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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

On Writ of Certiorari to Colleton County
Honorable William H. Seals, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2020-001106

MAURIO D. RIVERS,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE BRIEF OF RESPONDENT**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Brief of Respondent is due to be served and filed on April 17, 2024.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. Earlier this week, the undersigned counsel filed an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the Court of Appeals in State v. Joquell Wayne Myers. Additionally, in the past few weeks, the undersigned has filed a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court in John

Upson v. State; has submitted a response to a pro se filing at the request of the Supreme Court in Charles W. McCormick v. State and Steven C. Wilson v. State; has filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the Supreme Court in Erick E. Wells v. State; has filed a letter in lieu of a formal return and Brief of Respondent Pursuant to White v. State in Brian Foster v. State; has filed the Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in Raphael Lamarr Pontoo v. State; and has filed the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the Court of Appeals in State v. James B. Curry. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office and has prepared for and presented at an event at the University of South Carolina School of Law for current law students.

III.

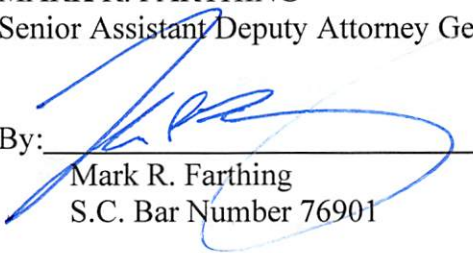
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload, other significant challenges that have resulted from staffing issues that continue to be experienced by the undersigned counsel's office, and some unanticipated matters that have required the undersigned counsel's attention. Accordingly, in order to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Brief of Respondent in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

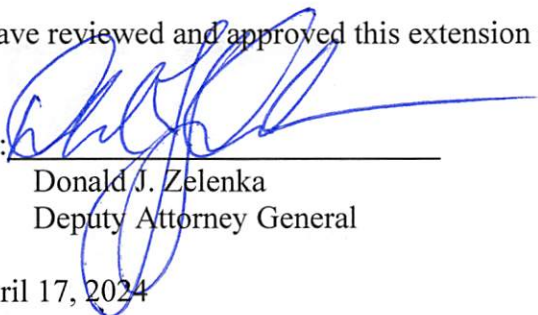
Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: 
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Deputy Attorney General

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Brief of Respondent on Petitioner by sending an electronic copy via email to the addresses listed in AIS for the following individual:

Kathrine Haggard Hudgins, Esquire
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1330 Lady St., Ste.401
Columbia, SC 29201

I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 17th day of April, 2024.



CAROLINE COLLINS
Administrative Coordinator
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