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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Willie Marvin Williams v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2020-000796

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Brief of Petitioner and Appendix are due to be served and filed today, March 18, 2024. Undersigned counsel respectfully requests a final 10-day extension in which to complete the brief. Counsel regrets having to make this additional request, but the request is made from necessity and not mere delay.

Counsel has an extremely high caseload which includes capital cases presently being prepared for hearing; federal habeas cases; non-capital murder direct appeals which have a greater number of extension and which counsel is attempting to also complete; along with returns, orders, briefs and oral argument preparation and presentation. Counsel is not the original counsel for the State in this matter and had to become familiar with trial, direct appeal, PCR hearing and Order, and the prior filings in this appeal. Counsel had been working on the brief and expected to have the brief prepared for filing today; however, a matter arose that preempted completion. Specifically, counsel has been working on the filing of a petition for an extraordinary writ for a time-sensitive matter. That has now been completed and filed today with the Supreme Court of South Carolina. Further, because of the unexpected petition, counsel had to request a similar extraordinary extension last week from our Supreme Court in a capital PCR appeal to complete the return in that case. That extension only runs through March 20, 2024. After that time, counsel may complete the brief in this case. Counsel will move other matters in the calendar to ensure that the brief in the reference case can and will be completed within the next 10 days. Undersigned counsel hereby requests a 10-day extension in which to serve and file its Brief and Appendix, which is up to and includes March 28, 2024.

Counsel is informed that opposing counsel has consented to all extension requests by this Office through March 31, 2024.

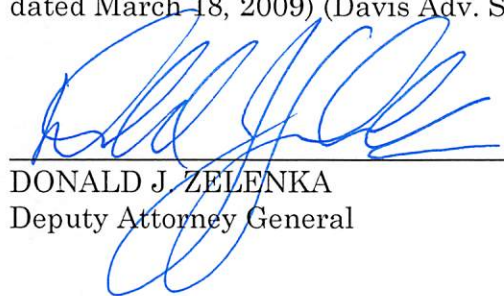
Sincerely,



Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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).



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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire (via email only)