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Re: Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League v. SCDES
Appellate Case No. 2023-001351

Dear Counsel:

This responds to your letter received January 13, 2026. Please be advised that the case remains pending before this court. Counsel will be notified when the Court issues a decision in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Howard

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