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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Post Conviction Relief

Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge
Honorable Doyet A. Early, Circuit Court Judge

App. Case No.: 2018-000065

David Megett, 343610,

Petitioner,

vs.

State of South Carolina

Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER AND APPENDICES
AND MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

On April 2, 2021, this Court issued an Order granting certiorari in part and instructing: “The parties shall proceed to serve and file the appendix and briefs as provided by Rule 243(j), SCACR.” Shortly after receipt of this Order, undersigned counsel began working on the brief and set up a call to discuss with Petitioner to timely file within thirty days. Within a few days of the Court’s Order, counsel received a covid diagnosis, which caused her to have to be away from work for an extended period of time. In trying to minimally address private information in this public filing, counsel also has children that have been quarantined, which has also impacted her ability to work a regular schedule. If more information is needed, counsel can supply in a private communication with the Court. Due to this unexpected and extraordinary circumstance,

counsel is respectfully requesting a thirty-day extension to file the Brief of Petitioner and Appendices. Counsel has discussed this request with Petitioner and obtained his consent. Counsel has also communicated with W. Edgar Salter, III, Esquire, via email, and he informed counsel that he does not object to the request for an extension of time to file.

By way of this motion, counsel would also request clarification of the Order issued on April 2, 2021. Pursuant to the Order entitled *RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency* (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 20, 2020, amended May 29, 2020), counsel has been e-filing all appellate filings. Therefore, counsel is requesting clarification as to whether she may proceed to scan and upload the Brief of Petitioner for e-filing with this Court or if she needs to file bound paper copies of the Brief of Petitioner and thirteen additional copies of the Appendix as provided for in Rule 243(j), SCACR.

Finally, Petitioner, through counsel, would ask that filing deadlines be held in abeyance during the pendency of this Motion.

I so move,


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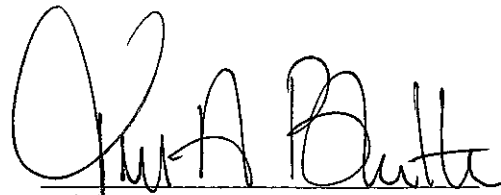
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Order issued by the South Carolina Supreme Court entitled *RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency* (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 20, 2020, amended May 29, 2020), counsel certifies that a true copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to File the Brief of Petitioner and Appendices and Motion for Clarification has been served on opposing counsel by sending an email to his following registered email address:

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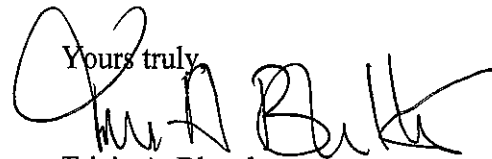
RE: David Lee Meggett; Appellate Case No.: 2018-000065

Dear Madam Clerk:

For filing, I am submitting a Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief of Petitioner and Appendices and Motion for Clarification, with Certificate of Service.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed. I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Yours truly,



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Attorney at Law

cc: W. Edgar Salter, III, Esquire
David Meggett