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October 12, 2022

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
By email only to supctfilings@sccourts.org

Re: Jonathan M. Holder v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2021-000057

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced appeal is due to be served and filed today; however, I am respectfully requesting a third and final extension to that deadline. I am requesting a fifteen-day extension. This request is not intended for the purposes of delay. Rather, it is necessitated by a heavy workload.

As an example of my recent work, I present the following information. On September 18-21, 2022, I attended the annual Solicitors' Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. On October 3, 2022, I appeared before the Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, by WebEx for a status conference in the case of *Dial v. State*, 2015-CP-32-2380. On October 4, 2022, I appeared before Judge McLeod by WebEx for a status conference in the case of *Johnson v. State*, 2018-CP-32-03151. Also on October 4, I published the docket for the post-conviction relief term of court that is scheduled to begin in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit on November 7, 2022; I assembled that docket with permission of the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes. I am representing the State this week in a post-conviction relief term of court in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit that was, by instruction of the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes, filled with more scheduled hearings than usual due the loss of the final PCR term of court of the year. Yesterday, I submitted for judicial consideration a brief proposed order in the case of *Vaughn v. State*, 2016-CP-04-00534.

Opposing counsel consents to this request by an inter-agency agreement. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Zane Smith

Taylor Z. Smith

Assistant Attorney General

cc: Joanna K. Delany, Esquire (by email only)

In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

s/ Megan Harrigan Jameson

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General