

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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**\*\*\* CAPITAL CASE \*\*\***

Re: *James Cobb Hutto, III v. State of Mississippi*, No. 17-6825

Dear Sir:

The Brief in Opposition in the above-styled-and-numbered cause is presently due on December 18, 2017. Respondent respectfully requests an extension of 30 days, up to and until January 17, 2018, within which to file its Brief in Opposition. As grounds therefor, Respondent submits the following:

Undersigned counsel is and has been preparing for a post-conviction evidentiary hearing in the death penalty case of *William Matthew Wilson v. State of Mississippi*, Lee County Circuit Court No. CV-08-074-GL, set for December 11-13, 2017 in Lee County, Mississippi. Undersigned counsel also prepared and filed on November 20, 2017 a motion for rehearing in the post-conviction death penalty case of *Sherwood Brown v. State of Mississippi*, No. 2017-DR-00206-SCT. Undersigned counsel was also required to prepare and file on December 4 and 6, 2017 responsive pleadings in the post-conviction death penalty cases of *Alan Dale Walker v. State of Mississippi*, Harrison County Circuit Court No. 25,945 and *Stephen Elliot Powers v. State of Mississippi*, Forrest County Circuit Court No. 98-114-CR.

This request is not made for undue delay, and Petitioner will not be prejudiced by this extension. Undersigned counsel contacted counsel for Petitioner who does not oppose Respondent's

request for an extension of time. Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

/s LaDonna Holland  
Special Assistant Attorney General

cc: Andre de Gruy