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

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Appellate Case No. 2025-000379

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South Carolina Coastal Conservation League,

Appellant,

vs.

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

Respondents.

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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:

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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,

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