STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY,

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

v

Case No. 25-000196-MB

DR. FARIDEH BAGNE, CORY SOUTHWELL, and NORTHERN VISTA LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, INC.,

Hon. Sima G. Patel

Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs,

and

BILL OEMING, in his official capacity as an employee of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy,

Counter-Defendant.

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ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

The Court entered a stipulated order on September 21, 2026, tolling discovery pending this Court's resolution of counter-defendants' motion for summary disposition under the notice and statute-of-limitations provisions of the Court of Claims Act (COCA) and defendants/counter-plaintiffs' motion to transfer their counterclaim back to the Cheboygan Circuit Court. On October 8, 2026, the Michigan Supreme Court heard oral argument in *Hudson v Mich Dep't of Corrections*, Docket No. 169021, involving an issue that may be outcome-determinative in this case.

Accordingly, on the Court's own motion, the Court STAYS these proceedings pending the Michigan Supreme Court's resolution of the appeal in *Hudson*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: October 15, 2026

Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims