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Re: Sharon Covington v. Newrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Appellate Case No. 2026-000076

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received Respondent's appealability memorandum filed March 10, 2026. Pursuant to this Court's January 28, 2026 order, the memorandum was due February 3, 2026. Therefore, no further action will be taken on the filing because it was untimely filed.

Enclosed is this Court's decision regarding the appealability of the order on appeal. This appeal is no longer held in abeyance. Appellant must immediately notify the Court upon receipt of the transcript so that the briefing timelines may be set.

Very truly yours,

Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Sharon Covington and Dorothy Douglas, Respondents,

v.

1st Better Living 2, LLC, Marlboro County Delinquent
Tax Collector, and Newrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint
Mortgage Servicing, Defendants,

of which Newrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage
Servicing is the Appellant.

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ORDER

On January 12, 2026, Appellant filed a notice of appeal of a December 9, 2025 Form 4 order denying Appellant's motion to dismiss counterclaims and alternative motion to sever. On January 14, 2026, the court sent a letter requesting memoranda from the parties regarding the appealability of the order. On February 19, 2026, Appellant filed an amended notice of appeal from a February 10, 2026, order, in which the circuit court explained it had filed a Form 4 order on December 9, 2025 "and now enters a more formal order specifically finding that the parties do not have a binding agreement to arbitrate and denying Appellant's request to compel arbitration."

Appellant filed the requested appealability memorandum; Respondents did not.

After considering Appellant's memoranda, it appears the orders are subject to immediate appeal. However, this order merely allows the appeal to proceed at this time and does not finally determine whether the underlying order is subject to immediate review.

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J.

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