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**VIA EMAIL DELIVERY**

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Catherine Harrison, Deputy Clerk  
Post Office Box 1129  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Appeals Case No: 2025-000288  
Walter Buchanan v. South Carolina Department of Environmental  
Services and Silfab Solar

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

I am writing to the court to confirm receipt of the transcript by my firm effective Thursday, March 20, 2025, via e-mail. I have reviewed the transcript, which was provided without redaction. There are no exhibits. The transcript omits anything prior to 7:18 pm public comment beginning.

I attach the March 18, 2025, email of SCDES Counsel, Dawn Miller, copied below, appears to indicate the position of SCDHEC (now SCDES) that only the public hearing portion of the proceedings on March 30, 2023, were required to be transcribed, which appellant will address in briefing before the court accordingly.

I am requesting the court provide dated for response for Appellant Initial Brief. Thank you for your attention to these matters. All counsel is copied.

Respectfully,

  
J. Cameron Halford  
Attorney for Appellant Walter Buchanan

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cc: Dawn Miller, Assistant General Counsel SCDES  
cc: Richard H. Willis, Esquire – Attorney for Silfab Solar Inc.  
cc: John G. Tamasitis, Esquire – Attorney for Silfab Solar, Inc.

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**Appeal No. 2025-000288 - SCDES clarification regarding transcript correspondence**

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**From** Dawn K. Miller <Dawn.Miller@des.sc.gov>

**Date** Tue 3/18/2025 11:01 PM

**To** J Cameron Halford <Cam@halfordlaw.net>; ctappfilings@sccourts.org <ctappfilings@sccourts.org>

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Dear Ms. Harrison, Counsel, and Court Reporter,

Program staff within the S.C. Department of Environmental Services (Department) received an inquiry from a court reporter (Southern Reporting) regarding the transcript request submitted by appellant's counsel, asking if the Department has any objection to their providing the transcript. The transcript referenced in the request to Southern Reporting is a transcript of a public hearing on a draft permit held on October 30, 2023 by the Department's predecessor, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). While we have no objection to the court reporter sharing another copy of the public hearing transcript with appellant's counsel, the Department wishes to clarify for the parties and the Court that the referenced October 30, 2023 public hearing occurred outside of these court proceedings, and the transcript of that public hearing would not be a transcript of proceedings in this case under Rule 207 of the SCACR. The S.C. Administrative Law Court did not hold a hearing in the proceedings below.

By letter, appellant's counsel has also asked about obtaining a transcript of discussions occurring prior to the referenced DHEC public hearing. Only the public hearing was transcribed by court reporter; the public meeting that occurred prior to the formal public hearing was not subject to transcription.

Please advise should the Court have any questions or require a return by the Department.

Also, as a reminder to the parties, please be sure to direct future email or other correspondence to Department counsel in this case to myself (Dawn Miller).

Sincerely,

**Dawn Miller**  
**Assistant General Counsel**

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***\*\*Please note my new email address with the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), which launched as a new state agency on July 1, 2024. While my old DHEC***