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SC SUPREME COURT

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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Re: The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell, Appellate Case No. 2014-000610

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Thank you for the Court's letter Friday, April 8, 2016 establishing the order of arguments. Based on this order, and with the Court's permission, counsel for appellant would like to split the initial time allotted to all issues except Issues 1 and 2 such that co-counsel David Alexander will argue first. He will use the initial eight (8) minutes to argue issues related to Atkins v. Virginia, 536 U.S. 304 (2002), (Issues 3-4, pages 35-91 of the brief of appellant), and I will argue the remaining issues in the final five (5) minutes. Mr. Alexander will handle the reply argument.

I will make both the initial and reply argument with respect to Issues 1 and 2, and will handle any inquiry on behalf of the appellant about closing the hearing prior to that time. If the Court is not inclined to allow counsel to split the argument in this manner, I would respectfully ask that you inform us as soon as possible so that we may prepare accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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