger as the ranges increase. We are looking for return times based on cumulative probabilities. A return time for an average loss of $4,705 million within the $4,501-$5,000 million range should be lower than the return time for an average loss of $5,455 million associated with a $5,001- $6,000 million range.

Figure 6 **MODEL RESULTS DISTRIBUTION OF HURRICANES BY SIZE**

LIMIT RANGE (MILLIONS)			TOTAL LOSS	AVERAGE (Millions)	NO. OF STORMS	EXPECTED ANNUAL HURRICANE LOSSES*	RETURN TIME (YEARS)
$ -	To	$ 500					
$ 501	To	$ 1,000					
$ 1,001	To	$ 1,500					
$ 1,501	To	$ 2,000					
$ 2,001	To	$ 2,500					
$ 2,501	To	$ 3,000					
$ 3,001	To	$ 3,500					
$ 3,501	To	$ 4,000					
$ 4,001	To	$ 4,500					
$ 4,501	To	$ 5,000					
$ 5,001	To	$ 6,000					
$ 6,001	To	$ 7,000					
$ 7,001	To	$ 8,000					
$ 8,001	To	$ 9,000					
$ 9,001	To	$ 10,000					
$ 10,001	To	$ 11,000					
$ 11,001	To	$ 12,000					
$ 12,001	To	$ 13,000					
$ 13,001	To	$ 14,000					
$ 14,001	To	$ 15,000					
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$ 55,001	To	$ 60,000					
$ 60,001	To	$ 65,000					
$ 65,001	To	$ 70,000					
$ 70,001	To	$ 75,000					
$ 75,001	To	$ 80,000					
$ 80,001	To	$ 85,000					
$ 85,001	To	$ maximum					
TOTAL			*Personal Residential Ground-up loss using FHCF exposure data - file name: **hlpm.exe**.				

Module 3 – Section II

Hurricane Windfield

1.   What wind values (e.g., peak gust, maximum one-minute average sustained) and for what elevation is your windfield valid? Describe in detail the rationale for using the windfield chosen by your firm.

2.   Do you need to convert the wind speeds generated in your windfield model to another form (i.e., from one-minute sustained to peak gust) for use by the vulnerability functions used by your model? If so, is there any accuracy lost by doing so? Describe in detail. *(Standard 5.2.2)*

3.   Is the duration of wind speeds at a particular location over the life of a hurricane considered in the model? If so, at what point (or wind speed level) is the damage ratio estimated for wind speeds at a location? Does your model take into consideration both damage caused by gusts of wind and damage caused by sustained winds at perhaps a lower wind speed level? Describe your answers in as much detail as possible.

Module 3 - Section III

Vulnerability Functions
Damage Estimates
(Standards 5.3.1,5.3.2, 5.3.3, and 5.3.4 for all items in this section)

1. At what one-minute average sustained wind speed does your model begin estimating loss?

2. Describe in detail how demand surge or socio-economic effects are considered (if at all) within your model. Is this applied to every event in your model or limited to select events? If for only select events, how are they selected? If this is not considered directly in your model but only at the request of the insurance company, describe your procedure for including this in the loss estimates. Describe the validation procedures to verify the results. (*Standards 5.4.3 and 5.4.5*)

3. Describe in detail how building code enforcement is considered (if at all) within your model. If this is not considered directly in your model but only at the request of the insurance company, describe your procedure for including this in the loss estimates. Describe the validation procedures to verify the results. (*Standards 5.3.5, 5.4.2, and 5.4.11*)

4. Describe in detail how quality of construction type, materials and workmanship are considered (if at all) within your model. If this is not considered directly in your model but only at the request of the insurance company, describe your procedure for including this in the loss estimates. Describe the validation procedures to verify the results.

5. Describe in detail how the presence of fixtures or construction techniques designed for hazard mitigation are considered (if at all) within your model. If this is not considered directly in your model but only at the request of the insurance company, describe your procedure for including this in the loss estimates. Describe the validation procedures to verify the results.

6. Describe in detail your "unknown" vulnerability curve used for unknown residential construction types. If you use a composite of other vulnerability functions, describe how they are derived. Cite the documentation or describe the data used as a basis for this curve. (*Standard 5.3.5*)

Module 3 – Section IV

Insurance Functions
Company Loss Estimates
(Standards 5.4.1 and 5.4.4 for all items in this section)

1. A given wind speed can produce a variety of damage within a given zip code. For example, a 10% average damage ratio could result from a wide variety of damages ranging from no damage up to moderate damage. Some properties may have losses that are entirely below the deductible so that total insured losses in the zip code are well below 10%. In a similar manner for more severe wind speeds, some properties within a zip code could have damages in excess of policy limits. How does your model handle this problem? (*Standard 5.4.8*)

2. Provide an example of how insurer loss (loss net of deductibles) is calculated. Discuss data or documentation used to confirm or validate the method used by your model. (*Standard 5.4.8*)

    Example:

(A) Building Value	Policy Limit	(B) Deductible	(C) Damage Ratio	(D)=(A)*(C) Ground Up Loss	(E)=(D)-(B) Loss Net of Deductible
100,000	90,000	500	2%	2,000	1,500

3. Describe in detail the approach used for the appurtenant structures vulnerability function (if it is a unique function). How is it dependent on the building function? Provide documentation of validation test results to verify the approach used.

4. Describe in detail the approach used for the mobile home vulnerability function. How is it dependent upon other building functions and are there separate mobile home vulnerability functions? Provide documentation of validation test results to verify the approach used.

5. Describe in detail the approach used for the contents vulnerability function. How is it dependent on the building function (e.g., is it a function of building loss or other aspect)? Is there a minimum threshold at which loss is calculated (e.g., loss is estimated when the building damage exceeds 20%)? Provide documentation of validation test results to verify the approach used. (*Standards 5.3.6 and 5.4.9*)

6. Describe in detail the approach used for the time element vulnerability function. Does it consider both direct and indirect loss to the building? For example, direct loss is for expenses paid to house policyholders in an apartment while their home is being repaired.

Indirect loss is for expenses incurred (e.g., food spoilage) for loss of power, heat, etc. Is there a minimum threshold at which loss is calculated (e.g., loss is estimated for building damage greater than 20% or only for category 3, 4, 5 events)? Provide documentation of validation test results to verify the approach used. *(Standards 5.3.6 and 5.4.10)*

7.   Some policies, particularly for contents coverage, provide for indemnity on an actual cash value basis. Identify depreciation assumptions and describe in detail the methods and assumptions used to reduce insured losses on account of depreciation. Provide a sample calculation for determining the amount of depreciation and the ACV losses. (*Standard 5.4.9*)

8.   Some policies cover losses that exceed the amount of insurance. Identify property value assumptions and describe in detail the methods and assumptions used to determine the true property value and associated losses. Provide a sample calculation for determining the property value and guaranteed replacement cost losses.

9.   Provide five (5) validation comparisons of actual exposures and loss to modeled exposures and loss. These comparisons must be provided by line of insurance, construction type, policy coverage, county or other level of similar detail in addition to total losses. Include not only the loss estimates, but also loss as a percent of total exposure as well. Total exposure represents the total amount of insured values (all coverages combined) in the area affected by the hurricane. This would include exposures for policies that did not have a loss. If this is not available, provide exposures for only these policies that had a loss. Specify which is used. Also, specify the name of the hurricane event compared. (*Standard 5.4.13*)

Example:

Comparison #1
Hurricane = Andrew
Exposure = Total (or Loss only)

Figure 7

	Company Actual			Modeled		
Construction	Exposure	Loss	Loss/ Exposure	Exposure	Loss	Loss/ Exposure
Wood Frame	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Masonry	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mobile home	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Module 3 - Section V

Average Annual Loss Functions
Loss Costs
(Standard 5.4.3 for all items in this section)

1. Provide copies of documentation and reports available to the insurer to be used to analyze loss costs or as supporting documentation in rate filings.

2. In responding to the following questions, demonstrate that the results of the model are reasonably consistent with observed insurance data and other scientifically based observations. Where appropriate, explain possible inconsistencies. Document data sources. (*Standards 5.4.7, 5.4.13, and 5.4.14*)

    *   Demonstrate that loss cost relationships by type of coverage (buildings, appurtenant structures, contents, time element) are consistent with actual insurance data.

    *   Demonstrate that loss cost relationships by construction type or vulnerability function (frame, masonry, brick, mobile home, etc.) are consistent with actual insurance data.

    *   Demonstrate that loss cost relationships between territories or regions are consistent and reasonable.

3. Provide copies of thematic maps (with a minimum of 6 value ranges) displaying ground-up loss costs by 5-digit zip code for frame, masonry, and mobile home.

4. The modeling company shall provide to the Commission output ranges in the format shown in the enclosed diskette named "**2000OutPut.xls**". A hard copy of the output range spreadsheets shall be included with the submission and shall appear as indicated, at the end of Module 3, Section VII, Form E. The company shall also provide the output ranges on 3½" diskette or CD-ROM in both an Excel and a PDF format as specified. The file name shall include the abbreviated name of the modeler. (*Standard 5.4.15*)

    Loss costs shall be provided by county in a format adopted by the Commission. Within each county, loss costs shall be shown separately per $1,000 of exposure for personal residential, renters, condos, and mobile home; for each major deductible option; and by construction type. For each of these categories using zip code centroids, the output range shall show the highest loss cost, the lowest loss cost, and the weighted average loss cost based on the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF) aggregate exposure data provided to each modeler on a 3½" diskette named **"hlpm.exe"**. A file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** has also been provided to be used to determine the weighted average loss costs. Include the statewide range of loss costs (i.e., low, high, and weighted average). For each of the loss costs provided by the modeling company, the company shall identify what that loss cost represents by line of business, deductible option, construction type, and coverages included, i.e., structure,

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contents, appurtenant structure, or additional living expenses as specified in the format specified in the file named "**2000OutPut.xls**" on the supplied diskette. The modeler will provide the data on a 3½" diskette or CD-ROM in both an Excel and a PDF format in the file layout specified. *(Standard 5.4.14)*

5. Include an explanation of the differences between the prior year and the current year submission (if applicable). *(Standard 5.4.15)*

    NOTE: If a modeler has loss costs for a zip code for which there is no exposure, then the modeler should give the loss costs zero weight (i.e., assume the exposure in that zip code is zero). The modeler should provide a list of those zip codes where this happens. If the modeler does not have loss costs for a zip code for which there is some exposure, the modeler should not assume such loss costs are zero. Instead, the modeler should use only those exposures for which it has loss costs in calculating the weighted average loss costs. The modeler should provide a list of those zip codes where the modeler does not have loss costs for a zip code for which there is some exposure. *(Standard 5.4.7)*

Output Range Specifications
"Owners" Policy Type

Coverage A: Structure

- Coverage A: Amount of Insurance = $100,000
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "A" Limit
- Ordinance or Law Not Included

Coverage B: Appurtenant Structures

- Amount of Insurance = 10% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "B" Limit
- Ordinance or Law not Included

Coverage C: Contents

- Amount of Insurance = 50% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "C" Limit

Coverage D: Additional Living Expense

- Amount of Insurance = 20% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Time Limit = 12 Months

➤ Loss Costs per $1,000 should be related to the Coverage "A" Amount.

➤ For weighting the Coverage "D" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "A".

➤ Loss Costs for the various deductibles should be determined based on "per occurrence" deductibles.

➤ Explain any deviations and differences from the prescribed format above.

➤ **Specify the model and program version numbers reflecting the release date as a footnote on each page of the output.**

Output Range Specifications
"Renters" Policy Type

Coverage C: Contents

- Amount of Insurance = $25,000
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "C" Limit

Coverage D: Additional Living Expense

- Amount of Insurance = 40% of Coverage "C" Amount
- Time Limit = 12 Months

➢ Loss Costs per $1,000 should be related to the Coverage "C" Amount.

➢ For weighting the Coverage "D" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "C".

➢ Loss Costs for the various deductibles should be determined based on "per occurrence" deductibles.

➢ For weighting the Coverage "C" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "C".

➢ Explain any deviations and differences from the prescribed format above.

➢ **Specify the model and program version numbers reflecting the release date as a footnote on each page of the output.**

Output Range Specifications
"Condo Unit Owners" Policy Type

Coverage A: Structure

- Amount of Insurance = 10% of Coverage "C" Amount
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "A" Limit

Coverage C: Contents

- Amount of Insurance = $50,000
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "C" Limit

Coverage D: Additional Living Expense

- Amount of Insurance = 40% of Coverage "C" Amount
- Time Limit = 12 Months

➢ Loss Costs per $1,000 should be related to the Coverage "C" Amount.

➢ For weighting the Coverage "D" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "C".

➢ Loss Costs for the various deductibles should be determined based on "per occurrence" deductibles.

➢ For weighting the Coverage "C" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "C".

➢ Explain any deviations and differences from the prescribed format above.

➢ **Specify the model and program version numbers reflecting the release date as a footnote on each page of the output.**

Output Range Specifications
"Mobile Home Owners" Policy Type

Coverage A: Structure

- Coverage "A" Amount of Insurance = $50,000
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "A" Limit

Coverage B: Appurtenant Structures

- Amount of Insurance = 10% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "B" Limit

Coverage C: Contents

- Amount of Insurance = 50% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Replacement Cost Included Subject to Coverage "C" Limit

Coverage D: Additional Living Expense

- Amount of Insurance = 20% of Coverage "A" Amount
- Time Limit = 12 Months

➢ Loss Costs per $1,000 should be related to the Coverage "A" Amount

➢ For weighting the Coverage "D" Loss Costs, use the file named **"99 FHCF Wts.xls"** for distribution for Coverage "A".

➢ Loss Costs for the various deductibles should be determined based on "per occurrence" deductibles.

➢ Explain any deviations and differences from the prescribed format above.

