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In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Appellate Case No. 2014-000246

South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs.....Respondent,

v.

Entera Holdings, LLC and Entera Work Comp Solutions, LLC,Petitioner.

REPLY TO RESPONDENTS' RETURN

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In that the agency has missed point of Petitioners' argument as it relates to our Issue I and their Issue III.

The whole point of this appeal from the very beginning has been the failure of the agency and subsequently the Courts to require the Department of Consumer Affairs to abide by the language in their own letters as well as their failure to reconsider their decision based on the Petitioner's letter of September 6, 2013.

Rather, the facts of this case, and the thing that requires this petition to be granted are as follows:

1. When this matter was first brought to the attention of Petitioners, the Petitioners sought to meet with the Department of Consumer Affairs in order to determine if the matter could be resolved. However, the Department refused a face to face meeting. (ROA p. 3)

2. The agency subsequently issued a letter to Petitioners in which they stated, in their opinion, with no prior explanation and after refusing to meet with Petitioners for any explanation or conversation regarding the facts that they were relying on, advising that Petitioners were, in their opinion, in violation of the Statute. (ROA p. 14)

3. That in that letter, the Department specifically stated Petitioners were required to respond to the letter within 30 days. (ROA p.20)

4. In response, Petitioners sent a letter to the Department asking for a reconsideration on the decision on September 6, 2013. (ROA P. 32)

5. That this Court has held that when a litigant before an Administrative Agency requests a reconsideration, that the time for all other matters is tolled until such time as the reconsideration has been made by the agency. Rhame v. Charleston County School District (Op. No. 27516 filed April 22, 2015).

6. That the agency, after refusing to hear the Petitioner's side of the issue has

refused consistently to abide by the terms of the Rhame decision.

In reviewing this matter, the Petitioner has asked the Court to allow further briefing of the issues. However, in reviewing the record in this case in preparation of this reply, the Petitioners are requesting that the matter be immediately remanded back to the agency for reconsideration of their decision as required by the Administrative Procedures Act and as iterated in the Rhame case.

In the event the Court does not immediately remand this case to the agency for reconsideration pursuant to Rhame the novel issue of whether an agency may serve papers in a manner inconsistent with both the rules of Civil Court and the Administrative Law Court should be fully briefed.

DATED: July 6, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sally Drawdy, say that I am the legal assistant for David H. Keller, attorney for Appellants Entera Holdings, LLC and Entera Work Comp Solutions, LLC with CONSTANGY, BROOKS, SMITH & PROPHETE, LLP in Greenville, South Carolina; and on the 6th day of July, 2015, a copy of the Appellants' Reply to Respondents' Return was mailed in sealed envelopes, postage prepaid, along with a certificate of service on opposing counsel and a certificate of counsel to the following person(s) at the following addresses:

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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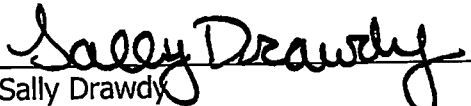
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Appellate Case No. 2014-000246**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find an original and seven copies of Appellants' Reply to Respondents' Return, along with a certificate of service on opposing counsel. I would ask that you return a filed copy of the same to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Yours truly,

David H. Keller

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