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SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

W.C.C. File No.: 1411717
Appellate Case No.: 2016-000257

Veronica SullivanClaimant/Respondent,

v.

Richland County and South Carolina Association of Counties,.....Defendants/Appellants.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ATTEMPT MEDIATION AND TO HOLD
ALL DEADLINES IN ABEYANCE**

The Defendant/Appellant moves this Court for an Order granting an extension of time and holding all deadlines in abeyance to allow the parties to attempt Mediation of this matter. Both parties to this appeal have consented to attempt mediation of this matter and are currently in the process of scheduling mediation. The parties will update the Court as to the date of mediation once it is scheduled and will notify the Court as to the outcome once completed.

The parties respectfully request that all filing and service deadlines, including but not limited to, the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, be held in abeyance for sixty (60) days in order for the mediation to be conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time to Attempt Mediation and To Hold All Deadlines in Abeyance on Veronica Sullivan, by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on February 11, 2016, addressed to his attorney of record, Daniel E. Peagler, Esquire, Michael Johnson, P.C. and Associates, 2001 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 and Ms. Amy Bracy, The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, 1333 Main Street, Suite 500, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-1715, on March 22, 2016.

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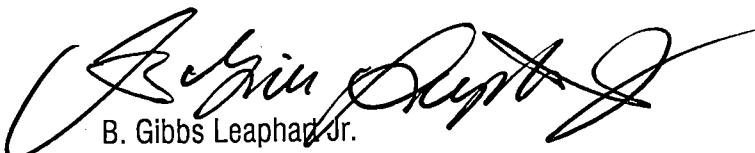
RE: Veronica L. Sullivan v. Richland County
WCC File No.: 1411717
Date of Accident: 08/18/14
Claim No.: 2014061872
Our File No.: 5451/8274

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed herewith the original and one (1) copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to Attempt Mediation in the above-referenced matter. We would appreciate your filing the original Motion for Extension of Time to Attempt Mediate and returning a clocked-in copy of the same to us via our courier.

By copy of this letter and aforementioned documents to the claimant's attorney, we are serving him with a copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to Attempt Mediation.

Very truly yours,



B. Gibbs Leaphart Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Daniel E. Peagler, Esquire (via U.S. Mail)
Ms. Colleen D. Motley (via e-mail)
Ms. Brittney Hoyle (via e-mail)