➢ **Specify the model and program version numbers reflecting the release date as a footnote on each page of the output.**

Module 3 - Section VI

General

1.   Describe in detail how invalid zip codes are handled within your model or modeling practice. Are they deleted from the analysis, allocated, mapped back into the exposure data set, or handled in some other fashion? (*Standard 5.1.5*)

2.   Provide documentation of an analysis performed to review the relevance of geographic versus population weighted centroids on loss costs. If no documentation is available, describe the rationale for the centroid used by your model. (*Standard 5.1.5*)

3.   Describe what is done to prevent tampering of the computer code by users. How is the security of the model code addressed? (*Standard 5.5.2*)

Module 3 - Section VII

I. **Data Flow Chart**

Following is a data flow chart depicting the process of evaluating hurricane catastrophe simulation models:

Data Flow Chart

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                    │ Hypothetical │
                    │   Events     │
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┌──────────┐          ┌──────────┐     ┌──────────┐     ┌──────────┐
│  Input   │          │  Output  │ →   │ Analysis │ →   │ Detailed │
│  Data    │          │  Forms   │     │ & Report │     │ Testing  │
└──────────┘          └──────────┘     └──────────┘     └──────────┘
                  ↘                  ↗
                   ┌───────────────┐
                   │ Probabilistic │
                   │   Analysis    │
                   └───────────────┘

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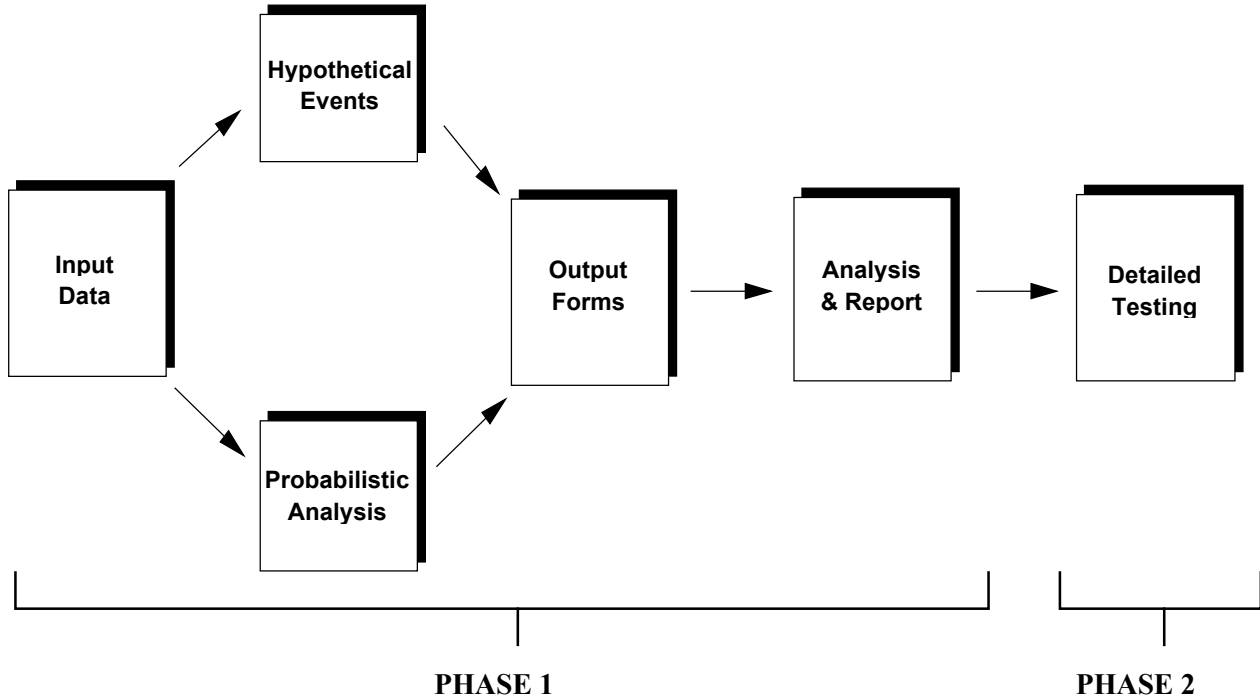
Baseline Tests
(Standards 5.4.3, 5.4.5, and 5.4.7 for all items in this section)

Sample Input Data

Sample input data has been provided to the modeler on the enclosed diskette named **"inpdat99.xls"**. The Commission is asking that the modeler run various scenario hurricane events (hypothetical and probabilistic) through its model on the sample input exposure data. The attached output forms must be filled out and specified loss files are to be forwarded to the Commission on a 3½" diskette or CD-ROM in both an Excel and a PDF format.

This data set consists of one $100,000 building for each construction type for each zip code in the state of Florida. The data set contains 6,052 records. The following is a description of the fields in the data set:

No.	Field	Description
1.	County Code	Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) County Code - see attached description following Form E
2.	Zip Code	5-digit zip code
3.	Construction Type	The following codes will be used: 1 = Wood Frame, 2 = Masonry, 3 = Mobile Home, 4 = Unknown
4.	Deductible	1% policy deductible for all records
5.	Total Insured Value - Building	$100,000 for all records
6.	Total Insured Value - Appurtenant Structures	$10,000 for all records
7.	Total Insured Value - Contents	$50,000 for all records
8.	Total Insured Value - Additional Living Expense	$20,000 for all records

The modeler is directed to make the following assumptions with the analysis:

- Each structure is insured 100% to value
- Number of stories = 1
- Occupancy type = Single Family Dwelling
- Year of Construction = 1980
- Tide at landfall is 0 meters
- If the model assumes different construction types other than those provided with the data, map the codes the Commission has provided to the appropriate codes. The Commission requests a copy of this mapping and proper documentation describing the reason for the mapping. In addition, the modeler is requested to provide information as to the assumptions made with the unknown construction types by the model.
- Specify if population, geographic or other centroid was used for the location of the risks within the zip code.

All other assumptions that the modeler must make with the analysis must be reviewed with the Commission staff. The intent is to keep all assumptions consistent among the modelers.

TESTS

<u>*Zip Code Data Base - Form A*</u>

The accuracy of the model zip code database will be compared to the most current available. Complete ***Form A***:

Form A
Zip Code Data Base
(*Standard 5.1.5)*

Specify the centroid of the zip code that the model uses:

Population Weighted   _____

Geographic   _____

Other - Specify   _____

Describe the mapping of the construction codes provided with the data to the construction codes used by the model, if any. In addition describe how the unknown construction type was handled.

Model zip code database as of _____.
Sample exposure zip codes as of most current available.

	Matched	Unmatched
No. of Records	_____	_____
% of Total Records	_____	_____
Total Exposure	_____	_____
% of Total Exposure	_____	_____

30 Hypothetical Events -Form B (Hypothetical Event Evaluation)

Each modeler is required to model 30 hypothetical events. These events have been specified by the Commission. These events consist of 5 hurricanes, one for each hurricane category 1-5, at 6 different landfall locations; Jacksonville, Fort Pierce, Miami, Ft. Myers, Tampa/St. Petersburg, and Panama City. The Commission is requesting the maximum estimated one-minute wind speed associated with the events as well as the estimated loss by coverage type. The purpose of this analysis is to evaluate the consistency of the wind speeds and loss estimates among the models.

A description of the events is contained in the file named **"eval2.csv"** on the supplied diskette. Provide this information on a 3½" diskette or CD-ROM in both an Excel and a PDF format. Complete *Form B* using the specified file layout:

Form B
30 Hypothetical Events

Estimated losses are requested in total and by coverage type for the 30 hypothetical events.

No.	Field	Description
1.	Event ID	Event identification 1-30
2.	Category	Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Category 1-5
3.	Central Pressure	Measured in inches
4.	Central Pressure	Measured in millibars
5.	Radius of Maximum Winds	Measured in nautical miles
6.	Forward Speed	Measured in miles per hour
7.	Landfall	Latitude and longitude of event at landfall location
8.	Location	General area of landfall
9.	Direction	Measured in degrees, assuming 0 degrees is north
10.	Radius of Hurricane Force Winds	Measured in nautical miles
11.	Maximum Estimated Wind Speed	Maximum estimated one minute average wind speed for this event
12.	Total Estimated Loss	Total estimated loss summarized for building, appurtenant structures, contents and additional living expense
13.	Estimated Building Loss	Total estimated loss for building
14.	Estimated App. Structure Loss	Total estimated loss for appurtenant structures
15.	Estimated Contents Loss	Total estimated loss for contents
16.	Estimated ALE Loss	Total estimated loss for additional living expense

In addition to the 30 hypothetical events, wind speeds for 336 zip codes have been provided to the modeler by the Commission. This information can be found on the supplied diskette in the file named **"eval3.csv"**. The wind speeds* and zip codes represent a hypothetical hurricane track. The purpose is to compare the estimated damages by wind speed and construction type. The modeler is instructed to model the sample exposure data against these wind speeds at the specified zip codes and provide the Commission with damage ratios summarized by wind speed (mph) and construction type. Complete *Form C*:

Form C
One Hypothetical Event

Wind speed* (mph)	Total Loss**/ Subject Exposure
20 – 30	_____
31 – 40	_____
41 – 50	_____
51 – 60	_____
61 – 70	_____
71 – 80	_____
81 – 90	_____
91 – 100	_____
101 – 110	_____
111 – 120	_____
121 – 130	_____
131 – 140	_____
141 – 150	_____

Construction Type	Total Loss**/ Subject Exposure
Wood Frame	_____
Masonry	_____
Mobile Home	_____
Unknown	_____

*Wind speeds are one-minute sustained, ten-meter wind speeds.

**Total loss is the sum of loss to all buildings in that category. For example, the total loss to all buildings affected by 50 knot winds or the total loss to all buildings with wood frame construction.

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Loss Costs - Form D (Probabilistic Analysis)

The modeler is instructed to provide loss costs for each construction type for each zip code in the sample data set named **"inpdat99.xls"**. The following is a description of the requested file layout. Follow the instructions on *Form D* below. Note that fields 1-9 are the exposure fields from the sample data set. Fields 10-13 are for the loss costs (net of deductibles).

Form D
Loss Costs

Provide this form along with expected annual loss costs by construction type and coverage for each zip code in the sample data set. There are 1,513 zip codes in the sample data set and 4 construction types; therefore, the completed file should have 6,052 records in total. If there are zip codes in the sample data set that your model does not recognize as "valid", provide a list of such zip codes and either a) the new zip code to which the original one was mapped, or b) an indication that the insured values from this zip code were not modeled. Furthermore, provide loss cost data using all zip codes provided in the sample data set. In other words, if no losses were modeled, the record should still be included in the completed file with loss costs of zero, and, if a zip code was mapped to a new one, the resulting loss costs should be reported with the original zip code. Provide the results on a 3½" diskette or CD-ROM in both an Excel and a PDF format using the following file layout:

Order	Field Name	Description
1	Analysis Date	Date of Analysis – YYYY/MM/DD
2	County Code	FIPS County Code
3	Zip Code	5-digit Zip Code
4	Construction Type	Use the following: 1 = Wood Frame, 2 = Masonry, 3 = Mobile Home, 4 = Unknown
5	Deductible	1% (of the Building Value) policy deductible for each record (i.e., 0.01*$100,000)
6	Building Value	$100,000 for each record
7	Appurtenant Structures Value	$10,000 for each record
8	Contents Value	$50,000 for each record
9	Additional Living Expense Value	$20,000 for each record
10	Building Loss Cost*	Estimated expected annual loss cost for building divided by the building value modeled for each record ($100,000)
11	Appurtenant Structures Loss Cost*	Estimated expected annual loss cost for appurtenant structures divided by the appurtenant structures value modeled for each record ($10,000)
12	Contents Loss Cost*	Estimated expected annual loss cost for contents divided by the contents value modeled for each record ($50,000)
13	Additional Living Expense Loss Cost*	Estimated expected annual loss cost for additional living expense divided by the additional living expense value modeled for each record ($20,000)

*Round all loss costs to 6 decimal places

All deductibles are a percentage of the Building Value and are policy-level deductibles; however, for reporting purposes, the policy deductible should be pro-rated to the individual coverage losses in proportion to the loss.

Example

Assume that a model analyzing Wood Frame properties in zip code 33102 (Dade County) estimated the following:

Field Name	Value
Analysis Date	1999/11/15
County Code	Dade County = 25
Zip Code	33120
Construction Type	Wood Frame = 1
Deductible	1% = 0.01*$100,000 = $1,000
Building Value	$100,000
Appurtenant Structures Value	$10,000
Contents Value	$50,000
Additional Living Expense Value	$20,000
Building Loss*	$10,000
Appurtenant Structures Loss*	$1,000
Contents Loss*	$2,500
Additional Living Expense Loss*	$500

*Represents 1st dollar losses (i.e., prior to application of deductibles)

The $1,000 policy deductible would be applied as follows:

Deductible	1% = 0.01*$100,000=$1,000
Building Loss	$10,000-[($10,000÷$14,000)x$1,000]=$9,285.71
Appurtenant Structures Loss	$1,000-[($1,000÷$14,000)x$1,000]=$928.57
Contents Loss	$2,500-[($2,500÷$14,000)x$1,000]=$2,321.43
Additional Living Expense Loss	$500-[($500÷$14,000)x$1,000]=$464.29

The reported *Form D* data are shown below:

Field Name	Value
Analysis Date	1999/11/15
County Code	Dade County = 25
Zip Code	33120
Construction Type	Wood Frame = 1
Deductible	1% = 0.01
Building Value	$100,000
Appurtenant Structures Value	$10,000
Contents Value	$50,000
Additional Living Expense Value	$20,000
Building Loss Cost	$9,285.71÷$100,000 = 0.092857
Appurtenant Structures Loss Cost	$928.57÷$10,000 = 0.092857
Contents Loss Cost	$2,321.43÷$50,000 = 0.046429
Additional Living Expense Loss Cost	$464.29÷$20,000 = 0.023214

Based on the above information, the data should be reported in the following format:

1999/11/15,25,33102,1,0.01,100000,10000,50000,20000,0.092857,0.092857,0.046429, 0.023214

Probable Maximum Loss (PML) -Form E (Probabilistic Analysis)

The modeler will provide estimates of loss for various probability levels using the hypothetical data set. The modeler will also provide the annual aggregate and occurrence mean, median and standard deviation for its PML distribution. Complete *Form E*:

Form E
Probable Maximum Loss

Part A

Return Time (years)	Probability of Exceedance	Estimated Loss
Top Event	_____	_____
10,000	0.01%	_____
5,000	0.02%	_____
2,000	0.05%	_____
1,000	0.10%	_____
500	0.20%	_____
250	0.40%	_____
100	1.00%	_____
50	2.00%	_____
20	5.00%	_____
10	10.00%	_____
5	20.00%	_____

Part B

	Annual Aggregate	Occurrence
Mean	_____	_____
Median	_____	_____
Standard Deviation	_____	_____

Figure 8

Florida County Codes

County Code	County Name	County Code	County Name	County Code	County Name
001	Alachua	047	Hamilton	093	Okeechobee
003	Baker	049	Hardee	095	Orange
005	Bay	051	Hendry	097	Osceola
007	Bradford	053	Hernando	099	Palm Beach
009	Brevard	055	Highlands	101	Pasco
011	Broward	057	Hillsborough	103	Pinellas
013	Calhoun	059	Holmes	105	Polk
015	Charlotte	061	Indian River	107	Putnam
017	Citrus	063	Jackson	109	St. Johns
019	Clay	065	Jefferson	111	St. Lucie
021	Collier	067	Lafayette	113	Santa Rosa
023	Columbia	069	Lake	115	Sarasota
025	Dade	071	Lee	117	Seminole
027	De Soto	073	Leon	119	Sumter
029	Dixie	075	Levy	121	Suwannee
031	Duval	077	Liberty	123	Taylor
033	Escambia	079	Madison	125	Union
035	Flagler	081	Manatee	127	Volusia
037	Franklin	083	Marion	129	Wakulla
039	Gadsden	085	Martin	131	Walton
041	Gilchrist	087	Monroe	133	Washington
043	Glades	089	Nassau		
045	Gulf	091	Okaloosa		

Note: These codes are derived from the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Codes.

