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Honorable Daniel Shearouse, Clerk
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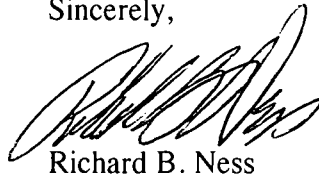
Re: Samuel G. Smith, Sr., Melissa Smith, and Samuel G. Smith, Jr., an infant under
The age of fourteen (14) years, by and through his next friend, Samuel G. Smith,
Sr., v. The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties, et al.
Appellate Case No.: 2011-199566

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The dates set forth in your February 25, 2013, letter are open with my schedule, with the exception of May 15, 2013. I have a three day Special Referee trial beginning on May 15, 2013, in which I am the Special Referee. This case has been scheduled for several months, and it would be a hardship on the parties to have to reschedule this hearing. If it can be avoided, please do not set these arguments on May 15, 2013.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard B. Ness

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