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April 28, 2026
Via electronic mail only

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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In re: The State, Respondent v. John Richard Wood, Appellant;
Appellate Case No. 2002-022661, PCR Capital Case;
John Richard Wood, Applicant v. The State, Respondent;
PCR Case No. 2022-CP-23-06219

Dear Madam Clerk:

I am writing to provide an update on the status of this Capital PCR action since my last update correspondence.

On March 24 & 25, 2026, I conducted the evidentiary merits hearing on the issues of Applicant's competency to be executed. On April 22, 2026, I issued the Final Order Regarding the Applicant's Competency To Be Executed. The Final Order was forwarded via USPS to the Greenville County Clerk of Court's Office to be recorded. It was recorded on April 27, 2026.

Letter, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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Should you have any concerns or questions please contact my office.

Sincerely,

s/Grace G. Knie
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