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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
United States Supreme Court
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Air & Liquid Systems, et al. v. DeVries, et al.*, No. 17-1104 (U.S.)

Dear Mr. Harris:

We represent General Electric Co. ("GE"), which was a defendant before the district court and a defendant-appellee before the Third Circuit in this matter. *See Air & Liquid Sys. Corp. v. DeVries*, No. 17-1104, Petition for Certiorari iii-iv (identifying GE as a party before the district court and Third Circuit). The Court granted certiorari in this matter on May 14, 2018.

GE did not file a brief in connection with the petition for certiorari. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 12.6, GE writes to provide notice of its intention to remain a party in this matter in support of Petitioners. *See, e.g., Black v. United States*, 130 S. Ct. 2963, 2967 (2010); Shapiro & Geller, *Supreme Court Practice*, § 6.20, at 439 (10th ed. 2013) (explaining that party "need not file anything at the petition stage of the proceedings," but may "notify the Court of its interest in the case at the merits stage if certiorari is later granted").

Under Rule 12.6, GE is deemed a respondent in this matter subject to the deadlines applicable to Petitioners, including the July 9, 2018 date for filing an opening brief on the merits and any reply brief thereafter. *See id.*; *see also* Shapiro & Geller, *Supreme Court Practice*, § 6.20, at 438 (explaining that under Rule 12.6, a respondent supporting petitioner "shall meet the petitioner's time schedule for filing documents," including "briefs on the merits following the grant of review"). GE intends to submit briefs on the merits in support of Petitioners. *E.g., id.* at 438 n.75 (citing *Metropolitan Washington Airports Auth. v. Citizens for Abatement of Aircraft Noise*, 501 U.S. 252, 263 n.12 (1991)).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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