Figure 9

State of Florida
By County
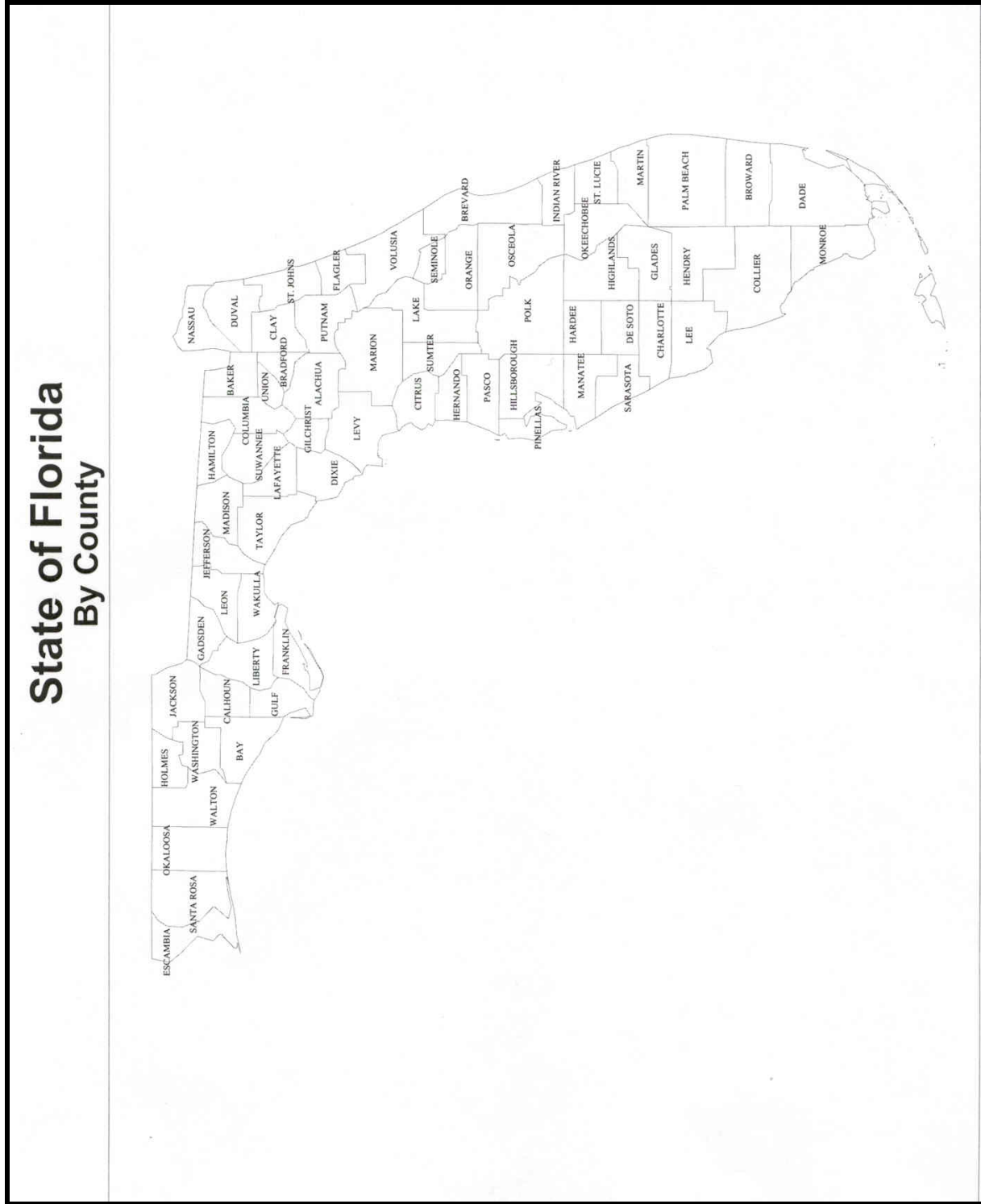
OUTPUT RANGES SHALL APPEAR HERE

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MODULE 4

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Professional Team On-Site Review

I.   On-Site Review by Professional Team

A.   General Purpose

The purpose of the on-site review is to determine that the modeler has met the standards and not to provide an initial peer review of the model. The on-site review by the Professional Team will also involve the following:

1.   Due diligence

     a.   The Professional Team will perform a "due diligence" review regarding information submitted by a modeler contained in Modules 1, 2, and 3.

     b.   For existing modelers, the "due diligence" review will concentrate on any changes in Modules 1, 2, and 3 as noted in the notification letter for readiness for the modeler.

     c.   The on-site evaluation will consist of the following components:

          1.   <u>On-site Tests</u> – This shall consist of tests of the model under the control and supervision of the Professional Team. The object is to observe the model in operation and the results it produces during a "real time" run. This is necessary in order to avoid the possibility that the modeler could recalibrate the model solely for producing desirable results.

          2.   <u>Verification and Inquiry</u> – The interest of the Commission is that due diligence be done to verify that information provided by the modeler in Modules 1-3 is valid and is an accurate and fairly complete description of the model.

2.   Audit for compliance with standards

     a.   The Professional Team will begin the review with a briefing of modeling company staff to work out the schedule for the review, and to describe the subsequent audit process.

     b.   The Professional Team will attempt to consider each individual section of the standards as a unit.

     c.   After completing its review of each of the standards in a section, the

Professional Team will meet privately and then provide immediate feedback to the modeling company.

B.   Preparation for On-site Review

1.   After the Commission has received a complete submission from the modeling company and prior to the on-site review, the SBA staff will arrange a telephone conference call between the modeling company and the Professional Team or a subset of the Professional Team. The purpose of this call is to review the materials, data files and personnel that will need to be on-site during the review by the Professional Team. This does not preclude the Professional Team from asking for additional information, during the on-site review, that was not discussed during the conference call. The Professional Team will not make a determination regarding the modeling company's readiness for review, but the conference call will allow the modeling company and the Professional Team the opportunity to clarify any concerns or ask any questions regarding the upcoming on-site review.

2.   The Professional Team will assist the Commission and the SBA staff in determining if the modeling company is ready for an on-site review.

3.   The Professional Team will assist the modeling company in preparing for the on-site review by responding to requests for clarifications of the due diligence and audit requirements and any materials which the Professional Team has stated should be available, according to the Guidebook, during the review.

4.   The SBA staff is responsible for scheduling on-site review dates and the subsequent post-audit Commission meetings for the review of the model. Each modeler will be notified at least two weeks prior to the scheduled review. The actual length of the review may vary depending on the preparedness of the modeler and the depth of the inquiry needed for the Professional Team to obtain an understanding of the model.

5.   The modeler shall have all necessary materials and data on site for review by the Professional Team.

C.   Post On-site Review

1.   After completing its review of Module 1, 2, and 3 and all of the standards, the Professional Team will conduct an exit briefing with the modeling company. During this briefing, the Professional Team will provide to the modeling company a preliminary draft of the report to be provided to the Commission. This offers the modeler an opportunity to check for any factual errors and to expunge any confidential or proprietary information. The Professional Team will accede to modeling company suggestions for changes in its draft only to correct factual errors and to remove any confidential or proprietary information. The format for the report is as follows:

- Introduction section: what occurred on site
- On-site test results
- Verification of model responses provided in Modules 1, 2, and 3
- Verification of modeler responses to the standards
- Additional information which the Modeler is willing to make public
- Suggestions for Model Specifications, Standards, and Guidelines.

2.   After leaving the modeling company premises, the Professional Team, in coordination with SBA staff, will finalize its report and provide it to all Commission members in advance of the meeting scheduled for the Commission's review of the model.

3.   It is possible that a subset of the standards or changes made to Modules 1, 2, or 3 may require further on-site review by a subset of the Professional Team. In such cases, the SBA staff will arrange a follow-up on-site review, in accordance with the Acceptability Process, to ascertain compliance to those standards.

II.   Composition and Selection of the Professional Team

On-site reviews of the modeling companies seeking a determination of acceptability by the Commission will be conducted by a team of professional individuals known as the "Professional Team". The Professional Team will consist of individuals having professional credentials in the following disciplines (each area will be represented by one or more individuals): Actuarial Science, Statistics, Meteorology, Computer Science, and Engineering.

The State Board of Administration (SBA) staff will select the Professional Team members and the SBA will enter into contracts with each individual selected.

Selection of the Professional Team members will be an aggressive recruiting process to seek out qualified individuals who are capable of working closely with the Commission and who are available during specified time frames in order that the Commission can meet its deadline(s). Consideration will be given to the following factors:

- Professional credentials and experience
- Reasonableness of fees
- Availability
- References

III.   Responsibilities of the Professional Team

A.   Team Leader

The SBA staff will designate one member of the Professional Team as the team leader. The team leader will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Professional Team and overseeing the development of reports to the Commission.

B.   Responsibilities of the Team Members for the On-Site Review

1.   Participate in preparations and discussions with the Commission and the SBA staff prior to the on-site review.

2.   Study, review, and develop an understanding of responses and materials provided to the Commission by the modelers.

3.   Participate with the Commission and the SBA staff in developing, reviewing, and revising Module 3 tests and evaluations.

4.   While on-site, verify, evaluate, and observe the techniques and assumptions used in the model for each member's area of expertise.

5.   Identify and observe how various assumptions affect the model so as to identify to the Commission various sensitive components/aspects of the model.

6.   Discuss the model with the modeler's professional staff to gain a clear understanding and confidence in the operation of the model and its description as provided to the Commission.

7.   Participate in the administration of on-site tests.

8.   Participate in the preparation of written reports and presentations to the Commission.

IV.   Responsibilities of the SBA Staff

The Professional Team will report to designated SBA staff. The SBA staff will supervise the Professional Team and coordinate their pre-on-site planning activities, on-site reviews and activities, and post-on-site activities.

These responsibilities include:

A.   Setting up meetings with Professional Team members individually and as a group. These meetings will include conference calls and other meetings depending on circumstances and needs of the Commission.
B.   Coordinating and scheduling on-site reviews.

C.   Working with the Commission and Professional Team members in developing, reviewing, and revising Module 3 tests and evaluations.

D. Overseeing the supervision and administration of specified on-site tests and evaluations.

E. Working with the modeler to determine which professionals at the modeler's firm will work with corresponding Professional team members while on-site.

F. Briefing and de-briefing the Professional team members prior to, during, and after the on-site review.

G. Coordinating the preparation of written reports and presentations to the Commission.

V. Confidential and Proprietary Information

While on-site, the Professional Team members are expected to have access to confidential and proprietary data and information.

It is the responsibility of the modeling company to identify to all Professional Team members what is considered proprietary or confidential and is <u>not</u> to be made public.

All written documentation provided by the modeling company to the Commission will be considered a public document. As such, it will be available for public scrutiny. The preferred approach is that the modeling company provide any such additional information directly to the Commission rather than give it to Professional Team members to be brought back with them.

Documents that the modeling company indicates are proprietary or confidential which are viewed by Professional Team members will not be considered public documents and are to be left on-site. Any notes made by Professional Team members are not considered public documents and are to be kept confidential with respect to proprietary information or trade secrets learned on-site.

Any notes made by a Professional Team member relating to confidential information or data that would compromise the proprietary nature of a model or reveal trade secrets are not to be made available to Commission members for their review.

Proprietary information or trade secrets of the modeler learned by a Professional Team member will not be discussed with Commission members.

Professional Team members will agree to respect the proprietary nature of a model and not use confidential information in any way detrimental to the interest of the modeling firm.

Care will be taken by the Professional Team members not to discuss other models being evaluated while they are on-site reviewing a particular model.

The Professional Team will present the results of the on-site review to the Commission and answer questions related to their review.

The job of the Professional Team is to verify information and make observations. It is not part of the Professional Team's responsibilities to opine or draw conclusions about the appropriateness of a particular model or a component part of a model.

MODULE 5

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Modeler Presentations and
Discussion of Issues with the Commission

I. **How the Modeler Presentations will be Conducted**

    A.   Modelers should not make a formal presentation to the Commission regarding general information on how their model operates. Rather, the Commission would like to focus on details and issues related to each model as used for residential rate making purposes.

    B.   The Modeler Presentations should serve to enlighten the Commission regarding various issues that have arisen throughout the entire evaluation process – Module 1, Module 2, Module 3, Module 4, and compliance with the standards.

    C.   The various issues may relate to:

        1.   Informational needs of the Commission
        2.   The theoretical soundness of the model
        3.   Use of reasonable assumptions
        4.   Other related aspects dealing with accuracy or reliability.

    D.   The modeler presentations are for the purpose of helping the Commission understand outstanding issues and to communicate as to how the model meets the standards.

II. **The Development of Issues for Discussion**

    A.   Commission members will review the modeler responses and report of the Professional Team, create a list of issues, and submit them to the Chair. The list of issues should be in the following format: (1) issues related to Module 1; (2) issues related to Module 2; (3) issues related to Module 3; (4) issues related to Module 4; and (5) suggestions for standards and guidelines. It might also be useful for the Commission members to divide the issues associated with each module into those that are of a general concern and those that concern the Commission member's area of expertise.

    B.   The staff will create a list of issues developed from (1) Commission member comments, (2) a review of the responses to the modules, (3) the follow up questions, (4) data provided from the modelers, and (5) issues arising out of the Professional Team's report.

C.   The final list of issues will be sent to the modeler at least two weeks prior to the presentation. The modeler will provide the staff with a written response to the list of issues one week prior to the presentation. The staff will provide the written response from the modelers to the Commission members and the Professional Team members prior to the presentation.

2000 STANDARDS - MODULE CROSS REFERENCE

2000 Standards - Modules Cross Reference

		Module 1 Section I	Module 1 Section II	Module 2	Module 3
General	5.1.1				
	5.1.2			2, 3, 5	
	5.1.3	A1, A9			
	5.1.4		B11, B13-15,		
	5.1.5				VI #1-2, Form A
	5.1.6	C2			
	5.1.7				
	5.1.8				
Meteoro-logical	5.2.1				
	5.2.2				II #2
	5.2.3		B7, B8		I
	5.2.4		B1-8		I
	5.2.5				I #1-3
	5.2.6	B2	B7		I
	5.2.7		B1, B7, B8		I #2, #8
	5.2.8		B4, B5		I
	5.2.9		B3		I
Vulnerability	5.3.1	A8			III
	5.3.2				III
	5.3.3				III
	5.3.4	A7			III
	5.3.5				III #3, #6
	5.3.6				IV #5-6
	5.3.7				
Actuarial	5.4.1	B4	A3-A5		IV
	5.4.2	A6, A10, C.1.c			III #3
	5.4.3	B4, C.1.a			III #2,V, VII
	5.4.4	A10, B4	A3, A4		IV
	5.4.5	C.1.a			III #2, VII
	5.4.6		A5		
	5.4.7	C.1.b			V #2, #5, VII
	5.4.8	B3			IV #1-2
	5.4.9				IV #5, #7
	5.4.10				IV #6
	5.4.11	C.1.b			III #3
	5.4.12				
	5.4.13				IV #9; V #2
	5.4.14				I #7, #10; V #2, #4
	5.4.15				V #4-5
	5.4.16		C2		
	5.4.17				
Computer	5.5.1	A,B,C	A,B,C		

2000 Standards - Modules Cross Reference

		Module 1 Section I	Module 1 Section II	Module 2	Module 3
	5.5.2	A,B,C	A,B,C		VI, #3
	5.5.3	A,B,C	A,B,C		
	5.5.4	A,B,C	A,B,C		
	5.5.5	A,B,C	A,B,C		
	5.5.6	A,B,C	A,B,C		
	5.5.7	A,B,C	A,B,C		
	5.5.8	A,B,C	A,B,C		

Statistical	5.6.1				
	5.6.2				
	5.6.3		B13-15		
	5.6.4		B13-15		

Disclaimer: This cross reference is intended to be as complete as possible. However, if errors or omissions have occurred, report this to Commission staff for correction in subsequent editions.

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND RELATED INFORMATION

2000 STANDARDS

2000 Standards

5. 1   General Standards –

5.1.1   Scope of the Computer Model and Its Implementation

The computer model shall project loss costs for personal lines residential property from hurricane events, excluding flood and storm surge, except as flood and storm surge apply to Additional Living Expense (ALE). References to the model throughout the Standards shall include its implementation.

5.1.2   Qualifications of Modeler Personnel and Independent Experts

Model construction, testing, and evaluation shall be performed by modeler personnel or independent experts who possess the necessary skills, formal education, or experience to develop hurricane loss projection methodologies.

The model or any modifications to an accepted model shall be reviewed by modeler personnel or independent experts in the following professional disciplines, if relevant: structural/wind engineering (licensed Professional Engineer (PE)), statistics (advanced degree), actuarial science (Associate or Fellow of Casualty Actuarial Society or Member of the American Academy of Actuaries), meteorology (advanced degree), and computer science/engineering (advanced degree). Where applicable, these individuals shall abide by the standards of professional conduct adopted by their profession.

Reference: Module 2, Section I, #2-#3
Reference: Module 2, Section I, #5

5.1.3   Modelers Policy of Model Revision

The modeler shall have developed and implemented a clearly written policy for model revision with respect to methodologies and data. The modeler shall clearly identify the model version under review.

Reference: Module 1,Section I, A.1
Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.9

5.1.4 Independence of Model Components

The meteorology, vulnerability, and actuarial components of the model shall each be demonstrated to be theoretically sound without compensation for potential bias from the other two components.   Relationships within the model among the meteorological, vulnerability, and actuarial components shall be demonstrated to be reasonable.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.11
Reference: Module I, Section II, B.13-15
Reference: 5.5.3

5.1.5 Geographic Location

Zip codes used in the model shall be updated at least every 24 months using information originating from the United States Postal Service.

Zip code centroids shall be derived by using either population or geography and shall be visually demonstrated to be reasonable.

If the model uses geographic location at a more refined level than zip code (e.g., latitude/longitude), such uses shall be visually demonstrated to be reasonable.

