

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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 COUNTY OF RICHLAND) Civil Action No. 00-CP-40-1714
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 Companion Property and Casualty)
 Insurance Company)
 Petitioner,) ORDER
 vs.)
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 The South Carolina Procurement Review)
 Panel, Rooney, McArthur & Suggs, Inc.,)
 And The South Carolina Insurance)
 Reserve Fund.)

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This matter came before me on January 23, 2001 by way of motion from the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel (Panel) for an order finding that the Panel is an interested party due proper notice and participation in the above captioned case. An order such as this is based on the following facts:

1. The Procurement Review Panel issued the final decision which is being appealed in this case.
2. The Panel claims an interest relating to the transaction which is the subject of the action and is so situated that the disposition of the action without the Panel's participation may as a practical matter impair the Panel's ability to protect that interest.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Procurement Review Panel is an interested party in the above captioned case, entitled to notice of all matters that come before this court.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED this 7 day of MARCH, 2001.



 The Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr.
 Resident Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit