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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Florence County
The Honorable H. Steven DeBerry, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

WILLIE JAMES SMITH,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-00879

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension up to and including September 8, 2025, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extension requests through August 31, 2025. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of matter are due today, August 6, 2025. Pursuant to this Court's Order dated July 7, 2025. Undersigned counsel has been associated with the appeal in helping complete the brief. A substantial amount of research and work has

been completed. However, counsel requires additional time to complete the brief due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purposes of delay.

Respectfully Submitted,


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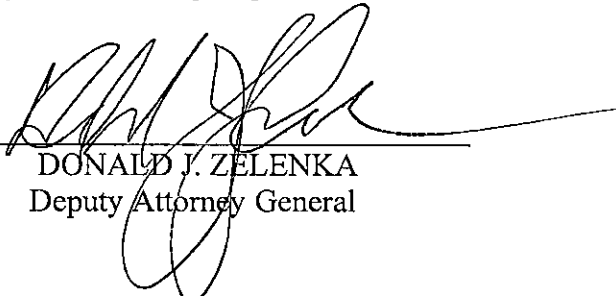
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August 6, 2025.

I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion for Extension of Time to Serve and File the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire via email today, August 6, 2025 to Khudgins@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant Chris Stock at CStock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This is the 6th day of August, 2025.

s/ Angela Brown
Administrative Coordinator

Angela Brown

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Ms. Hudgins, please find attached the state's motion for an additional extension of time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above referenced appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you,

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