Reference: Module 3, Section VI, #1-#2
Reference: Module 3, Form A

5.1.6 Identification of Units of Measure of the Model

All units of measure for model inputs and outputs shall be clearly identified.

Reference: Module 1,Section I, C.2

5.1.7 Visual Presentation of Data

Visualizations shall be accompanied by legends and labels for all elements. Individual elements shall be clearly distinguishable, whether presented in original or copy form.

a. For data indexed by latitude and longitude, by county or by zip code, a color contour map and a continuous tone map with superimposed county and zip code boundaries shall be produced.

b. Florida Map Colors: Maps will use two colors, blue and red, along with shades of blue and red, with dark blue and dark red designating the lowest and highest quantities, respectively. The color legend and associated map shall be comprised

of an appropriate number of intervals to provide readability.

5.1.8 Disclosure of User Supplied Input

A modeler shall clearly disclose, in a model output report, the specific type of input which is required of insurers in order to use the model in a residential property insurance rate filing. Such input includes, but is not limited to, optional features of the model, type of data to be supplied by the insurer and needed to derive loss estimates from the model, and any variables which a licensed user is authorized to set in implementing the model.

5.2 Meteorological Standards –

5.2.1 Units of Measure for Model Output

All model outputs of length, wind speed, and pressure shall be in units of statute miles, statute miles per hour, and millibars, respectively.

5.2.2 Damage Function Wind Inputs

Wind inputs to the damage function shall be in units consistent with currently used wind measurement units and/or shall be converted using standard meteorological/ engineering conversion factors which are supported by literature and/or documented measurements available to the Commission.

Reference: Module 3, Section II, #2

5.2.3 Official Hurricane Set or Suitable Approved Alternatives

Modelers shall include in their base storm set all hurricanes, including by-passing hurricanes, which produce hurricane force winds in Florida. The storm set shall be taken from the Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center (TPC/NHC) document *Tropical Cyclones of the North Atlantic Ocean, 1871-1998* updated through the 1999 hurricane season or later. All proposed alternatives to the characteristics of specific storms in the storm set shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.7-8
Reference: Module 3, Section I

5.2.4 Hurricane Characteristics

Methods for depicting all modeled hurricane characteristics (e.g., wind speed, minimum central pressure, radius of maximum winds, strike probabilities, and tracks) shall be based on information documented by scientific literature or modeler information accepted by the Commission.

Reference: Module 1,Section II, B.1-8
Reference: Module 3, Section I
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.2.5 Landfall Intensity

Models shall use maximum one-minute sustained 10-meter wind speed when defining hurricane landfall intensity. This applies both to the base storm set adopted in 5.2.3 used to develop landfall strike probabilities as a function of coastal location and to the modeled winds in each hurricane which causes damage. The associated maximum one-minute sustained 10-meter wind speed shall be within the range of wind speeds (in statute miles per hour) categorized by the Saffir-Simpson scale.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale:
A scale from 1 to 5 that measures hurricane intensity.

Category	Winds (mph)	Central Pressure (mb)	Damage
1	74 - 95	≥ 980	Minimal
2	96 - 110	965 – 979	Moderate
3	111 - 130	945 – 964	Extensive
4	131 - 155	920 – 944	Extreme
5	Over 155	< 920	Catastrophic

Reference: Module 3, Section I,#1-#3
Reference: Standards 5.6.1 and 5.6.2

5.2.6 Hurricane Probabilities

Modeled hurricane probabilities shall reasonably match the historical record through 1999 for category 1 to 5 hurricanes, shall be consistent with those observed for each geographical area of Florida, and shall be displayed in vertical bar graphs. "Consistent" means: (1) spatial distributions of modeled hurricane probabilities shall accurately depict vulnerable coastlines in Florida; and (2) probabilities are compared with observed hurricane frequency using methods documented in accepted scientific literature or proposed by the modeler and accepted by the Commission.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, B.2
Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.7
Reference: Module 3, Section I
Reference: Standards 5.6.1 and 5.6.2

5.2.7 Hurricane Probability Distributions

Modeled probability distributions for hurricane intensity, eye diameter, forward speed, radii for maximum winds, and radii for hurricane force winds shall be consistent with historical hurricanes in the Atlantic basin as documented in accepted scientific literature available to the Commission.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.1
Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.7-8
Reference: Module 3, Section 1, #2
Reference: Module 3, Section 1, #8
Reference: Standards 5.6.1 and 5.6.2

5.2.8 Land Friction

Land friction shall be used in the model to reduce wind speeds over land, shall be based on scientific methods, and shall provide realistic wind speed transitions between adjacent zip codes, counties, and territories. The magnitude of friction coefficients shall be consistent with accepted scientific literature, consistent with geographic surface roughness, and shall be implemented with appropriate geographic information system data.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.4-5
Reference: Module 3, Section I

5.2.9 Hurricane Overland Weakening Rate

The hurricane overland weakening rate used by the model shall be bounded by the observed extremes in historical records for Florida. The mean wind speed shall be within twenty percent (20%) of the Kaplan/DeMaria decay value or an alternative acceptable to the Commission.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.3
Reference: Module 3, Section I

5.3   Vulnerability Standards –

5.3.1 Derivation of Vulnerability Functions

The method of derivation of the vulnerability functions shall be described and demonstrated to be theoretically sound.

Development of the vulnerability functions is to be based on one or more of the following: (1) historical data; (2) tests; (3) structural calculations; (4) expert opinion. Any development of the vulnerability functions based on structural calculations and/or expert opinion shall be supported by tests and historical data to the extent such data are available.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.8
Reference: Module 3, Section III
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.3.2 Required Vulnerability Functions

Vulnerability functions shall separately compute damages for building structures, mobile homes, appurtenant structures, contents, and additional living expense.

Reference: Module 3, Section III

5.3.3 Wind Speeds Causing Damage

Damage associated with a declared hurricane event shall include damage incurred for wind speeds above and below the hurricane threshold of 74 mph. The minimum wind speed that generates damage shall be specified.

Reference: Module 3, Section III

5.3.4 Construction Characteristics

In the derivation and application of vulnerability functions, assumptions concerning construction type and construction characteristics shall be demonstrated to be reasonable and appropriate.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.7
Reference: Module 3, Section III

5.3.5 Modification Factors

Modification factors to the vulnerability functions or structural characteristics and their corresponding effects shall be disclosed and shall be clearly defined and their

theoretical soundness demonstrated.

Reference: Module 3, Section III,#3
Reference: Module 3, Section III, #6

5.3.6 Additional Living Expenses

In the estimation of Additional Living Expenses (ALE), the model shall consider hurricane damage including storm surge damage to the infrastructure.

The Additional Living Expense vulnerability function shall consider the time it will take to repair/reconstruct the home.

Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #5-#6

5.3.7 Mitigation Measures

Modeling of mitigation measures to improve a building's wind resistance and the corresponding effects on vulnerability shall be disclosed and demonstrated to be theoretically sound.

5.4   Actuarial Standards –

5.4.1 Underwriting Assumptions

When used in the modeling process or for verification purposes, adjustments, edits, inclusions, or deletions to insurance company input data used by the modeler shall be based upon accepted actuarial, underwriting, and statistical procedures. The methods used shall be documented in writing.

For damage estimates derived from historical insured hurricane losses, the assumptions in the derivations concerning (1) construction characteristics, (2) policy provisions, and (3) relevant underwriting practices underlying those losses shall be identified and demonstrated to be reasonable and appropriate.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, B.4
Reference: Module 1, Section II, A.3-5
Reference: Module 3, Section IV

5.4.2 Actuarial Modifications

All modification factors to the actuarial functions or characteristics including but not limited to building code, quality, age, occupancy, stories, or condition of structure

and their corresponding affects shall be disclosed and shall be clearly defined and their actuarial soundness demonstrated. The disclosure of modification shall include a description of the impact upon loss costs of the modification in accordance with the following:

> A: < -50%.
> B: -50% to -25%
> C: -25% to 0
> D: 0 to 25%
> E: 25% to 50%
> F: > 50%

Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.6
Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.10
Reference: Module 1, Section I, C.1.c
Reference: Module 3, Section III, #3

5.4.3 Loss Cost Projections

Loss cost projections produced by hurricane loss projection models shall not include expenses, risk load, investment income, premium reserves, taxes, assessments, or profit margin. Hurricane loss projection models shall not make a prospective provision for economic inflation.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, B.4
Reference: Module 1, Section I, C.1.a
Reference: Module 3, Section III, #2
Reference: Module 3, Section V
Reference: Module 3, Section VII

5.4.4 Insurer Inputs

The modeler shall disclose any assumptions, fixed and variable, that relate to insurer input. Such assumptions shall be demonstrated to be actuarially sound. Assumptions that can vary by specific insurer shall be disclosed in a model output report. Fixed assumptions, that do not vary, need to be disclosed to the Commission.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, A.10
Reference: Module 1, Section I, B.4
Reference: Module 1, Section II, A.3-4
Reference: Module 3, Section IV

5.4.5 Demand Surge

Loss cost projections shall not explicitly include demand surge. Any adjustment to the model or historical data to remove implicit demand surge shall be disclosed.

5.4.6 Loss Costs - Meaning of "Damage"

In calculating loss costs, damage shall be expressed as insurable losses.

5.4.7 Logical Relation to Risk

Loss costs shall not exhibit an illogical relation to risk, nor shall loss costs exhibit a significant change when the underlying risk does not change significantly.

1.   Loss costs produced by the model shall be positive and non-zero for all zip codes.

2.   Modelers shall produce color-coded maps for the purpose of comparing loss costs by five-digit zip code within each county and on a statewide basis.

3.   Loss costs cannot increase as friction or roughness increase, all other factors held constant.

4.   Loss costs cannot increase as the quality of construction type, materials, and workmanship increases, all other factors held constant.

5.   If the model considers the presence of fixtures or construction techniques designed for hazard mitigation, then the loss costs cannot increase above those in the absence of such measures, all other factors held constant.

6.   Loss costs shall decrease as deductibles increase, all other factors held constant.

7.   If the model considers the quality of building codes and enforcement, then loss costs cannot increase as the quality increases, all other factors held constant.

The above tests are intended to apply in general. There may be certain anomalies that are insignificant or are explainable by special circumstances. This standard applies separately to each coverage.

Reference: Module 3, Section V, #5
Reference: Module 3, Section VII

5.4.8 Deductibles

The model shall provide a mathematical representation of the distribution of losses to reflect the effects of deductibles and coinsurance, and the modeler shall demonstrate its actuarial soundness.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, B.3
Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #1-#2
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.4.9 Contents

The model shall provide a separate mathematical representation of contents loss costs, and the modeler shall demonstrate its actuarial soundness.

Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #5
Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #7
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.4.10 Additional Living Expenses (ALE)

The model shall provide a separate mathematical representation of Additional Living Expense (ALE) loss costs, and the modeler shall demonstrate its actuarial soundness.

Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #6
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.4.11 Building Codes

Information upon which building code quality and enforcement is assessed, if incorporated in the model, shall be objective and reasonably accurate and reliable.

Reference: Module 1, Section I, C.1.b
Reference: Module 3, Section III, #3
Reference: Standard 5.6.1

5.4.12 Hazard Mitigation

Data or information upon which differences in loss costs due to fixtures, design features, or construction techniques designed for hazard mitigation are derived, if

incorporated in the model, shall be objective and actuarially reasonable.

5.4.13 Replication of Known Hurricane Losses

The model shall be shown to reasonably replicate incurred losses on a sufficient body of past hurricane events, including the most current data available to the modeler. This standard applies separately to personal residential and mobile homes to the extent data are available. Personal residential experience may be used to replicate building-only and contents-only losses. The modeler shall demonstrate that the replications were produced on an objective body of loss data by county or an appropriate level of geographic detail.

Reference: Module 3, Section IV, #9
Reference: Module 3, Section V, #2
Reference: Standard 5.6.2

5.4.14 Comparison of Estimated Hurricane Loss Costs

The model shall provide the annual average statewide loss costs produced using the list of hurricanes in standard 5.2.3 historical hurricanes in Florida based on the 1998 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Funds (FHCF) aggregate exposure data, as of November 1, 1999. These will be compared to the statewide loss costs produced by the model on an average industry basis. The difference, due to uncertainty, between historical and modeled annual average statewide loss costs shall be demonstrated to be statistically reasonable.

Reference: Module 3, Section I, #7
Reference: Module 3, Section I, #10
Reference: Module 3, Section V, #2
Reference: Module 3, Section V, #4
Reference: Standard 5.6.2

5.4.15 Output Ranges

Any model previously found acceptable by the Commission shall provide an explanation suitable to the Commission concerning the updated output ranges. Differences between the prior year submission and the current submission shall be explained in the submission.

Reference: Module 3, Section V, #4-#5

5.4.16 County Level Aggregation

At the county level of aggregation, the contribution to the error in loss costs estimates

induced by the sampling process shall be demonstrated to be negligible.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, C.2
Reference: Standard 5.6.2

5.5   Computer Standards –

5.5.1 Primary Document Binder

A primary document binder shall be created and shall contain fully documented sections for each subsequent Computer Standard. Development of each section shall be indicative of accepted software engineering practices.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II

5.5.2 Requirements

The modeler shall document all requirements specifications of the software, such as interface, human factors, functionality, documentation, data, human and material resources, security, and quality assurance.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II
Reference: Module 3, Section VI, #3

5.5.3 Component Design

The modeler shall document detailed computer-printed diagrams for control and data flow, and a schema for all data files along with field type definitions. Each network diagram shall contain components, arcs, and labels. At the topmost design level, detailed input and output interface specifications, including data types, shall be specified for each of the model's components.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II

5.5.4 Implementation

The software shall be traceable from the flow diagrams and their components down to the code level. All documentation, including document binder identification, shall be indicated in the relevant component. The highest design level components shall incrementally be translated into a larger number of components until the code level is

reached.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II

5.5.5 Software Verification

The modeler shall employ verification procedures, such as code inspections, reviews, and walkthroughs, sufficient to demonstrate code correctness. The code shall contain sufficient logical assertions or flag-triggered output statements to test the correct values for key variables as they are modified.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II

5.5.6 Testing

Tests shall be documented for each software component, independent of all other components, to ensure that each component provides the correct response to inputs. All components when interfaced shall function correctly.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II
Reference: Standards 5.6.3 and 5.6.4

5.5.7 Software Maintenance and Revision

The modeler shall specify all policies and procedures used to maintain the software. The modeler shall use source revision software to track code modifications.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module 1, Section II

5.5.8 User Documentation

The modeler shall have complete user documentation including all recent updates.

Reference: Module 1, Section I
Reference: Module I, Section II

5.6   STATISTICAL STANDARDS –

5.6.1 Comparison of Historical and Modeled Results

In situations where a modeler uses historical data to develop a modeled counterpart, the modeler shall demonstrate the goodness-of-fit of the modeled results to the historical data using accepted scientific and statistical methods.

5.6.2 Characterizing Uncertainty

In cases where a statistical estimate is given, the modeler shall also provide an assessment of the attendant uncertainty.

5.6.3 Sensitivity Analysis for Model Output

The modeler shall demonstrate that the model has been assessed with respect to sensitivity of temporal and spatial outputs to the simultaneous variation of input parameters. Statistical techniques used to perform sensitivity analysis shall be explicitly stated and results demonstrated in graphical format.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.13-15

5.6.4 Uncertainty Analysis for Model Output

The modeler shall demonstrate that the temporal and spatial outputs of the model have been subjected to an uncertainty analysis. Such an analysis will identify and quantify the input parameters that impact the uncertainty in model output when the input parameters are simultaneously varied. Statistical techniques used to perform uncertainty analysis shall be explicitly stated and results demonstrated in graphical format.

