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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
William H. Seals, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2019-000610

Stephen Corey Bryant,Petitioner-Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina,Respondent-Petitioner.

**Petition to Extend Time to File Reply to
State's Return to Mr. Bryant's Cross-Petition for Writ of *Certiorari***

This capital post-conviction relief case is before this Court on cross-petitions for writs of *certiorari*. On May 5, 2020, the State filed its Response to Mr. Bryant's petition for a writ of *certiorari*. By written order dated June 8, 2020, this Court extended the time to file a reply until today, Monday, June 15, 2020. Mr. Bryant moves this Court for an order extending the time to file a reply to the State's Response by an additional ten days until Thursday, June 25, 2020. This is the fourth request for an extension of time to file this pleading.

This request is based on counsel's other professional obligations and is not intended for delay. Undersigned counsel filed a petition for rehearing in *State v. Durant*, Appellate Case No. 2016-001264 on June 17, 2020, will file an opening brief later today in the United States District Court for the Fourth Circuit in *Etheredge v. Nichols*, No. 20-6637, and has filing deadline on June 17, 2020 in *Tucker v. City of Greenwood*, C/A No: 8:19-cv-02078-

DCC-KFM in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. Once undersigned counsel meets these filing deadlines, he will work on the reply brief in Mr. Bryant's case until it is completed. Counsel does not anticipate needing any additional extensions.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully submitted,

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