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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: State v. Patrick O'Neil McGowan – Appellate Case No. 2016-001220

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On July 24, 2017, the State moved to hold this case in abeyance pending a final decision in State v. King, Op. No. 27744 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Oct. 25, 2017) (Shearouse Adv. Sh. No. 40 at 22). On March 9, 2018, the Supreme Court denied rehearing in the case and remitted the case to the lower court, rendering it final. State v. King, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 9, 2018. Accordingly, it is the State's understanding the above-referenced case should be removed from abeyance and its Initial Brief of Respondent is now due on April 9, 2018. Please advise if the State's time calculation is incorrect. Thank you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on my direct line at (803) 734-3713.

Sincerely,

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