Reference: Module 1, Section II, B.13-15

COMPARISON OF
2000 STANDARDS TO 1999 STANDARDS

Methodology Commission
2000 Standards Compared to 1999 Standards

Standard	Title	Change	New	Comments
General				
5.1.1	Scope of the Computer Model and Its Implementation	NS		
5.1.2	Qualifications of Modeler Personnel and Independent Experts	S		
5.1.3	Modelers Policy of Model Revision	NS		
5.1.4	Independence of Model Components	S		
5.1.5	Geographic Location		S	Portions moved from 5.1.3, 5.4.17
5.1.6	Identification of Units of Measure of the Model	NS		Moved from 5.2.2
5.1.7	Visual Presentation of Data		S	
5.1.8	Disclosure of User Supplied Input		S	
Meteorological				
5.2.1	Units of Measure for Model Output	None		
5.2.2	Damage Function Wind Inputs	None		
5.2.3	Official Hurricane Set or Suitable Approved Alternatives	S		
5.2.4	Hurricane Characteristics	S		
5.2.5	Landfall Intensity	NS		
5.2.6	Hurricane Probabilities	S		
5.2.7	Hurricane Probability Distributions	NS		
5.2.8	Land Friction	None		
5.2.9	Hurricane Overland Weakening Rate	NS		
Vulnerability				
5.3.1	Derivation of Vulnerability Functions	NS		
5.3.2	Required Vulnerability Functions		NS	Moved from 5.3.1
5.3.3	Wind Speeds Causing Damage		NS	Moved from 5.3.1
5.3.4	Construction Characteristics	None		
5.3.5	Modification Factors	NS		
5.3.6	Additional Living Expenses	NS		
5.3.7	Mitigation Measures		S	
Actuarial				
5.4.1	Underwriting Assumptions	S		
5.4.2	Actuarial Modifications	NS		
5.4.3	Loss Costs Projections	NS		Combined with 1999 5.4.4
5.4.4	Insurer Inputs	S		
5.4.5	Demand Surge	None		
5.4.6	Loss Costs—Meaning of "Damage"	None		
5.4.7	Logical Relation to Risk	S		
5.4.8	Deductibles	None		
5.4.9	Contents	None		
5.4.10	Additional Living Expenses (ALE)	None		
5.4.11	Building Codes	None		
5.4.12	Hazard Mitigation		S	
5.4.13	Replication of Known Hurricane Losses	S		
5.4.14	Comparison of Estimated Hurricane Loss Costs	NS		
5.4.15	Output Ranges	NS		
5.4.16	County Level Aggregation	None		
Computer				
5.5.1	Primary Document Binder		S	
5.5.2	Requirements		S	
5.5.3	Component Design		S	
5.5.4	Implementation		S	
5.5.5	Software Verification		S	
5.5.6	Testing		S	
5.5.7	Software Maintenance and Revision		S	
5.5.8	User Documentation		NS	

Standard	Title	Change	New	Comments
Statistical				
5.6.1	Comparison of Historical and Modeled Results		S	
5.6.2	Characterizing Uncertainty		S	
5.6.3	Sensitivity Analysis for Model Output		S	
5.6.4	Uncertainty Analysis for Model Output		S	

S = Significant

NS = Not Significant

None = No change from prior year's standard

Note: *The Commission has determined that "significant changes" are those that result in or have potential for changes to loss costs. The Commission may determine, in its judgement, whether a change is significant.*

WORKING DEFINITIONS

Working Definitions

Computer Terms:

Class:
>An interface module that declares attributes and methods for accessing the attributes. A Class is a node within a hierarchy (i.e., usually for inheritance or aggregation).

Code:
>Abbreviation for "Program Code." Synonym: implementation.

Flow Diagram:
>A diagram that contains components, which connect to each other to form a network of directed arcs. Arcs are directed in that they specify a directional flow of either data or control between components.

Implementation:
>The conversion from algorithm to software using a specific language that has support for its execution in the form of a translation program, usually termed an interpreter or compiler.

Logical Assertions:
>Logic-based expressions that evaluate to true or false. Assertions are used in Model and Software Verification to ensure that variables are within bounds and contain expected values.

Software Verification:
>The process of ensuring that the implemented software, using a particular programming language, agrees with all requirements and design specifications. In short, is the software doing what it is supposed to do? Is the software correct?

Object:
>An instance of a Class.

Object-Oriented:
>A paradigm for software design, emphasizing encapsulation of both data and program within Classes and Objects.

Visualization:
>A two-dimensional or three-dimensional graphic that is composed of elements.

Insurance Terms:

Actual Cash Value (ACV):

Cost of replacing damaged or destroyed property with comparable new property minus depreciation.

Actuary:

A highly specialized mathematician professionally trained in the risk aspects of insurance, whose functions include the calculations involved in determining proper insurance rates, evaluating reserves, and various aspects of insurance research.

All Risk:

Coverage in a property policy that provides protection for all perils except for those specifically excluded.

Amount of Insurance Curve:

A rating chart in which the rate per amount of insurance is lower for higher amounts of insurance. For example, the rate applicable to a $50,000 home may be $5.00 per thousand (resulting in a $250 premium) while the rate for a $100,000 home may be $4.00 per thousand (resulting in a premium of $400).

Appurtenant Structures:

Coverage for detached buildings and other structures located on the same property as the principal insured building, e.g., detached garage, fences, swimming pools, patios, etc.

BCEGS:

Insurance Services Office's Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule.

Bias:

A statistical sampling or testing error caused by systematically favoring some outcomes over others.

Catastrophe:

A natural or man-made event which causes more than $25 million in insured losses. This definition is the one used by Property Claims Services.

Catastrophe Loading:

A provision in the rates to pay for expected losses from catastrophes. This loading is included in the rate generally as a factor representing catastrophe losses.

Coinsurance:

A percentage co-payment structured so that the policyholder pays a specified percentage of each loss. The maximum paid by the policyholder on a total loss is the coinsurance percentage times the amount of insurance. Although coinsurance has been rare in homeowners in the past, it is becoming more common in catastrophic exposures such as earthquake and hurricane.

Coinsurance Requirement or Coinsurance Penalty Policy:

A policy provision in a property insurance contract which requires the insured to carry insurance equal to a certain specified percentage of the value of the property in order for the insured to receive full replacement value on a loss. The typical coinsurance requirement requires that the value of the property at the time of a loss be 80% of the replacement value of the property. If the value is less than 80%, the policyholder collects less than the replacement value of the loss but never less than ACV of the loss.

Depreciation:

The decrease in the value of property over a period of time.

Earned Premium:

The portion of premium paid by an insured which has been allocated to the insurance company's loss experience, expenses, and profit year to date.

Exclusion:

Provision of an insurance policy that indicates which types of property or perils are not covered.

Expense Ratio:

The ratio of expenses to premium. Expenses are typically categorized as follows: (a) commission; (b) general expense; (c) loss adjustment expenses; (d) taxes, licenses, and fees; (e) investment expenses.

Exposure:

The unit of measure of the amount of risk assumed. Rates and loss costs are expressed as dollars per exposure. Sometimes the number of houses is used in homeowner's insurance as a loose equivalent.

Florida Insurance Code:

Chapters 624 through 632, 634, 635, 636, 641, 648, and 651 of the Florida Statutes. Note that as the State Fire Marshal, the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner also has responsibility for Chapter 633, but that chapter is not part of the Insurance Code.

Ground Up Loss:

Incurred loss to a structure or location prior to the application of a deductible, policy limit, coinsurance penalty, depreciation, exclusion or other policy provision.

Guaranteed Replacement Cost:

A policy provision in which the insurer agrees to pay losses on a replacement cost basis even if in excess of the policy limit.

Homeowner's Policy:

A package policy for the homeowner that typically combines protection on the structure and contents, additional living expense protection, and personal liability insurance. Homeowner's policies were first developed in the 1950's. Prior to that time, homeowners

wishing coverage for fire, theft, and liability had to purchase three separate policies. Homeowner's policies do not cover earthquake or flood. These are sold separately.

Insurance to Value:

The relationship of the amount of insurance to replacement cost is called Insurance to Value. 100% insurance to value means that the amount of insurance equals the replacement cost.

Involuntary or Residual Markets:

State sponsored markets; markets of last resort. For property insurance in Florida these are: Florida Residential and Property Casualty Joint Underwriting Association and the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association.

Loss:

A reduction in the value of a property caused by an insured event.

Loss Adjustment Expenses (LAE):

The expenses incurred by an insurer to adjust a claim by a policyholder. These expenses are divided into allocated loss adjustment expenses (ALAE) and unallocated loss adjustment expenses (ULAE). Allocated loss adjustment expenses are specific amounts attributable to individual claims such as attorney's fees and court costs. Unallocated loss adjustment expenses are all other types of LAE.

Named Peril:

Coverage in a property policy that provides protection against a loss only from the perils specifically listed in the policy. Examples of named perils include fire, windstorm, theft, smoke, riot, vandalism, water (other than rising water), explosion, aircraft, and hail.

Pass Through:

Generally, an amount which is a cost to an insurer but which is permitted by statute to be ultimately absorbed by the consumer. During the 1995 session, the Legislature added a subsection (5) to Section 627.062, Florida Statues, which permits insurers to "recoup the actual amount of reimbursement premium charged by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF) by including the FHCF rates in their rating manuals".

Peril:

The loss producing agent. The contingency which is the cause or agent of loss. Insurance policies are often referred to by the peril insured against, as in a fire policy, a collision policy, or a liability policy.

Policy Term:

Time interval during which a policy is in force.

Premises:

The building, other structures, and land where the insurance protection is applicable. It is usually described and defined in the property and casualty policy. Note, however, that the land is not insured, only the structures and contents located on the land.

Premium:

The consideration paid or to be paid to an insurer for the issuance and delivery of any binder or policy of insurance; see Section 626.014(2), Florida Statutes. Premium is the amount charged to the policyholder and includes all taxes and commissions.

Property Insurance:

Insurance on real or personal property of every kind, whether the property is located on land, on water, or in the air, against loss or damage from any and all perils (hazards or causes); (see Section 624.604, Florida Statutes).

Rate:

The amount by which the exposure is multiplied to determine the premium. See Section 627.041(1), Florida Statutes. Rate times exposure equals premium.

Rating Territory (Territory):

In various property and casualty lines, a geographical grouping within which insureds are likely to share an exposure to similar risks. Grouping of insureds by territory helps establish equitable rates for the territory and simplifies premium determination.

Reinsurance:

An arrangement by which one insurer (the ceding insurer) transfers all or a portion of its risk under a policy or group of policies to another insurer (the reinsurer). Thus reinsurance is insurance purchased by an insurance company from another insurer, to reduce risk for the ceding insurer.

Replacement Cost:

The cost to replace damaged property with a new item of like kind and quality.

Standard Risk:

A property which, according to a company's underwriting standards, is entitled to insurance at standard rates without restrictions.

Trending Procedure:

A process by which an actuary evaluates how changes over time affect such items as claims costs, claim frequencies, expenses and premiums.

Underwriting:

The process of identifying and classifying the potential degree of risk represented by a proposed exposure unit. Potential insureds that satisfy an insurer's underwriting standards are offered insurance or are offered a renewal while others are declined or non-renewed.

Written Premium:

Premiums billed, collected, or otherwise recorded on the books of the insurer during a calendar year or other period of time.

Voluntary Market:

The market in which a person seeking insurance obtains it with no help from the state,

through an insurer of his or her own selection.

Meteorological Terms:

By-Passing Storm:
A hurricane in which the eye does not cross the coast, but does contain hurricane force winds over land.

Decay Rate/Filling Rate:
The rate at which a typical cyclone decays as measured by its rise in central pressure. Tropical cyclones weaken or decay as central pressure rises. Once tropical cyclones move over land, their rate of decay is affected not only because of the removal of their warm water energy source, but also because of natural or man-made terrain roughness.

Fastest Mile:
Speed at which it takes one mile of wind to pass a location.

Forward Speed:
The forward speed at which a tropical cyclone is moving along the earth's surface. This is not the speed at which winds are circulating around the tropical cyclone. A forward speed of 3 mph is slow; a forward speed of 10-15 mph is average; a forward speed of 20-30 mph is fast but not impossible.

Hurricane:
A tropical cyclone in which the maximum one-minute average wind speed at 10 meters height is 74 miles per hour or greater.

Hurricane Eye:
The relatively calm area in the center of the storm. In this area, winds are light and the sky often is only partly covered by clouds.

Hurricane Season:
That part of the year having a relatively high incidence of hurricanes. In the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico, the period runs from June 1 through November 30.

Hurricane Strike Probabilities:
The probability in percent that a hurricane eye will pass within 50 miles to the right or 75 miles to the left of the listed location within the indicated time period when looking at the coast in the direction of the hurricane's movement.

Hurricane Warning:
A warning issued by the Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center that the

maximum one-minute average wind speed at 10 meters height is 74 miles per hour or higher associated with a hurricane are expected in a specified coastal area within 24 hours or less. A hurricane warning can remain in effect when dangerously high water or a combination of dangerously high water and exceptionally high waves continue even though winds may be less than hurricane force.

Hurricane Watch:

An announcement issued by the Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center for specific areas that a hurricane or an incipient hurricane condition poses a possible threat to the coastal areas generally within 36 hours.

Miles Per Hour (mph):

Miles per hour.   Standard unit of wind speed measurement.

Millibar (mb):

Metric unit of air pressure. See Minimum Central Pressure.

Minimum Central Pressure:

Minimum Central Pressure is defined as the minimum pressure at the center of a tropical cyclone. The atmosphere exerts a pressure force. Pressure is measured in inches of mercury and in millibars. Average sea level pressure is 29.92 inches of mercury or 1013.25 millibars. Tropical Cyclones have low pressure at the center of the cyclone. The lower the pressure, the stronger the tropical storm, both in terms of wind speed and storm surge height. The lowest pressure ever measured in a hurricane in the Atlantic basin was 888 mb/26.22 inches in Hurricane Gilbert.

Peak Gust:

Highest wind recorded. Generally in a 2- to 3-second interval.

Radius of Maximum Winds:

The radius from tropical cyclone center to the point of maximum winds surrounding a tropical cyclone. For a typical hurricane, the distance is about 15-20 miles.

Saffir-Simpson Scale:

A scale ranging from one to five based on the hurricane's present intensity. This scale can be used to give an estimate of the potential property damage and flooding expected along the coast from a hurricane. In practice, wind speed is the parameter that determines category since storm surge is strongly dependent on the slope of the continental shelf.

Storm Surge:

An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane, and whose height is the difference between the observed level of the sea surface and the level that would have occurred in the absence of the hurricane. Storm surge is usually estimated by subtracting the normal or astronomical tide from the observed storm tide.

Storm Tide:

The actual sea level resulting from the astronomical tide combined with the storm surge.

Storm Track:
> The path along which a tropical cyclone has already moved.

Tropical Cyclone:
> A generic term for a non-frontal synoptic-scale cyclone originating over tropical or subtropical waters with organized convection and definite cyclonic surface wind circulation.

Tropical Depression:
> A tropical cyclone in which the maximum one-minute average wind speed at 10 meters height is 38 miles per hour or less.

Tropical Disturbance:
> A discrete system of organized convection originating in the tropics having a non-frontal migratory character and maintaining its identity for 24 hours or more. It is a basic generic designation that, in successive stages of intensification, may be subsequently classified as a tropical wave, tropical depression, tropical storm or hurricane.

Tropical Storm:
> A tropical cyclone in which the maximum one-minute average wind speed at 10 meters height ranges from 39 to 73 miles per hour inclusive.

Tropical Wave:
> A surface cyclonic curvature maximum or trough in the tropics.

Wind Field:
> The area of winds associated with a tropical cyclone. Winds are typically asymmetric in a moving tropical cyclone with winds in the right front quadrant, relative to motion, being strongest.

Modeling Terms:

Aggregated Data:
> Summarized data sets or data summarized by using different variables. For example, data summarizing the exposure amounts by line of business by zip code is one set of aggregated data.

Annual Aggregate Loss Distributions:
> For the Commission's purposes, the aggregate losses which are expected to occur for all hurricane events in any one year. Another way to state it is the aggregate probable maximum loss. See below for Probable Maximum Loss (PML).

