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**VIA ALTERNATIVE ELECTRONIC FILING**
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**Re:** ***In re: Sandersville Railroad Company's Petition for Approval to Acquire Real Estate by Condemnation, Docket No. 45045***

Dear Ms. Tanner:

Please find enclosed the *Verified Application of Renée D. Flaherty for Pro Hac Vice Admission* for filing in the above-styled proceeding. As required by the alternative electronic filing procedures and the Scheduling Order and Notice of Hearing filed in this case on May 18, 2023, the original and 5 additional copies will be mailed to the Commission on this date via U.S. Express Mail, postage pre-paid. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional materials.

Sincerely,

Grant E. McBride
*Counsel for Intervenors Robert Donald Garrett, Sr. and Sarah Veazey Garrett, William Blaine Smith and Helen Diane Smith, Marvin Smith, Jr. and Patricia Smith*

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**BEFORE THE**
**GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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| Sandersville Railroad Company<br><br>Hancock County, Georgia<br><br>**In re: Sandersville Railroad Company's Petition for Approval to Acquire Real Estate by Condemnation** | Docket No.: 45045 |

**VERIFIED APPLICATION OF RENÉE D. FLAHERTY FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION**

I, Ms. Renée D. Flaherty (Applicant), hereby apply to the Georgia Public Service Commission for admission to practice in the above-styled case *pro hac vice*. In support of this application, I hereby state as follows:

1. I reside at:
   3234 Annandale Road
   Falls Church, VA 22042

2. My business address is:
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3. I have been retained to represent the following clients:
   Mr. Robert Donald Garrett, Sr.
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4. I am a member of good standing of the following jurisdictions:

| Court | Admitted | Assigned Number | Status | Contact |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. Supreme Court | February 23, 2015 | 293601 | Active | (202) 479-3387 |
| U.S. Tax Court | November 7, 2012 | FR0628 | Active | (202) 521-4629 |
| U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit | May 13, 2016 | N/A | Active | (312) 435-5850 |
| U.S. Court of Appeals – 5th Circuit | January 20, 2023 | | Active | (504) 310-7947 |
| U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit | July 31, 2019 | 61836 | Active | (202) 216-7000 |
| DC Bar | December 10, 2012 | 1011453 | Active | (202) 737-4700 |
| Maryland Bar | January 9, 2012 | N/A | Currently Inactive | (410) 260-3640 |
| U.S. District Court N.D. Illinois, Eastern Division | March 4, 2014 | 1011453 | Active | (312) 435-5670 |
| U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia | January 9, 2017 | 1011453 | Active | (202) 354-3110 |

5. I have never been a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

6. I have never been denied *pro hac vice* admission in Georgia or anywhere else.

7. I have never sought nor had *pro hac vice* admission revoked in Georgia.

8. I have never been sanctioned or formally disciplined by a court in Georgia.

9. I have never been the subject of any disciplinary proceedings relating to my bar admissions.

10. I have never been held in contempt, or otherwise sanctioned by a court in a written order, for disobedience to its rules or orders.

11. I have filed for *pro hac vice* admission in Georgia courts within the last two years. I was admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in a case in the Superior Court of Fulton County (*Jackson, et al.* v. *Kemp, et al.*, Case No. 2018CV306952) in 2018, and its subsequent appeals (Supreme Court of Georgia Case Nos. S23A0017, S23X0018). This matter is still pending before the Supreme Court of Georgia.

12. I have reviewed and am familiar with the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct and all court rules relevant to practice before the court in which I am seeking admission.

13. My local sponsor is:
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I, Renée D. Flaherty, applicant in the foregoing Verified Application for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission hereby verify the facts contained therein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

This 25th day of May 2023

Renée Flaherty

Applicant

Sworn to before me this 25 day of May 2023.

Gabrielle A. Becker

Notary Public

My commission expires 08/31/2027

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of May, 2023, a copy of the foregoing *Verified Application of Renée D. Flaherty for* Pro Hac Vice *Admission* has been served via electronic mail and U.S. First-Class Mail on the following pursuant to GA. COMP. R. & REGS. 515-16-16-.02; 515-2-1-.04(4)(b), (3):

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