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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: *Freddie Eugene Owens v. State of South Carolina*, 2009-CP-23-0741

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case. Mr. Owens' PCR hearing took place on July 19 -20, 2010. The parties agreed on a post-hearing briefing schedule to begin after the transcript became available. Owens filed his post-hearing brief on September 12, 2011. The PCR judge has indicated that he intends to deny relief and has instructed the state to prepare a proposed order.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Emily C. Paavola