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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals**

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
H.W. Funderburk, Jr., Administrative Law Judge

Case No.: 20-ALJ-22-0070-AP

Appellate Case No. 2020-000981

Robert M. Ardis,

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Employment
and Workforce and Sykes Enterprises, Inc.,

Respondents.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, Respondent South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce submits this motion to the Court requesting a thirty-day extension of time to file the Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. Currently, the Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due April 14, 2021. This is the Respondent's first request for an extension. The Respondent also requests the time limit for its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on this motion.

The Respondent requests this extension because Appellant's Initial Brief is approximately thirty-four pages and raises many issues. The Respondent reasonably requires additional time to

fully review Appellant's Initial Brief, perform research, and properly prepare its Initial Brief. Also, the Respondent's workload has greatly increased due to the unprecedented events surrounding the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The Respondent believes this modest extension will not prejudice either party or cause undue delay. Thus, the Department respectfully requests the Court enter an order extending the deadline for its Return from April 14, 2021, to May 14, 2021, as good cause exists for an extension.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Steven A. Jordan, Jr.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Respondent DEW's Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on the parties in this case by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and by email on April 6, 2021, addressed to the parties at their addresses of record:

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VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: Robert M. Ardis v. South Carolina Department of Employment and
Workforce and Sykes Enterprises Inc.
Appellate Case No: 2020-000981

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed is the original Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above referenced case. A Proof of Service is also included in this packet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristi Chesley".

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Steven Jordan
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Department of Employment and Workforce