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APPEAL FROM SOUTH CAROLINA
Workers' Compensation Commission

Appellate Case No.: 2016-001247

Thomas Contreras, Claimant, Appellant,

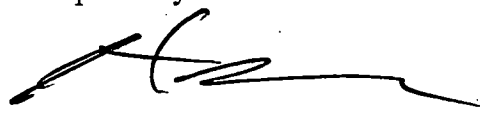
v.

St. John's Fire District Commission, Employer, and
State Accident Fund, Carrier, Respondents.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S
INITIAL REPLY BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Appellant, by and through his undersigned attorney, hereby moves before this Honorable Court for a 30-day extension in which to file the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal. The Brief is currently due on December 19, 2016. If the extension is granted, the Brief will be due on January 18, 2017. As grounds for this Motion, Appellant would show additional time is needed as Counsel has multiple matters pending before this Court many of which require the filing of briefs and additional time is needed to adequately prepare this brief.

Respectfully Submitted:



December 19, 2016

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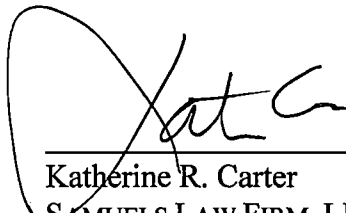
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I, Katherine R. Carter, paralegal for the Samuels Law Firm, LLC, have served the **Motion for Extension of Time to File Appellant's Initial Reply Brief and Designation of Matter** upon counsel for the Respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on December 19, 2016, addressed as follows:

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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1015 Sumter Street
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RE: Thomas Contreras v. St. John's Fire District Commission and State Accident Fund
Appellate Case No.: 2016-001247

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven (7) copies of the **Motion for Extension of time to file Appellant's Initial Reply Brief and Designation of Matter and Proof of Service**, in the above case.

Please have your staff file the Motion for Extension of Time to file Appellant's Initial Reply Brief, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service and return a clocked copy in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure(s) as stated

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