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Via E-mail ([supctfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:supctfilings@sccourts.org))

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: **Walterboro Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a Colleton Medical Center, Appellant, v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Medical University Hospital Authority, d/b/a MUHA Community Hospital, Respondents, and Trident Medical Center, LLC, d/b/a Trident Medical Center and Summerville Medical Center, Appellants, v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Medical University Hospital Authority, d/b/a MUHA Community Hospital, Respondents**  
Appellate Case No.: 2020-001323

Dear Ms. Howard:

On December 18, 2023 counsel for the parties to the above-referenced consolidated appeals respectfully requested Appellate Case Number 2020-001323 be dismissed *with prejudice* and that the appeal bond in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals on December 4, 2020, be voided and returned to Appellant Trident Medical Center, LLC, d/b/a Trident Medical Center and Summerville Medical Center. Please see the attached correspondence to the Court with respect to the request.

To date the parties have not received the dismissal or return of the bond. The parties would appreciate an update on the status of this request.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

William R. Thomas

WRT  
cc: Celeste Tiller Jones, Esquire  
Ashley Biggers, Esquire

**Prater, Jill C.**

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**From:** Prater, Jill C.  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** SUPCTFILINGS@SCCOURTS.ORG  
**Cc:** ctjones@burr.com; ashuler@burr.com; biggerac@dhec.sc.gov; DeCarlis, Rita; Thomas, William R.; Woods, Kelvin W.; Conte, Tracy L.; Diaz, Elvy  
**Subject:** Appellate Case No.: 2020-1323  
**Attachments:** 2023-12-18 Ltr to SC Supreme Court withdrawing appeal and requesting return of bond.pdf

**SENT ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM R. THOMAS, ESQUIRE**

Attached please find our letter of December 18, 2023, withdrawing the appeal and return of bond in the above-referenced case. The filing fee is being hand delivered to the Court today. A copy of same has been served on all counsel of record. Please forward a filed copy via email.

Best,

Jill C. Prater



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Dear Ms. Howard:

In accordance with SCACR, Rules 260 and 261, and as demonstrated by their respective signatures below, the parties to the above-referenced consolidated appeals respectfully request Appellate Case Number 2020-001323 be dismissed *with prejudice* and that the appeal bond in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals on December 4, 2020, be voided and returned to Appellant Trident Medical Center, LLC, d/b/a Trident Medical Center and Summerville Medical Center.

A check in the amount of \$50.00 dollars for the filing fee associated with this request is being hand delivered to the Court.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

William R. Thomas

WRT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
December 18, 2023  
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We so request and consent:



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Hospital Authority, d/b/a MUHA Community  
Hospital



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Department of Health and Environmental Control