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(via electronic filing only)

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Freddie Eugene Owens v. Bryan P. Stirling, Commissioner,
South Carolina Department of Corrections, et al., 20-975

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States issued an Order List, in which the Court denied Mr. Owens' Petition for Writ of Certiorari. (See Attached Order List, p. 3). This concludes Mr. Owens' federal habeas corpus proceedings. Mr. Owens does not currently have any pending action challenging either his convictions or sentence. The State is not aware of any stay in place to prevent the issuance of the execution notice since the District Court stay, issued August 10, 2016 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2251 (a)(1), only continued while the habeas corpus proceeding was pending.

By copy of this letter I am serving opposing counsel, Emily C. Paavola, Esquire, Elizabeth J. Peiffer, Esquire, Robert E. Lee, Esquire and Gerald W. King, Jr., Esquire, along with Barton J. Vincent, Esquire, counsel for the South Carolina Department of Corrections, with this letter and the Supreme Court's Order List.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure

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