

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Jeffrey Haselden, Petitioner,

v.

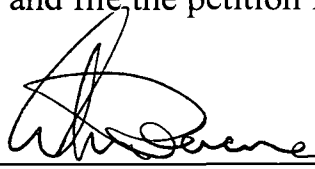
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212022

ORDER

Counsel for petitioner has, by way of letter, requested this matter be stayed in order to allow petitioner and the Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office to continue to engage in negotiations regarding petitioner's resentencing, which counsel represents, if successful, would moot this matter. Correspondence from the solicitor to counsel for the parties, which is included with the request for a stay, indicates it is the solicitor's opinion the matter should not be stayed indefinitely, but that a stay of 90-100 days, and no longer, would be appropriate. The State has filed a return in which it expresses concern that the negotiations between the solicitor and petitioner are only in the preliminary stages and therefore a resolution of the guilt and sentencing phase issues in this matter may not be forthcoming. The State indicates it has no objection to another thirty day extension of time for petitioner's counsel to serve and file the petition for a writ of certiorari, which could be reassessed if no agreement has been reached as the extension period nears its end, but contends a request for an indeterminate stay should be made by way of a formal motion.

We believe a sixty day period will provide petitioner ample time to complete any negotiations with the solicitor. Accordingly, counsel for petitioner shall have sixty days from the date of this order to serve and file the petition for a writ of certiorari.



J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

February 26, 2013

cc:

Diana L. Holt, Esquire

Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire

S. Creighton Waters, Esquire

Alphonso Simon, Jr., Esquire