

RECEIVED

Dec 05 2025

SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
Deborah Brooks Durden, Administrative Law Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000379

South Carolina Coastal Conservation League,

Appellant,

vs.

South Carolina Department of Environmental
Services and Pulte Homes, LLC,

Respondents.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, December 5, 2025, I have served the Respondent South Carolina Department of Environmental Services' *Initial Brief of Respondent* and *Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal* by emailing a copy of same to the email addresses designated in the Court's Attorney Information System for counsel of record as designated below:

Leslie S. Lenhardt, Esq. (leslie@scelp.org)

Amy Armstrong, Esq. (amy@scelp.org)

Monica Whalen, Esq. (monica@scelp.org)

Counsel for Appellant Coastal Conservation League

Grace Heaton Benko, Esq. (GHP@lalawsc.com)

Ellis R. Lesemann, Esq. (erl@lalawsc.com)

Counsel for Respondent Pulte Homes, LLC

/s/ Joseph A. Giordano

Joseph A. Giordano, Esq, SC Bar # 104500

Christopher P. Whitehead, Esq., SC Bar #100264

Bradley D. Churdar, Esq., SC Bar #12829

SCDES Office of General Counsel

Counsel for Respondent SCDES

December 5, 2025

Columbia, South Carolina



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

Joseph A. Giordano, Esq.
Office of General Counsel
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

December 5, 2025

RECEIVED
Dec 05 2025
SC Court of Appeals

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Coastal Conservation League vs. South Carolina Department of Environmental Services & Pulte Homes, LLC
Appellate Case No. 2025-000379

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services' *Initial Brief of Respondent, Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, and Proof of Service* for filing in connection with the above referenced matter.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Joseph A. Giordano
Joseph A. Giordano
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Leslie S. Lenhardt, Esquire
Ellis R. Lesemann, Esquire
Grace Heaton Benko, Esquire