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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Chesterfield County
The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

EMANUEL AUROMOND BEDFORD,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001286

MOTION FOR THIRD 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 October 23, 2026, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has consented to all extension requests through October 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, September 23, 2026, pursuant to this Court's Order dated August 25, 2026. Undersigned counsel has just recently assumed primary responsibility with the departure of former counsel for the State, Mr. Larrabee. However, counsel already had case deadlines which have prevented immediate work for completion of the brief, which includes: completed and filed, with co-counsel, the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in a capital PCR appeal (*John Richard Wood, Aug.*

26, 2026); attended an status conference scheduled in the Greenville County Courthouse for a murder direct appeal on remand (*Zachary Hughes, Aug. 26, 2026*); completed and served discovery responses in a capital PCR action (*Anthony Woods, August 27, 2026*); completed, with primary counsel, and filed a Fourth Circuit appellate brief (*FHC Christopher Hampton, Aug. 31, 2026*); attended a virtual status conference in a capital PCR action (*Anthony Woods, Sept. 1, 2026*); attended a court hearing in a capital PCR action (*Timothy Jones, Sept. 4, 2026*); prepared and filed memorandum on appealability ordered by this Court (*Messiah Anderson, Sept. 8, 2026*); prepared and filed a reply to response to motion for summary judgment (*FHC Theodore Bolick, Sept. 14, 2026*); prepared for and traveled to Richmond Virginia for oral argument in a capital federal habeas corpus action (*William Dickerson, Sept. 16, 2026*); reviewed and filed the record on appeal in a State's appeal (*Casey Douglas, September 18, 2026*); and, completed and filed a return to petition for writ of certiorari in our Supreme Court. September 18, 2026 (*Ryan Manigo, September 22, 2026*). Counsel has also been preparing for and is currently in a capital PCR hearing in Greenville (*Jerry Buck Inman, Hearing Scheduled Sept. 22-23, 2026*).

Due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters pending in state and federal court, and considering counsel's administrative responsibilities as supervisor for murder appeals, federal habeas corpus actions, and capital litigation, undersigned counsel has been unable to timely complete the brief in this direct appeal. For the above reasons, Respondent is requesting a thirty (30) day extension of time in which to complete briefing in the captioned murder direct appeal.

This request is made in good faith, and not for the purpose of simple delay, but for the reasons outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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, September 23, 2026, to KHudgins@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant at cstock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This is the 23rd day of September, 2026.

s/ Angela Brown

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Ms. Hudgins, please find attached the State's Motion for 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 Court of Appeals on today's date.

Sincerely,

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