



February 13, 2017

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: Gene Schwiers v. SCDHEC and Stewart Heath
Case-Tracking-No.-2016-002136

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In evaluating the issues arising from Judge Funderburk's *Amended Final Order*, the Department decided not to file a *Notice of Appeal*.

The Department gratefully acknowledges this Court's January 18, 2017 Extension Order. However, because the Department has to ration its limited resources, SCDHEC has concluded that the best use of those resources is to take no position regarding the issues raised in the Appellant's Brief, rather than preparing and filing a Respondent's Brief. By copy of this letter, I am notifying all parties to this appeal.

Please address all correspondence in this matter to my attention at 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400, Charleston, South Carolina 29405.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Churdar".

Bradley D. Churdar
Chief Counsel

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cc: E. LeRoy Nettles, III, Esquire
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