

15 February 2020

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Judge (can not read name on order of 5 February 2020)  
c/o Jenny Abbott-Kitchings  
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RE: Response to Order filed 5 February 2020  
Appellate Case No.: 2019-001878

Ms. Abbott-Kitchings and the Judge whose name I can not read on the Order of 5 Feb 2020.

This letter serves as confirmation of proof the Appellant has ordered and submitted payment to Ms. Rueger for the transcript of 28 August 2019 in the above cited case.

As further proof, please see the copy of the letter mailed to Ms. Rueger today, 15 February 2020, including payment of the \$156.10, as she specified in her revised required amount of letter dated 2 February 2020.

Ms. Rueger's initial required estimate of \$188.75 was based on her apparently assuming I wanted to pay the extra \$32 to have a pdf copy of the transcript emailed to me. After I brought this to her attention via letter dated 23 January 2020, she responded with the revised estimate of \$156.10 for a normal printed transcript to be mailed to me via USPS.

This situation raises two questions about this process that the Court may wish / should review and modify appropriately.

1. Given the apparent efficiency of producing and emailing a pdf copy of a transcript over printing and mailing a hard copy of a transcript, what basis does the State utilize to justify charging more for the more efficient process than the less efficient process?
2. Given the Court Reporters are employees of the State of South Carolina, the information they have about a hearing is due to their performance of their job duties as an employee of the State of South Carolina, and the equipment they use related to capturing the information of a hearing is the property of the State of South Carolina, why is the ordering of transcripts, the billing for transcripts and the receipt of payment for transcripts not centralized with Court Administration?

Best regards,



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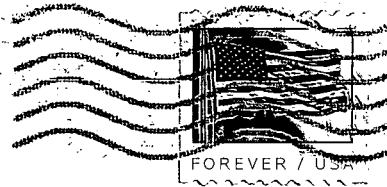
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