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ROBERT LISLE HALE, Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF
LISLE HALE, deceased; CLARA HALE, surviving spouse of LISLE
HALE; ROBERT L. HALE; DONALD HALE; and TRICIA HALE,

Plaintiffs/Appellants/Petitioners,

vs.

BRIDGE BUILDERS, LTD.; MINDI R. BLANCHARD and John Doe
Blanchard; BRENDA CARPENTER and John Doe Carpenter; JANET
WATRAL and John Doe Watral,

Defendants/Respondents.

**RESPONDENT JANET WATRAL'S JOINDER TO BRIDGE
BUILDERS' ANSWER TO PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY
REVIEW**

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 ORIGINAL

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent Janet Watral adopts and incorporates by reference the Statement of the Case set forth in Respondent Bridge Builders' Answer to the Hales' Petition for Discretionary Review.

II. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The Hales' Petition for Discretionary Review should be denied because it wholly fails to meet the criteria set forth in RAP 13.4(b)(4). Respondent Janet Watral adopts and incorporates by reference the Summary of Argument set forth in Respondent Bridge Builders' Answer to the Hales' Petition for Discretionary Review.

III. ARGUMENT WHY REVIEW SHOULD BE DENIED

The Hales cite RAP 13.4(b)(4) and contend that the Supreme Court should accept review because a decision "of the Court of Appeals involves issues of substantial public interest that should be determined by the Supreme Court." (Petition at 6) However, in this bare recitation, the Hales fail to identify or discuss, *at a minimum*, which issues are of substantial public interest, or why the particular issues purportedly have ramifications beyond the particular parties and the particular facts of this case. This omission is not surprising because the trial court's rulings and the Court of

Appeals' decision are uniquely fact-specific and limited to the parties in this case.

The Hales' claims have been fairly, thoughtfully, and rationally adjudicated. The Supreme Court should deny review. Respondent Janet Watral adopts and incorporates by reference the Arguments set forth in Respondent Bridge Builders' Answer to the Hales' Petition for Discretionary Review.

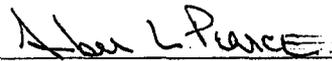
IV. CONCLUSION

In the context of the facts and allegations of this case, the trial court properly dismissed the Hales' claims, and the Court of Appeals properly affirmed the dismissal. Likewise, the Hales fail to demonstrate that the Court of Appeals' decision involves a substantial public interest that should be determined by this Court. Accordingly, the Supreme Court should decline to accept review.

Dated this 22 day of November, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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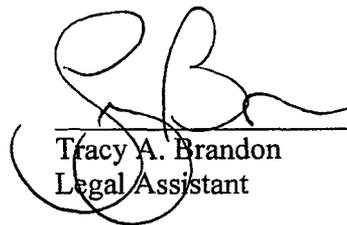
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Attached please find Respondent Janet Watral's Joinder to Bridge Builders' Answer to Petition for Discretionary Review for filing.

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