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**Via Fax to 803-734-1839 and U.S. Mail**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1220 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Archie Patterson v. SCDEW  
Appellate Case No. 2019-000599  
Our File Number: 79.9168

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This status report is filed in the above case, pursuant to the Court's Order of July 12, 2019, holding this appeal in abeyance and partially remanding the case to the circuit court to consider the pending motion made pursuant to Rule 59(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Prior events in the scheduling of the motion hearing in this case have been set forth in previous status letters.

On March 12, 2020, Judge Clifton Newman, Chief Administrative Judge for the Second Circuit, held a telephone status conference. The motion was scheduled to be heard on April 6, 2020 in Aiken, but that hearing was canceled shortly thereafter as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

This case has a long procedural history, and had been handled exclusively by Judge Early until his retirement. The pending motion for reconsideration will probably be heard by Judge Newman. The parties believe that an in-person hearing would be the most efficient way to present the motion, since Judge Newman does not have firsthand familiarity with the case, as is normally true when a motion to reconsider is before a judge. The parties intend to contact Judge Newman about a hearing as soon as in-person hearings begin to be held again.

I will provide another status report on or about May 8, 2020, or earlier, if something happens in the meantime.

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchens

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With highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

DAVIDSON, WREN & DEMASTERS, P.A.

*s/ Kenneth P. Woodington*

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