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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: IN THE MATTER OF JASON M. BOYLE– Appellate Case No. 2024-001241

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On the evening of September 30, 2025, the State received a pro se motion to allow email service submitted by the appellant, Jason Boyle, in the above-referenced appeal. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return.

Through his pro se motion, Boyle has requested this Court permit service by electronic means. Boyle argued that the allowance of electronic service would be fair, efficient, and reliable. He also argued that without modification he would face significant delays and expense.

Please be advised the State takes no position on Boyle's request and wishes to leave the matter to this Court's sound judgment. However, the State would note our appellate court rules currently only permit service "by electronic means in a manner provided by order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina." Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR. Through its order dated April 24, 2024, our Supreme Court has authorized "[a] lawyer admitted to practice law in South Carolina" to serve "another lawyer admitted to practice law in South Carolina" electronically via appropriate email. Meanwhile, in the same controlling order, our Supreme Court did not include authorization for electronic service upon opposing counsel via email by pro se litigants like the appellant in this matter.

Thank you very much, and, if you should have any questions or concerns or if a formal return is desired, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
CC: Jason M. Boyle, Pro Se (Via U.S. Mail)
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