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Subject: Request for Clerk Conference Regarding \$50 Filing Fee — Appellate Case No. 2026-001649
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Dear Clerk of Court:

I am requesting a brief telephone conference or, if necessary, an in-person meeting with the Clerk of Court or Chief Deputy Clerk to resolve the continuing uncertainty concerning the \$50 filing fee associated with my Petition for Rehearing and Request for Three-Judge-Panel Review in Appellate Case No. [2026-001649](#).

I have sent multiple emails asking whether the \$50 fee is presently due in light of my pending request to proceed in forma pauperis. My emails have been acknowledged, but I have not received a direct answer to that question.

This issue is particularly important because I previously traveled from Greenville, South Carolina, prepared to pay the fee and was advised at the Court that payment was not necessary. I am trying to avoid another unnecessary trip while also making certain that no filing deadline or deficiency period expires because this question remains unresolved.

I respectfully request clarification of the following:

1. Whether the \$50 fee is presently due;
2. Whether my request to proceed in forma pauperis has been granted, denied, or remains pending;
3. Whether my September 29, 2026 filing is presently being processed or is being held because of the \$50 fee;
4. Whether there is any outstanding deficiency that I must cure; and
5. The specific deadline, if any, by which I must take action concerning the \$50 fee.

I am not requesting legal advice or a ruling on the merits of my appeal. I am simply requesting an administrative explanation so that I can comply with the Court's requirements before any applicable deadline expires.

Because this matter is time-sensitive, I would appreciate a brief telephone conference or meeting as soon as practicable. I also respectfully request that any clarification provided be confirmed in writing by email.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

s/ Wendell Don Cooper
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