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## Before the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council In the Matter of: TSL, LLC CRMC File 2023-08-084; RIDEM Water Quality Certification Number 24-008 (MPL Only)

Chairman Coia:

Moses Ryan Ltd. writes on behalf of our client the Stone Harbour Condominium Association ("Stone Harbour") regarding the above-referenced application by TSL, LLC (the "Application" or "Proposal"). We write to reply to the Applicant's most recent correspondence dated April 30, 2025.

We reiterate that this Application is a contested case due to the substantive objections in the record, as well as the request for a subcommittee hearing. Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1) Section 1.1(B) states:

a proceeding before the Council shall be considered contested when a substantive formal written objection and/or request for hearing is received by the Council from any interested party.

Our initial objection to this Application dated August 14, 2024, in addition to raising substantive objections, specifically requested a subcommittee hearing, thus making this a contested case.

As a contested case, a hearing before a subcommittee is required. The court in <u>Dumplings</u> cites the very same Management Procedures Section 1.5.3(A) that Applicant cites in their letter and then clearly states "CRMC was required to send the matter to subcommittee for a full hearing and vote on the matter." <u>Dumplings Ass'n v. Coastal Res. Mgmt. Council</u>, No. PC-2021-00296, 2025 R.I. Super. LEXIS 7, at \*11 (Super. Ct. Jan. 22, 2025) (emphasis added). Management

Procedures Section 1.5.3(A) itself directly states "Subcommittee hearing shall be required when a substantive objection is received from any party..." (emphasis added). Management Procedures Section 1.5.2 is also clear on the requirement for a subcommittee hearing, stating that

> In the event an application or matter pending before this Council becomes a contested case as defined herein, the Council shall then schedule a public hearing before a duly authorized and appointed Subcommittee on the matter.

Our request for clarification on whether this will be confirmed as a contested case and whether a subcommittee hearing will be held still stands.

Sincerely, 16. V.la

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