Characteristics:
> The variables which define an event. For the Commission's purposes, since the event is a hurricane, these might include such things as central pressure, forward speed, or wind speeds.

Damage Ratio:

> Percentage of a property damaged by an event relative to the total cost to rebuild or replace the property of like kind and quality.

Damageability:

> The degree of susceptibility a structure has to damage caused by a hurricane. For example, a mobile home is more susceptible to damage from hurricanes than is a home built of poured concrete.

Event Tree Methodology:

> A modeling approach which uses historical information to determine patterns of the key characteristics for defining hurricane events including landfall locations, central pressure, forward speed, and angle. This method segments these probability distributions and then combines the different segments to create a stochastic storm set.

Event:

> For purposes of modeling hurricane losses, a hurricane is considered an event.

Geocoding:

> Assignment of a location to geographic coordinates.

Independent:

> An independent characteristic or event is one which is unaffected by the existence of another characteristic or by whether or not another event occurs.

Location Specific Data:

> Data represented for each individual risk or unit covered by a policy in an insurer's portfolio of policies.

Mapping of Zip Codes:

> Either a point estimate or a physical geographic area.

Model Validation:

> A comparison between model behavior and empirical (i.e., physical) behavior.

Model Verification:

> A comparison between model behavior and program behavior.

Probable Maximum Loss (PML):

> The largest single event that is likely to befall an insurer. This is important to assess the adequacy of surplus to support the policies issued by the insurer and is also used to evaluate reinsurance needs.

Property Data Base:

> A listing of assumed or actual structures in an area that includes at a minimum the number,

location, type, and value of property. It may be the modeler's estimate or an insurance company's actual book of business.

Return Time:
Average span in years between expected, similar events.

Roughness:
The characteristics of a surface related to its ability to disrupt airflow. The rougher the surface, the quicker a storm decays, the greater the turbulence, and the higher the difference between peak winds and sustained winds.

Man-Made Roughness:
Man-made obstacles; e.g., structures, which affect the wind speeds and surge or wave action of hurricanes.

Natural Roughness:
Natural obstacles in a particular area; e.g., valleys, mountains, trees, coastline, which affect wind speed and storm surge or wave action of hurricanes.

Sensitivity:
The effect which a change in the value of a variable will have on the output of the model.

Significant Change:
Those changes to the standards or any changes to the model that result in changes to loss costs or have potential for changes to the loss costs. The Commission may determine in its judgement whether a change is significant.

Smooth Terrain:
Open grassy location with no obstructions above the surface for 100 meters.

Vulnerability Assessment:
A determination as to how likely a particular insured structure is to be damaged by a hurricane and an estimate of the loss potential.

Vulnerability Functions:
The curve that represents the damage ratios expected at various wind speeds for a given structural type.

Zip Code Centroid: Two types of centroids:

Geographic Centroid:
The geographic center of a zip code.

Population Weighted Centroid:
The center determined by weighing the distribution of population over the zip code.

Statistical Terms:

Definitions of statistical terms are available in: A Dictionary of Statistical Terms, Fifth Edition, F.H.C. Marriott, John Wiley & Sons, 1990.

Organizations:

ISO:

Insurance Services Office is an organization that provides actuarial, structural engineering, fire protection, and loss cost information to the insurance community on a specific location and peril basis.

NOAA:

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Created in 1970 by the U.S. Government as part of the Department of Commerce.

NWS:

National Weather Service organizationally a component of NOAA. The NWS has more than 400 field offices and observation networks in 50 states and overseas. Its primary responsibility is to provide scientific and technological assistance in the general field of the atmospheric sciences to save lives, reduce injuries, and minimize property loss from extreme weather events throughout the country. NWS has the following components:

National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) in Washington, DC is the nerve center for all national centers and provides synoptic-scale numerical forecast guidance material and long-range forecasts;

Storm Prediction Center (SPC) in Norman, Oklahoma maintains a constant watch for severe weather potential around the country and issues thunderstorm and tornado watches;

Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center (TPC/NHC) in Miami, Florida is responsible for issuing many tropical weather forecasts including hurricane advisories for the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Eastern Pacific to 140W longitude. The Honolulu Forecast Office covers hurricanes in the Central Pacific between 140W and 180W longitude;

Marine Prediction Center: Provides marine forecasts**;**

Aviation Weather Center: Provides aviation forecasts;

Climate Prediction Center: Provides weather forecasts on weekly, monthly, and seasonal time-scales.

PCS:

Property Claims Services is an industry claims reporting service located in New Jersey. Property and casualty insurance companies report to PCS after major losses occur. If the number of claims exceeds 5,000 or the total loss exceeds $25 million, the event is assigned a catastrophe number. The organization is funded by company subscription to its service.

BASE STORM SET

11/1/2000 Standards				A				B		
Name	Year	Landfall Code	Enter/ Exit	Central Pressure	Wind Speed	Category	Enter/ Exit	Central Pressure	Wind Speed	Category
NONAME 3	1903	HRCFL2AFL1	Enter	980	75	1				
NONAME 2	1906	HRCFL1								
NONAME 8	1906	HRCFL2					Enter	967	125	3
NONAME 9	1909	By-Passing								
NONAME 4	1910	HRBFL3					Enter	941	121	3
NONAME 1	1911	HRAFL1 AL1	Enter	990	81	1				
NONAME 4	1915	HRAFL1	Enter	982	92	1				
NONAME 13	1916	HR AL2AFL2	Enter	974	115	2				
NONAME 14	1916	HRBFL1					Enter	990	81	1
NONAME 3	1917	HRAFL3	Enter	964	104	2				
NONAME 2	1919	By-Passing								
NONAME 6	1921	HRBFL3DFL2					Enter	952	104	2
NONAME 4	1924	HRAFL1	Enter	994	75	1				
NONAME 7	1924	HRBFL1					Enter	972	93	1
NONAME 2	1925	HRBFL1					Enter	994	75	1
NONAME 1	1926	HRDFL2								
NONAME 6	1926	HRCFL4BFL3AFL3 AL3	Enter	950	121	3	Exit	950	121	3
NONAME 10	1926	By-Passing								
NONAME 1	1928	HRCFL2								
NONAME 4	1928	HRCFL4DFL2 GA1 SC1								
NONAME 2	1929	HRCFL3AFL2	Enter	980	75	1				
NONAME 5	1933	HRATX2CFL1								
NONAME 12	1933	HRCFL3								
NONAME 2	1935	HRBFL5AFL2	Enter	985	86	1	Enter	892	173	5
NONAME 4	1935	HRCFL2					Exit	977	75	1
NONAME 5	1936	HRAFL3	Enter	973	90	1				
NONAME 2	1939	HRCFL1AFL1	Exit	990	80	1				
NONAME 5	1941	HRCFL2BFL2AFL2	Enter	990	75	1	Exit	960	109	2
NONAME 11	1944	HRBFL3DFL2					Enter	949	117	3
NONAME 1	1945	HRAFL1	Enter	982	92	1				
NONAME 9	1945	HRCFL3								
NONAME 5	1946	HRBFL1					Enter	993	75	1
NONAME 4	1947	HRCFL4 LA3 MS3BFL2					Exit	978	97	2
NONAME 8	1947	HR GA2 SC2CFL1					Enter	975	80	1
NONAME 7	1948	HRBFL3CFL2					Enter	963	115	3
NONAME 8	1948	HRCFL2								
NONAME 2	1949	HRCFL3								
EASY	1950	HRAFL3	Enter	958	102	2				
KING	1950	HRCFL3								
FLORENCE	1953	HRAFL1	Enter	982	92	1				
FLOSSY	1956	HR LA2AFL1	Enter	974	92	1				
DONNA	1960	HRBFL4 NC3 NY3DFL2 CT2 RI2 MA1 NH1 ME1					Enter	930	132	4
CLEO	1964	HRCFL2								
DORA	1964	HRDFL2								
ISBELL	1964	HRBFL2CFL2					Enter	964	107	2
BETSY	1965	HRCFL3 LA3								
ALMA	1966	HRAFL2	Enter	970	98	2				
INEZ	1966	HRBFL1					Enter	977	76	1
GLADYS	1968	HRAFL2DFL1	Enter	977	86	1				
AGNES	1972	HRAFL1 NY1 CT1	Enter	978	85	1				
ELOISE	1975	HRAFL3	Enter	955	119	3				
DAVID	1979	HRCFL2DFL2 GA2 SC2								
ELENA	1985	By-Passing								
KATE	1985	HRAFL2	Enter	967	92	1				
FLOYD	1987	HRBFL1					Enter	993	75	1
ANDREW	1992	HRCFL4BFL3 LA3					Exit	950	126	3
ERIN	1995	HRCFL1AFL2	Enter	974	98	2				
OPAL	1995	HRAFL2	Enter	942	113	3				
EARL	1998	HRAFL1	Enter	987	81	1				
GEORGES	1998	By-Passing								
IRENE	1999	HRBFL1CFL1					Enter	987	80	1
The Codes:		AFL = Northwest Florida								
		BFL = Southwest Florida								
		CFL = Southeast Florida								
		DFL = Northeast Florida								
		Total By Landfall Code			24					21
		Total Number of Coastal Crossings								
NOTE: Category defined by wind speed										
	HURDAT Landfall Code defined by central pressure									

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C				D				By-Pass			
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Exit	Pressure	Speed	Category	Exit	Pressure	Speed	Category	Affected	Pressure	Speed	Category	Crossings
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NORMATIVE REFERENCES

Normative References and Data Sets

For the purposes of the standards for model specification adopted in this document, the following references or published data sets are deemed normative. Subsequent revisions to these documents shall be construed to supersede the versions listed below. The actual use of information from these documents or data sets in the context of the computer models is addressed in the standards.

1. **Meteorological Criteria for Standard Project Hurricane and Probable Maximum Hurricane Windfields, Gulf and East Coasts of the United States**, **NOAA Technical Report NWS 23,** Washington, D.C., September, 1979

2. **Hurricane Climatology for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States, NOAA Technical Report NWS 38,** Washington, D.C., April, 1987

3. **North Atlantic Storm Data Base, HURDAT**

4. Kaplan/DeMaria, *"A Simple Empirical Model for Predicting the Decay of Tropical Cyclone Winds After Landfall,"* **Journal of Applied Meteorology,** Volume 34, #11, November, 1995

5. Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center (TPC/NHC), **Tropical Cyclones of the North Atlantic Ocean, 1871-1998**, with updates

GUIDEBOOK

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The guidebook is intended to assist the modeler in preparing for the on-site review by the Professional Team whose mandate is to assess the modeler's compliance with the Commission's standards. Although the ultimate authority for acceptance rests with the Commission, it is deemed helpful to provide some specifics to the modeler as to the extent and depth of the Professional Team review. Such guidance should allow the modeler to prepare for the review. The Professional Team may deem it appropriate, in the course of the on-site review, to investigate certain aspects of the model not explicitly delineated in this guidebook. The goal of the Professional Team's efforts is to provide the Commission a clear and thorough report of the model, subject to non-disclosure conditions.

5.1 General Standards

5.1.1 Scope of the Computer Model and Its Implementation

Purpose: This standard gives a high level view of the scope of the model to be reviewed – namely, projected loss costs for personal lines residential property from hurricane events. Additional living expense (ALE) will be reviewed in detail since infrastructure degradation due to flood and storm surge can have an impact on ALE. Discussion of ALE will be primarily deferred to 5.3.6, 5.4.4, and 5.4.10. The reference to a computer model explicitly is intended to include the implementation of the model. Direct loss to property from flood and storm surge will be excluded. Indirect losses (ALE) to property resulting from damage to the infrastructure (power generation, public highways, etc.) will be included.

Audit: This standard concerns the scope of the computer model and its implementation which is expected to project loss costs for personal residential property due to hurricane events. ALE is mentioned explicitly since flood and storm surge can in fact impact it. The main intent of the audit is to determine the capabilities of the model and to assess its implementation for purposes of Florida estimated loss costs.

5.1.2 Qualifications of Modeler Personnel and Independent Experts

Purpose: This standard was originally adopted as a Finding of the Commission on November 30, 1995, and was subsequently modified and adopted on May 20, 1996, to add language to address the professional conduct of modeler personnel or independent experts involved in the model construction. To meet the standard, the modeler will provide during the audit written evidence of the professional credentials and capabilities, typically in the form of professional vitae of their personnel responsible for the current model and its development. Professional disciplines implicitly represented in Commission

standards (structural/wind engineering, statistics, actuarial science, meteorology, computer science/engineering) will be represented among modeler staff and consultants.

Audit: We would like to review the professional vitae of modeler personnel and independent experts responsible for the current model and information on their predecessors, if different than current personnel. For the actuarial personnel, professional status in the appropriate actuarial organization or organizations is usually apparent on the vitae. For other disciplines, the vitae ought to be sufficient to make a determination for this standard, with further commentary possible during the on-site interactions. Background information on individuals providing testimonial letters in the submission must be provided.

The Commission expects the new modelers to be well-prepared for an on-site review of the Professional Team. In particular, it is suggested that a modeler conduct a detailed self-audit to assure that it is ready for the formal audit. This is especially important for discipline areas not covered by full-time employees or consultants.

5.1.3   Modeler's Policy of Model Revision

Purpose: The Commission will determine to be acceptable only those models for which the owners have a clearly written policy for model revision with respect to methodologies and data. To meet the standard, the modeler will demonstrate control of the evolution of their model to the extent that reviews, updates, modifications, releases, and other revisions follow generally accepted practices and are appropriately identified to the user, especially with respect to computer engineering.

Audit: Here we would like to see the process for model revisions (both methodology and data, especially updates from year-to-year with new storms.) What safeguards or controls are in place? How does the annual update take place? How is it identified? Citing specific examples gives further strength to our assessment (for 1996 storms, we did the following ... and now the updated storm set is in place....). Our computer expert could then review the current set up.

5.1.4   Independence of Model Components

Purpose: This standard requires that each of the three primary components are individually sound, and moreover operate independently of each other. For example, the model will not allow adjustments to the vulnerability components to compensate for apparent meteorological deficiencies (e.g., inflating damage to counteract for a deflated windfield.) In addition to each component of the model meeting its respective standards, the interrelationship of the model components as

a whole must be reasonable.

Audit: This standard will be considered last, or at least following the review of meteorology, vulnerability and actuarial sections. The modeler needs to convince the professional team that their choices of model components adequately portrays hurricane phenomena and effects (damage and loss costs). This can be accomplished indirectly via agreement with historical loss costs and attendant tests but also requires an assessment of the theoretical soundness of each component. A model would not be found to meet this standard, if an artificial calibration adjustment had been made to improve the match of historical and model results for a specific storm.

5.1.5 Geographic Location

Purpose: The zip code information must be updated at least every two years. The choice of population or geographic centroid is up to the modeler. In either case, the modeler needs to be able to do geographic displays for selected zip codes.

Audit: Aside from disclosure of updates, the Professional Team is likely to ask to view the location of centroids for specific zip codes. Interest in specific zip codes arises in the context of logical relationship to risk or in basic assessments of loss costs.

5.1.6 Identification of Units of Measure of Model

Purpose: In reviewing the model, it is essential that the specific units of measure be provided. This standard was formerly in the meteorology section of standards, but since it is appropriate for vulnerability and actuarial standards, it was moved to general standards.

5.1.7 Visual Presentation of Data

Purpose: Visualization plays a key role in promoting a human understanding of input and output data for the hurricane model. Good visualization techniques are needed so that graphs, charts, and maps are clearly presented and understood. A visualization is defined as a 2D, 3D graphic that is composed of elements. Example visualizations include pie and bar charts, graphs, scatter plots, and geographic maps. Computer animations, where appropriate and relevant, are encouraged. A note on color spaces: red and blue should be the only colors. In RGB color space, this implies that colors extend from $(0,0,1)$ as blue to $(1,0,0)$ as red. For example, $(0,0,1) \rightarrow (0.1,0.1,1) \rightarrow (0.2,0.2,1) \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow (1,1,1) \rightarrow (1,0.9,0.9) \rightarrow (1,0.8,0.8) \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow (1,0,0)$ defines a set of color values using a blue to red transition.

