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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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Re: *Rickey Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina*
Case Number 2018-CP-42-00928
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Judge Hall convened an evidentiary hearing for March 27-31, 2023. July 31—August 2, 2023, and December 15, 2023. At the conclusion of the December 15th hearing, the Court set a post-hearing briefing schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.
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