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Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: S.C. Dept. of Commerce, Div. of Public Railways v. Gateway Properties
Appellate Case No. 2019-001125
WGFL File No.: 8068.002

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find Joint Motion to Expedite Disposition of Appeal, Proof of Service with copy of the sent e-mail to opposing counsel, and \$50 filing fee.

Thank you for filing the enclosures with the Court. With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Jane Dennis".

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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Civil Action No.: 2017-CP-10-5382
Appellate Case No.: 2019-001125

South Carolina Department of Commerce,
Division of Public RailwaysAppellant,

v.

Gateway Properties of Greater Charleston, LLCRespondent,

And

NBSC a division of Synovus Bank, VFC Partners 15 LLC, Capella Carolinas, LLC,
Donivan Glassburn, and the Loft Pilates Center, LLC,
Other Condemnees.

JOINT MOTION TO EXPEDITE DISPOSITION OF APPEAL

COMES NOW Respondent Gateway Properties of Greater Charleston, LLC and Appellant South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways (“Appellant”) and jointly request this appeal from the trial of a condemnation action be heard and decided on an expedited basis.

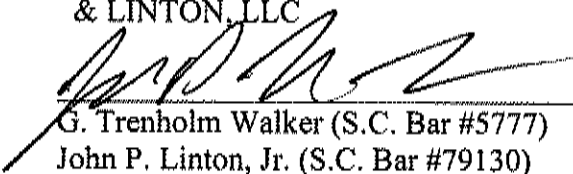
Appellant commenced this condemnation action on October 19, 2017. The case was tried March 25 through March 28, 2019. Following an Order on Appellant’s post-trial motions, Appellant filed a notice of appeal on July 10, 2019. The parties have now completed the briefing process, and the case is ripe for consideration by the Court.

Now, the parties to the appeal jointly request the appeal be heard and decided on an expedited basis. The General Assembly has recognized that the disposition of cases involving the government's exercise of its right to condemn privately owned property for a public purpose should take precedence over other types of lawsuits. See S.C. Code §28-2-310(C) ("If either the condemnor or the landowner so demands, the action must be given precedence over other civil cases for trial."). While the statute speaks specifically to the trial docket, the policy reasons for expedited disposition of condemnation cases apply with equal force to proceedings on appeal. Therefore, the parties jointly request expedited hearing and disposition of the appeal.

Dated: 3-31-20

Respectfully Submitted,

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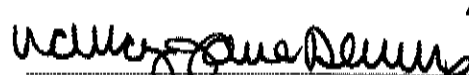
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the **Joint Motion to Expedite Disposition of Appeal and Proof of Service** by electronic mail, on March 31, 2020, addressed to the attorneys primary e-mail address listed in the AIS:

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