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September 25, 2013

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Norma Patrick Hall, 283470, v. State of South Carolina;
Case No. 2011-CP-18-533, Judge Carmen T. Mullen
Austin Review Granted on Case No. 2005-CP-18-288, Judge R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
Appellate Case No. 2013-000015

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am retained counsel for this client for the perfection of his appeal. This is an appeal from a Post-Conviction Relief action. My Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due September 26, 2013. Due to my heavy schedule since the State's Return was served and because I had out-patient surgery on September 23, 2013, I have not yet determined for certain that a Reply will be necessary. *I am fine*. This was a very minor procedure, but it has kept me home for a few days. I'll be back at the office Thursday; however I am concerned that I might not have time to get this done tomorrow. For this reason, I respectfully request a 10-day extension of time in which to prepare and submit my Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari on behalf of this client *or* to advise the Court that a Reply brief will not be necessary in this matter.

There have been no previous extension requests at this stage of this PCR appeal. By copy of this letter, I am advising opposing counsel, Suzanne H. White, Assistant Attorney General, of this request. With my thanks for the Court's kind assistance in this matter, I remain;

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling".
Tara Dawn Shurling
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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cc: Megan E. Harrigan, Assistant Attorney General
Norma Patrick Hall, 283470