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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

**Re: Susan Tappeiner v. State**  
**Appellate Case No. 2013-001885**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State is in receipt of your letter dated September 13, 2013 requesting an explanation for the State's filing of a cross-appeal in the above referenced matter. While ultimately the Petitioner-Respondent's application for post-conviction relief was denied, the State is appealing Judge Buckner's finding that counsel's performance was deficient as stated on pages 3 and 4 of the Amended Order of Dismissal. If further explanation of this matter is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

Cc: Tara Dawn Shurling, Esquire



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