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APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Ralph King Anderson, III, Chief Administrative Law Judge

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ALC Docket No.: 24-ALJ-07-0367-CC  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000288

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Walter Buchanon,

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and  
Silfab Solar, Inc.

Respondents.

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**RESPONDENTS' JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

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Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondents South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (“Department”) and Silfab Solar, Inc. (“Silfab Solar”) request a 30-day extension of the deadline to file their respective initial briefs and designations of matter to be included in the record on appeal. The current deadline for these filings is June 21, 2025. If this motion is granted, the new deadline would be July 21, 2025.

This is Respondents’ second request for an extension with respect to this deadline. This extension is sought because of the time devoted to preparing the Department’s Motion to Strike Appellant’s Designation of Matter and Memorandum in Support and the Department’s Reply in Support of Motion of Strike. In addition, the Department’s second-chair counsel is scheduled for

oral argument before the South Carolina Supreme Court on June 24, 2025, and the Department's first-chair counsel has a pre-existing commitment the week of June 30-July 4, 2025.

As a result, Respondents seek additional time to comprehensively address the issues in this case within their briefs and to prepare their designations of matter to be included in the record on appeal. Respondents do not request this extension for the impermissible purpose of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I, Bennett Smith, attorney for the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, hereby certify that I have on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, served the Respondents' *Joint Motion for Extension* upon all parties via e-mail sent by the undersigned to the primary AIS e-mail address for counsel of record, as follows:

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All:

Before filing, I am re-sending the attached Respondents' Joint Motion for Extension – with Bill now added to the email.

Apologies for the oversight.

Thanks,

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Good morning, all:

Attached please find Respondents' Joint Motion for Extension in the above matter.

The Department will file this motion with the Court of Appeals shortly.

Thank you,

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Dear Madam Clerk:

Please find enclosed Respondents' **Joint Motion for Extension** and the Department's accompanying **Certificate of Service** for filing in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact our office should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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