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V. Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk
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P. O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: In the Matter of James Trippe, III
Appellate Case No.: 2014-001401

Dear Ms. Allen:

We received notice on December 4, 2015 that the above-referenced case may or may not be selected for oral argument during the March 2016 term, with instructions to advise the Court of any conflict by December 21, 2015.

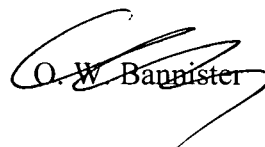
Very recently, I learned of a potential conflict for March 17, 2016. Specifically, I am counsel for Piedmont Municipal Power Authority ("PMPA") in a condemnation action in Newberry County. One of the property owners, Oiens Family Investments, challenged PMPA's right to condemn a right of way across its land in order to build a power line to service the City of Newberry and its customers. This case involves a multimillion dollar project that is held up by this lawsuit. Further delay of the project will be a detriment to PMPA, the City of Newberry and its residents.

After much deliberation with opposing counsel and Newberry County Circuit Court Judge Eugene Griffith, the parties have proposed a schedule which will allow the matter to move forward to potential trial on March 28, 2016. As such, depositions and mediation have been scheduled in anticipation for trial. Depositions are scheduled for March 17, 2016 followed by mediation on March 21, 2016.

For this reason, I respectfully request protection from the Court for March 17, 2016.

Yours truly,

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