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COMMISSION

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000243

Ron Blakely, Employee/Claimant.....Appellant,

v.

S&S Firestone, Inc, Employer and
United States Insurance Company, Carrier.....Respondents.

RESPONDENTS' REPLY TO APPELLANT'S MOTION TO STAY

In reply to Appellant's Motion to Stay, Respondents hereby respectfully request the Court deny Appellant's Motion to Stay for the following reasons:

1. The opinion of Colonna v. Marlboro Park Hospital, 404 S.C. 537 (Ct. App. 2013), or the review thereof, is not outcome-determinative of the issues presented in this matter. The opinion of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commissioner from which Appellants appeals was decided on well-established law.
2. As the Supreme Court of The State of South Carolina has not published whether or when to hear any appeal in the matter of Colonna, granting of Appellant's Motion to Stay would result in unnecessary and potentially prejudicial delay of this matter for an indefinite period of time.

For the reasons set forth above, Respondents respectfully request the Court deny Appellant's Motion to Stay.

Respectfully submitted,



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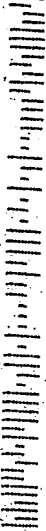
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