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July 5, 2024

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**RE: Randy Murphy, # 176259 v. South Carolina Department of Corrections**  
**Appellate Case No. 2024-000471**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find Respondent's **Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance** in the above referenced matter, along with **Proof of Service**. A copy of the same is being mailed to Appellant today.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Christina Catoe Bigelow  
Deputy General Counsel  
South Carolina Department of Corrections  
S.C. Bar No. 73562

cc: Randy Murphy, # 176259  
Livesay Correctional Institution  
N4-0021  
Post Office Box 580  
Una, South Carolina 29378

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Administrative Law Judge Robert L. Reibold

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ALC Case No. 23-ALJ-04-0481-AP  
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RANDY MURPHY, # 176259,

APPELLANT,

v.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

RESPONDENT.

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**MOTION TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE**

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The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter is due to be filed today, July 5, 2024. However, the Office of General Counsel is presently engaging in settlement negotiations with Appellant and we hope to be able to resolve this matter outside of the court system in the near future. Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that this matter be held in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days to allow for good faith settlement negotiations to occur. If the case is settled, Respondent will submit a motion to dismiss the appeal.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that this Court hold this case in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days.

Respectfully submitted,

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Undersigned counsel hereby certifies that on today's date, she mailed a copy of the Respondent's **Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance** to Appellant via U.S. Mail addressed as follows:

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