Audit: The modeler will have key maps, charts, and graphs pre-prepared and

will have the ability to quickly prepare such maps during an on-site review.

5.1.8 Disclosure of User Supplied Input

Purpose: The modeler needs to make clear to the public recipients of the model output, the scope of any Commission findings concerning its model versus the mode of application by an insurer or the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

Audit: Model output reports will be reviewed during the on-site review.

5.2 Meteorological Standards

5.2.1 Units of Measure for Model Output

Purpose: The Commission requires uniformity of measurements with regard to model outputs in the units given in the standard.

5.2.2 Damage Function Wind Inputs

Purpose: To insure that the output from the wind component is appropriate as input for the damage function (allowing for the possibility of an appropriate conversion).

5.2.3 Official Hurricane Set or Suitable Approved Alternatives

Purpose: The "official" storm set is a baseline. This set covers the period 1900-1999. A primary use of this baseline storm set is in checking model versus historical storms impacting Florida. The standard does not preclude the use of other hurricane or tropical storm events, if they provide relevant information in hurricane modeling.

Not updating the storm set, as specified in the Standard, is not an acceptable alternative.

5.2.4 Hurricane Characteristics

Purpose: This standard requires that the modeler use only scientifically sound information for determining hurricane characteristics. By using graphical depictions and density functions, the modeler should describe the data set and the correlated storm characteristics.

Audit: Prepare graphical depictions (e.g., histograms overlaid with fitted density functions) of storm characteristics as used in the model. Be prepared to describe the data set basis for the fitted distributions. Describe your assessments of correlated characteristics (e.g., central pressure and radius of maximum winds). Describe the fitting

methods used and any smoothing techniques employed. Defend your choice of parametric distributions used. Be prepared to present information on the spatial distribution of hurricane force winds (e.g., the radius of hurricane force winds) associated with both modeled and historical events. Throughout the review of this standard, as assessment of the goodness of fit of parametric distributions to historical needs to be provided, consistent with standard 5.6.1.

5.2.5 Landfall Intensity

Purpose: To provide a consistent measure of hurricane wind speed and a consistent measure of hurricane intensity. The HURDAT database and the "official" storm set provided by the Commission will form the normative reference to this standard.

Audit: Be prepared to describe and to support category 3-5 storms with respect to intensity and wind speed. In particular, defend the goodness of fit of historical versus modeled frequencies (by intensity), providing confidence intervals where appropriate.

5.2.6 Hurricane Probabilities

Purpose: This standard requires that the probability of occurrence of hurricanes match the historical record with respect to intensities and geographical locations. Results provided in Module 3, Section I provide definitions of the four geographic areas of particular interest.

Audit: Be prepared to describe and to support your method of selecting stochastic storm tracks and angle of landfall. Be prepared to describe and support the method of selecting storm track strike intervals. If strike locations are on a discrete set, show the landfall points for major metropolitan areas in Florida. Assess the goodness of fit of modeled to historical frequencies for the four sections of the state and overall. Explain any significant discrepancies. In particular, defend the goodness of fit of historical versus modeled frequencies (by intensity), providing confidence intervals where appropriate.

5.2.7 Hurricane Probability Distributions

Purpose: This standard requires that the modeled probabilities of hurricane characteristics be documented in accepted scientific literature which is available for the Commission's review.

Audit: Be prepared to disclose the goodness of fit of parametric distributions to historical hurricane characteristics.

5.2.8 Land Friction

Purpose: To insure that the required weakening of hurricanes over land is

consistent with the scientific literature depicting appropriate building/land coefficients and which will be made available to the Commission for review.

Audit: Be prepared to describe your handling of land friction. Maps by zip codes are required.

5.2.9 Hurricane Overland Weakening Rate

Purpose: To provide the current most widely accepted model of overland weakening and to provide a range of compliance with that model prediction.

5.3   Vulnerability Standards

5.3.1 Derivation of Vulnerability Functions

Audit: To the extent that historical data is used to develop vulnerability functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.3.2 Required Vulnerability Functions

5.3.3 Wind Speeds Causing Damage

5.3.4 Construction Characteristics

5.3.5 Modification Factors

5.3.6 Additional Living Expenses

5.3.7 Mitigation Measures

5.4   Actuarial Standards

5.4.1 Underwriting Assumptions

Purpose: To insure that loss cost projections, when based upon insurance company data, do not include inappropriate insurer or modeler manipulations, but are indicative of the actual underlying data whenever such data are used.

Audit: Quality assurance procedures will include methods to assure accuracy of input insurance data prior to code execution.

5.4.2 Actuarial Modifications

5.4.3 Loss Cost Projections

Purpose: The Commission has determined that at present its scope is limited to loss costs. Loss costs represent the pure premium for anticipated losses. Other "expense and profit loads" such as those listed in the standard are included in rate filings and are calculated by actuaries rather than a computer model. The appropriateness of such "loads" should be resolved between the regulatory actuary and the insurance company actuary.

Loss severity is influenced by general economic inflation applicable to material and labor. Amounts of insurance may also be influenced (although perhaps differently) by economic inflation. Economic inflation is an element of past insurance experience which has been used to construct and validate hurricane loss projection models. Prospective changes in economic inflation applicable after construction of the model are found to be outside of the scope of the Commission's work.

5.4.4 Insurer Inputs

Purpose: Hurricane loss projection models may rely upon certain insurer assumptions. In other cases modelers may make implicit actuarial assumptions relating to insurance to value, the prevalence of appurtenant structures, or demographic risk characteristics. Implicit assumptions may or may not be appropriate for use by a given insurer, depending upon the circumstances. All insurer inputs and the following assumptions must be disclosed.

Audit: Potential areas for assumptions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1.   Insurance to Value. Hurricane loss projection models may make assumptions as to the relationship of the amount of insurance to the replacement cost, repair cost, or actual cash value of property. This relationship, called insurance to value, can vary by insurer and can further vary over time.

2.   Demographic Assumptions. Hurricane loss projection models may also include assumptions made by insurers using the model. These may include the percentage of houses in a zip code having a particular roof type, cladding, or other structural characteristic. Other assumptions may be more subjective such as maintenance or state of repair.

3.   Appurtenant Structures. The model should take into account the prevalence of appurtenant structures by geographic area. In many geographic areas there are relatively few appurtenant structures.

Insurers, however, provide an amount of insurance for these structures anyway. Also, change in limits for appurtenant structures may not result in a commensurate change in expected losses because the existing limits may already exceed the value of these structures.

4.   Contents.   A change in contents limits may not result in a commensurate change in losses because the existing limits may already exceed the value of the contents.

5.   Additional Living Expenses. A change in additional living expense limits may not result in a commensurate change in losses because the existing limits may already exceed the largest likely loss.

6.   Insurer Exposures By Zip Code. Some modelers rely on exposure data by zip code provided by insurers in preparation of a rate filing. In such cases, the modeler will validate all zip code information received from its insurance company clients to assure that valid zip codes are used.

In addition, the modeler will provide a blank copy of the user input form.

5.4.5   Demand Surge

Purpose: Demand surge is an increase in the cost of materials and labor due to increased demand following a hurricane.   Demand surge was observed in Hurricane Andrew, but it has not been observed in smaller U.S. hurricanes.   The circumstances necessary for a recurrence of demand surge do not appear to be well understood and quantified. Furthermore, governmental intervention is possible in future demand surge situations. Demand surge, if it exists for smaller storms, will be implicitly reflected in insurance industry experience. Models should not place over-emphasis on Hurricane Andrew experience because this may result in the prediction that demand surge will recur for all storms both large and small. Validation tests based on Hurricane Andrew should take into account the effects of demand surge.

5.4.6   Loss Costs – Meaning of "Damage"

Purpose: The Commission recognizes that the question, "What is the damage to the house?" may be answered in a number of ways. In constructing their models, the modeling companies assess "damage" in more than one way, depending on the use to which the information is to be put in the model. A structural engineer might determine that a house is 55% damaged and consider it still structurally sound.   A claims adjuster might look at the same house and determine that 55%

damage translates into a total loss because the house will be uninhabitable for some time and, further, because of a local ordinance relating to damage exceeding 50%, will have to be completely rebuilt according to up-dated building requirements. Since the Commission is reviewing models for purposes of residential rate filings in Florida, loss costs must be a function of insurance damage rather than engineering damage.

5.4.7 Logical Relation to Risk

Purpose: Modeled loss costs should vary according to risk. If the risk of loss due to hurricanes is higher for one area or structure type, then the loss costs should also be higher. Likewise, if there is no difference in risk there should be no difference in loss costs. Loss costs not having these properties have an illogical relation to risk.

Audit: A.   Prepare graphic representation of loss costs by zip code. Provide statewide, by region, and major population centers.

        B.   For land friction, provide a color-coded map by zip code of friction for Florida and identify low, average, and high loss costs. Be prepared to call up loss costs for selected zip codes in Florida.

5.4.8 Deductibles

Purpose: For a given wind speed and structure type, a range of possible damages result, each with varying degrees of probability. Some damages may fall completely below the deductible. The distribution of damage is therefore important to the determination of the effects of deductibles.

A modeler that does not comply with this standard may not be determined to be acceptable to provide loss costs with deductibles.

Deductibles will become more important in the near future because very large deductibles were approved for use by the Legislature during the 1996 Legislative Session.

Audit: The company actuary will be asked to attest to the actuarial soundness of the procedure. To the extent that historical data is used to develop mathematical depictions of contents functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.4.9 Contents

Purpose: Some policies cover contents only (called tenants policies) and some

policies provide no contents coverage at all (called fire and extended coverage policies). Condominium policies have an increased emphasis on contents. A reasonable representation of contents losses is necessary in order to address these types of policies.

Audit: The company actuary will be asked to attest to the actuarial soundness of the procedure. To the extent that historical data is used to develop mathematical depictions of contents functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.4.10 Additional Living Expenses (ALE)

Purpose: Some policies do not cover additional living expense. A reasonable representation of additional living expense losses is necessary in order to address these types of policies.

Audit: The company actuary will be asked to attest to the actuarial soundness of the procedure. Also, be prepared to document, discuss, and justify the following during the on-site review:

A. The method of derivation and data upon which the ALE vulnerability function is based;
B. Validation data specifically applicable to ALE;
C. Assumptions regarding the coding of ALE losses by insurers;
D. For Andrew, be prepared to quantify and discuss the effects of demand surge on ALE;
E. Assumptions regarding the variability of ALE by size of property;
F. Statewide application of ALE assumptions;
G. Assumptions regarding ALE for mobile homes, tenants, and condominium exposure; and
H. Logical relation to contents, especially contents vs. ALE for condominiums.

To the extent that historical data is used to develop mathematical depictions of ALE functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.4.11 Building Codes

Purpose: Building code quality and enforcement may have an important effect on the losses incurred in a hurricane. In addition to assessing the risk of loss due to hurricane, the recognition of building code quality and enforcement may promote loss control. Since building codes and enforcement vary regionally, the recognition of these factors may have an important impact on loss costs by location.

It is difficult, however, to objectively measure building code quality and enforcement, particularly over time. Insurance Services Office's program for assessing building code quality and enforcement, called BCEGS (Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule), is a rating scheme applicable mostly to new construction.

Audit: Be prepared to document building code assumptions and data sources, where appropriate. To the extent that historical data is used to develop mathematical depictions of building code functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.4.12 Hazard Mitigation

Audit: The hazard mitigation factors used must be based on sound actuarial, engineering, and statistical procedures. To the extent that historical data is used to develop mathematical depictions of hazard mitigation functions, be prepared to demonstrate the goodness of fit of the data to fitted models as per standard 5.6.1.

5.4.13 Replication of Known Hurricane Losses

Purpose: Each model should demonstrate that it can reasonably replicate past known events for storm frequency and severity. The meteorological standards assess the model's storm frequency projections and storm tracks. This standard applies to severity, or the combined effects of windfield, vulnerability functions, and insurance loss limitations.

Given a past storm event and a book of insured properties at the time of the storm, the model should be able to provide expected losses. The validity of the model will be assessed by comparing expected losses produced by the model to actual observed losses incurred by insurers at both the state and county level. A number of storms should be examined and unusual results should be explained.

To the extent possible, each of the three functions of windfield, vulnerability and insurance should be separately tested and verified.

It is important that the stochastic part of the model be tested, which is the part of the model used to produce loss costs used in rate making.

Audit: A. Provide the following for each insurer and hurricane:

1. The version of the model used to calculate modeled losses for each storm provided;
2. For each storm, a general description of the data and its source;

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3. A disclosure of any material mismatch of exposure and loss data problems, or other material consideration. For each storm, the date of the exposures used for modeling and the date of the hurricane;

4. An explanation of differences in the actual and modeled storm parameters;

5. A listing of the departures, if any, in the windfield applied to a particular hurricane for the purpose of validation and the windfield used in the model under consideration;

6. The type of property used in each storm to address:
    a. Personal versus commercial
    b. Residential structures
    c. Mobile homes
    d. Condominiums
    e. Buildings only
    f. Contents only

7. For each example, the inclusion of demand surge, storm surge, loss adjustment expenses, or law and ordinance coverage in the actual losses, or the modeled losses.

B. Have the following documentation available for on-site review:

1. Provide a copy of the publicly available documentation that you plan to provide to the Commission;

2. A listing of all data sources excluded from validation and the reasons for excluding the data from review by the Commission (if any);

3. An analysis that identifies and explains anomalies observed in the validation data;

4. For Andrew, be prepared to quantify and discuss the effects of demand surge; and

5. User input sheets for each insurer and hurricane detailing specific assumptions made with regard to exposed property.

C. Use confidence intervals per standard 5.6.2 to gauge the comparison between historical and modeled losses.

5.4.14 Comparison of Estimated Hurricane Loss Costs

Comment: The SBA will provide FHCF aggregate exposure data to the modelers.

Audit:	Be prepared to discuss and justify the following during the on-site review:

       A.   Meteorological parameters;

       B.   The effect of by-passing storms;

       C.   The effect of actual storms that have two landfalls impacting Florida;

       D.   The departures, if any, from the windfield, vulnerability functions, or insurance functions applied to the actual hurricanes for the purposes of this test and those used in the model under consideration;

       E.   Exposure assumptions;

       F.   Identify and explain any unusual results; and

       G.   Use confidence intervals per standard 5.6.2 to gauge the comparison between historical and modeled losses.

5.4.15 Output Ranges

5.4.16 County Level Aggregation

Purpose:	Sample size consideration is an issue in many statistical applications and simulating estimated loss costs is not an exception. The intent of this standard is to ensure that sufficient runs of the simulation have been made and a suitable sampling design invoked so that the contribution to the error of the loss cost estimates due to its probabilistic nature is negligible.
Audit:	Provide a graph assessing the accuracy associated with low impact areas such as Nassau County. Assess where appropriate, the contribution of simulation uncertainty via confidence intervals per standard 5.6.2.

5.5   Computer Standards

5.5.1 Primary Document Binder

Purpose:	There are many binders associated with the computer standards and they should be available through a hierarchical referencing scheme. This provides a logical order to all computer-related documentation.
Audit:	We will ask for this binder at the beginning of the auditing process.

