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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 on March 27-31, 2023, July 31—August 2, 2023, and December 15, 2023. At the conclusion of the December 15<sup>th</sup> hearing, the Court set a post-hearing briefing schedule, following receipt of the transcripts. Mr. Blackwell served his post-hearing brief on July 8, 2024, and the State's brief is due on August 22, 2024.

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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cc: The Honorable Daniel D. Hall  
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