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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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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, the State served its post-hearing brief on November 5, 2024, and Mr. Blackwell served his reply on January 15, 2024.

On January 28, 2025, Judge Hall issued an Order Dismissing Post Conviction Relief Application, directing the Attorney General's Office "to prepare and submit a proposed order," without providing any rationale for the decision or instructions for preparing the proposed order. Ex. A.

On February 6, 2025, Mr. Blackwell served a Rule 59(e), SCRPC motion requesting the PCR court withdraw the order as premature, provide the reasons "for denying Blackwell's claims," clarify the *Strickland* analysis, address the non-*Strickland* claims contained in the PCR Application, and disclose whether the PCR court determined Mr. Blackwell is a person with an intellectual disability . . . given the fact that every expert who evaluated Blackwell ultimately concluded he is a person with an intellectual disability. Ex. B. On February 7, 2025, Judge Hall declined to provide additional direction, indicating instead that he would hold oral argument following the Attorney General's Office's submission of a proposed order. Ex. C. Judge Hall indicated the proposed order should be submitted by March 15, 2025. *Id.*

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any

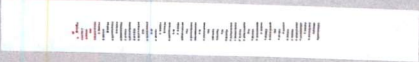
questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.  
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