5.5.2 Requirements

Purpose:	Software development begins with a thorough specification of requirements. Requirements are frequently documented informally in

natural language, with the addition of diagrams and other illustrations that aid both users and software engineers in specifying the control parameters for the software product and process. Example requirements categories, along with sample requirements are:

1. ***Interface:*** Use the web browser Internet Explorer, with ActiveX technology, to show county and zip code maps of Florida. Allow text search commands for browsing and locating counties.
2. ***Human Factors:*** Zip code boundaries, and contents, can be scaled to the extent that the average user can visually identify residential home exposures marked with small circles.
3. ***Functionality:*** Make the software design at the topmost level a dataflow graph containing the following components: STORMS, WINDFIELD, DAMAGE, and COST. Write the low-level code in Java.
4. ***Documentation:*** Use Acrobat PDF for the layout language, and add PDF hyperlinks in documents to connect the sub-documents.
5. ***Data:*** Use a relational database, with an underlying XML schema.
6. ***Human Resources:*** Task individuals for the six-month coding of the windfield simulation. Ask others to design the user-interface by working with the Quality Assurance team.
7. ***Security:*** Store tapes off-site, with incremental daily backups. Password-protect all source files.
8. ***Quality Assurance:*** Filter insurance company data against norms and extremes that we created for the last project.

Audit: We will ask modelers for the requirements specifications documentation and review onsite.

5.5.3   Component Design

Purpose**:** Component-based design is essential in creating software that reduces errors, and promotes comprehension of the role for each component. Moreover, the component network needs to be shown to operate "as a whole". Example components include STORMS, WINDFIELD, DAMAGE, and COST, etc. The purpose of each example component is, as follows:

1. STORMS accepts historical storm sets and generates historical and stochastic storm trajectories;

2. WINDFIELD accepts the output from STORMS and site-specific winds;

3.   DAMAGE accepts the output of WINDFIELD and generates damage to structure; and

4.   COST accepts the output from DAMAGE and generates loss costs.

Audit*:   All codes will be designed in diagrams that depict the flow of data and control. Other synonyms for "component" are module, function, plug-in, or object. In all cases, a component has a clear input/output interface. The idea of interacting components with flows extending from one component to another came about in systems theory and engineering and was extended to software engineering. While the standards do not dictate programming paradigm, they require that the top-level design of the code is in an aggregate form that references common components such as STORMS, WINDFIELD, DAMAGE, and COST.

5.5.4 Implementation

Purpose: A high-level graphical view of a program promotes understanding and maintenance. Such views are achievable, regardless of programming paradigm. All compositions will be made clear through explicit textual or interactively supported reference within each graphical component. For example, if component X subdivides into Y and Z where Y feeds into Z, then there will be a clear trace from X to the (Y,Z) network. This is accomplished in hardcopy media using text or interactively through human-computer interaction.

Audit: Each of the components in 5.5.3 is refined into subcomponents, and at the end of the component "tree" we find blocks of code. All documentation and binder identifications will be referenced within this tree. This creates a traceable design from aggregate components down to the code level.

5.5.5 Software Verification

Purpose: It is critical to verify that the code is producing correct output. Invariants are one method of achieving verification, where one brackets a block of code to ensure that data values do not stray from their required ranges. Other methods of verification should include hand-calculations or parallel coding efforts (using a different language or tool, but with the same requirements).

Audit: Some compilers will contain the ability to declare logical assertions. For those compilers without this capability, one can create "if-statements" with the appropriate flag. Assertions as to "what should be true" at specific points in the code aids in producing correct code.

5.5.6 Testing

Purpose: Testing is a fundamental type of verification. Each component will be tested with full disclosure of test results. This testing is identical to tests that are done in engineering, where for example a sub-component part is tested by itself prior to its insertion into a larger component.

Audit: To test the whole, unit testing is required on each of the parts. When each part is verified as working on an independent basis, then the parts can be combined together to create the final program. Tests should be run by varying component inputs to ensure correct output. To the extent that component inputs are varied according to sensitivity and uncertainty analyses, provide this material to the professional team for review.

5.5.7 Software Maintenance and Revision

Purpose: Once the software is constructed, it is essential to use software to track and maintain all source code. Many available packages exist to support this activity.

Audit: Software maintenance includes a written and implemented policy for backup procedures. There are numerous software applications that aid the programming in source revision and control. Even if there are very few programmers, such an approach is necessary to track changes and ensure a quality software engineering process.

5.5.8 User Documentation

Purpose: In some cases, a user may be offsite, and in others, the users are in the modeling company. In either case, clearly written documentation is necessary to maintain the consistency and survivability of the code, independent of specific modeler personnel.

Audit: We will talk to users of the software, including those familiar with the code as well as those who use the code without any knowledge of its components or their internal interfaces.

5.6 Statistics Standards

5.6.1 Comparison of Historical and Modeled Results

Purpose: Many aspects of model development and implementation involve

fitting a probability distribution to historical data for use in generating stochastic storms. Such fitted models should be checked to ensure that the distribution representation is reasonable on statistical grounds. A maximum likelihood fit may be the best estimation method available, but if the fit is poor, the distribution choice may be inappropriate. Graphical depictions of the parametric data with the fitted parametric curve gives a direct assessment. Numerical assessments such as goodness-of-fit tests can also be useful. For situations where the modeled data are a complex output of the storm generations (such as in the production of stochastic storm set landfall frequencies by coastal segment), a classical goodness-of-fit test could be used to assess the consistency. Most but not all modelers have the above information available in the course of the Professional Team audit against the standards and the modules. This standard very explicitly requires the modelers to have the results of data fitting with probability distributions available for the model assessments. Also, this standard forces the production of statistical summaries by the modeler in advance of an audit (which could have the desirable effect in a self-audit of identifying potential problem areas).

5.6.2 Characterizing Uncertainty

Audit: Note that confidence limits could be used for distribution parameter limits and prediction limits could be used for situations in which future values are envisaged.

5.6.3 Sensitivity Analysis for Model Output

Purpose: All modelers do at least some one-factor-at-a-time sensitivity analyses. One-factor-at-a-time variation is known to be notoriously inefficient, is certain to be deficient in detecting interactions among input effects, ignores possible correlations among input parameters, and does not lead to an understanding of how the input parameters jointly affect the model output. The simultaneous variation of the input parameters will be an important diagnostic tool for the modelers and will provide needed assurance of the robustness and viability of the model output.

5.6.4 Uncertainty Analysis for Model Output

Purpose: Modelers have traditionally quantified the magnitude of the output and characterized the uncertainty in the output. Sensitivity analyses goes beyond mere quantification of the magnitude by identifying and quantifying the input parameters that impact the magnitude of the output when the input parameters are varied simultaneously. Uncertainty analysis does the same thing; however, the input parameters identified in a sensitivity analysis are not necessarily the same as those in an uncertainty analysis nor are they necessarily in the

same relative order. Identification of those parameters that contribute to the uncertainty is the first step that can lead to a reduction in the uncertainty in the output. As with sensitivity analysis, uncertainty analysis will be an important diagnostic tool for the modelers and will provide needed assurance of the robustness and viability of the model output.

VII. FUTURE INQUIRIES OR INVESTIGATIONS

Future Inquiries or Investigations

The Commission finds that since its activities are ongoing, it is appropriate to set out, as it did at the end of its previous year of inquiry and investigation, a list of matters which the Commission determines are subjects for further inquiry and investigation. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. The Commission anticipates that other matters will be added as they are identified. The Commission also notes that these matters as set out below imply no particular order of importance and no particular order regarding timing.

Commercial Residential Property
(Note: Report was provided to the FCHLPM)

The Commission asked the Professional Team to address the issue relating to the inclusion of commercial residential property in the modeling process and asked them to obtain information during their next on-site reviews.

Wind-related Construction Classifications
(Note: Report was provided to the FCHLPM)

The Commission asked the Professional Team to work toward improvement of the standards by building on the current construction classifications, to make them more hurricane-related rather than fire-related.

Radius of Hurricane Force Winds

The Professional Team will continue its efforts to assess the extent to which modeled storms match the observed radius of hurricane force winds. At present, no modeler explicitly includes a parameter or parameters to capture this characteristic directly. However, in the assessment of models, it is reasonable to consider the modeled windfield and the extent of its agreement with the region of hurricane force winds.

VIII. APPENDICES

627.0628 Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology--

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--

   (a) Reliable projections of hurricane losses are necessary in order to assure that rates for residential property insurance meet the statutory requirement that rates be neither excessive nor inadequate. The ability to accurately project hurricane losses has been enhanced greatly in recent years through the use of computer modeling. It is the public policy of this state to encourage the use of the most sophisticated actuarial methods to assure that consumers are charged lawful rates for residential property insurance coverage.

   (b) The Legislature recognizes the need for expert evaluation of computer models and other recently developed or improved actuarial methodologies for projecting hurricane losses, in order to resolve conflicts among actuarial professionals, and in order to provide both immediate and continuing improvement in the sophistication of actuarial methods used to set rates charged to consumers.

   (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to create the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology as a panel of experts to provide the most actuarially sophisticated guidelines and standards for projection of hurricane losses possible, given the current state of actuarial science. It is the further intent of the Legislature that such standards and guidelines must be used by the State Board of Administration in developing reimbursement premium rates for the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, and may be used by insurers in rate filings under s. 627.062 unless the way in which such standards and guidelines were applied by the insurer was erroneous, as shown by a preponderance of the evidence.

   (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that such standards and guidelines be employed as soon as possible, and that they be subject to continuing review thereafter.

(2) COMMISSION CREATED.--

   (a) There is created the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology, which is assigned to the State Board of Administration. The commission shall be administratively housed within the State Board of Administration, but it shall independently exercise the powers and duties specified in this section.

   (b) The commission shall consist of the following 11 members:
      1. The Insurance Consumer Advocate.
      2. The Chief Operating Officer of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
      3. The Executive Director of the Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association.

4. The Director of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Community Affairs.

5. The actuary member of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council.

6. Six members appointed by the Insurance Commissioner, as follows:

   a. An employee of the Department of Insurance who is an actuary responsible for property insurance rate filings.

   b. An actuary who is employed full time by a property and casualty insurer which was responsible for at least 1 percent aggregate statewide direct written premium for homeowner's insurance in the calendar year preceding the member's appointment to the commission.

   c. An expert in insurance finance who is a full time member of the faculty of the State University System and who has a background in actuarial science.

   d. An expert in statistics who is a full time member of the faculty of the State University System and who has a background in insurance.

   e. An expert in computer system design who is a full time member of the faculty of the State University System.

   f. An expert in meteorology who is a full time member of the faculty of the State University System and who specializes in hurricanes.

(c) Members designated under subparagraphs (b)1.-5. shall serve on the commission as long as they maintain the respective offices designated in subparagraphs (b)1.-5. Members appointed by the Insurance Commissioner under subparagraph (b)6. shall serve on the commission until the end of the term of office of the Insurance Commissioner who appointed them, unless earlier removed by the Insurance Commissioner for cause. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(d) The State Board of Administration shall annually appoint one of the members of the commission to serve as chair.

(e) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

(f) The State Board of Administration shall, as a cost of administration of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, provide for travel, expenses, and staff support for the commission.

(g) There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against, any member of the commission, any member of the State Board of Administration, or any employee of the State Board of Administration for any action taken in the performance of their duties under this section. In addition, the commission may, in writing, waive any potential cause of action for the negligence of a consultant, contractor, or contract employee engaged to assist the commission.

(3) ADOPTION AND EFFECT OF STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.--

(a) The commission shall consider any actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges that have the potential for improving the accuracy of

or reliability of the hurricane loss projections used in residential property insurance rate filings. The commission shall, from time to time, adopt findings as to the accuracy or reliability of particular methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges.

(b)   In establishing reimbursement premiums for the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, the State Board of Administration must, to the extent feasible, employ actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges found by the commission to be accurate or reliable.

(c)   With respect to a rate filing under s. 627.062, an insurer may employ actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges found by the commission to be accurate or reliable to determine hurricane loss factors for use in a rate filing under s. 627.062, which findings and factors are admissible and relevant in consideration of a rate filing by the department or in any arbitration or administrative or judicial review.

(d)   The commission shall adopt revisions to previously adopted actuarial methods, principles, standards, models, or output ranges at least annually.

History.--s. 6, ch. 95-276; s. 6, ch. 96-194; s. 3, ch.97-55; s.4, ch.2000-333.

Meeting Schedule and Topics of Discussion

1995

July 14 -	Organizational Meeting
August 10 -	Discussion of the Problem
August 24 -	Discussion on Our Mission, Goals and Objectives
September 7 -	Meeting with Modelers
September 21 -	Development of Work Plan
October 5 -	Canceled Due to Hurricane Opal
October 19 -	Development of Descriptive Criteria and Tests of the Model
November 2 -	The Evaluation Process
November 16 -	Meeting with Modelers to provide input for the Evaluation Process
November 30 -	Adoption of Initial Standards and Guidelines

1996

January 8 -	Review of Modeler Responses for Modules 1 and 2
January 29 -	Comparison of Models
February 12 -	Tests and Evaluations
February 26 -	Tests and Evaluations B Continued
April 1 -	Professional Team Report
April 15 -	Module 3 Phase 2 Test Results
April 19 -	AIR Presentation
April 20 -	EQECAT Presentation
April 26 -	Tillinghast Presentation
April 27 -	RMS Presentation
May 6 -	Committee Meetings B Session 1 Adopting Standards
May 20 -	Committee Meetings B Session 2 Adopting Standards
June 3 -	Adopting a Specification of Acceptable Computer Models or Output Ranges
August 26 -	Planning and Update as to Modeler Progress
November 13 -	Vulnerability Standards Committee Meeting
December 11 -	Actuarial Standards Committee Meeting

1997

February 7 -	Review of Standards and Procedures
	Vulnerability Standards Committee Meeting
April 11 -	Review of AIR Model
May 6 -	Meteorology Standards Committee Meeting
May 7 -	General Standards Committee Meeting
May 16 -	Review of AIR Model (Continued)

		Computer Standards Committee Meeting
	May 22 -	Vulnerability Standards Committee Conference Call
	May 29 -	Review of AIR Model (Continued) and Adoption of Revised Standards for 1997
	September 29 -	Planning for Calendar Year and Review of Models
	October 23 -	Vulnerability Committee Meeting
	October 24-	Review of AIR Model
	December 11 -	Review of EQECAT Model
	December 12 -	Review of EQECAT Model (Continued)
	December 16 -	Review of RMS Model

1998

	April 23 -	Acceptability Process Committee Meeting
		Computer Programming Committee Meeting
		Meteorological Standards Committee Meeting
		Actuarial Standards Committee Meeting
	April 24 -	Vulnerability Standards Committee Meeting
		General Standards Committee Meeting
		1998 Standards Adopted
	May 21 -	Module and Acceptability Process Adopted
	November 17 -	Review of Tillinghast Model
	November 18 -	Review of Tillinghast Model (Continued)
	November 19 -	Review of E.W. Blanch Model
	November 20 -	Review of E.W. Blanch Model (Continued)
	December 8 -	Review of RMS Model
	December 9 -	Review of EQECAT Model
	December 10 -	Review of AIR Model

1999

	March 19 -	Commission Workshop
		New Timeframe for Model Review
	July 15 -	Acceptability Process Committee Meeting
		General Standards Committee Meeting
		Vulnerability Standards Committee Meeting
	July 16 -	Actuarial Standards Committee Meeting
		Computer Standards Committee Meeting
	July 28 -	Meteorology Standards Committee Meeting
	August 17 -	Adoption of Standards for 1999, Modules, Acceptability Process, Findings and "Report of Activities"

2000

	March 15 -	Discussion of Model Submissions and Determination of On-Site Reviews

May 9 -	Review of AIR Model – Suspended Consideration; E.W. Blanch and RMS Models Determined Acceptable under the 1999 Standards
May 10 -	EQE Model Determined Acceptable under the 1999 Standards; Review of Risk Engineering Model
May 11 -	Review of Risk Engineering Model (Continued) – Suspended Consideration
May 12 -	Review of AIR Model (Continued) - Postponement Approved
July 25 -	Review of ARA Model
July 26 -	ARA Model Determined Acceptable under the 1999 Standards
July 27 -	Committee Meetings
July 28 -	Committee Meetings (Continued); AIR Model Determined Acceptable under the 1999 Standards
Sept 14 -	Adoption of 2000 Standards and Report of Activities
Sept 15 -	Adoption of 2000 Standards and Report of Activities (Continued)

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