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September 8, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211
(via email filing)

Re: Jorge Rodriguez v. The State | Appellate Case No. 2025-001507

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On June 9, 2026, this Court issued an Order holding the above-referenced case in abeyance for thirty (30) days on motion undersigned counsel to provide time to discuss the merits and dangers of abandoning his appeal with Petitioner. On July 14, 2026, this Court extended the abeyance until August 10, 2026; on August 13, 2026, this Court extended the abeyance until today, September 8, 2026.

Undersigned counsel did not receive a signed, notarized indication from Petitioner indicating his desire. Undersigned counsel has made consistent, good faith efforts to ascertain whether it is the desire of Petitioner to abandon the appeal of the denial of his application for post-conviction relief.

However, it appears Petitioner is now moving this Court *pro se* to relieve undersigned counsel and substitute other counsel. Undersigned counsel takes no position on this request.

Respectfully yours,

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