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Danny Bickell
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One First Street, NE
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Re: No. 17-1107, *Royal v. Murphy* (CAPITAL CASE)

Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel of record for Respondent in the above-captioned matter. Respondent's brief in opposition is currently due March 9, 2018. Respondent respectfully requests a first 30-day extension for the brief in opposition, up to and including April 9, 2018. Respondent makes this request in light of counsel's other pending professional obligations in other capital cases, including assisting in preparing a Reply Brief in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Grissom v. Royal*, Case No. 16-6271, due March 6, 2018, and assisting in preparing for oral argument in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appals in *Underwood v. Royal*, Case No. 16-6262, scheduled for March 22, 2018.

Sincerely,

Patti Palmer Ghezzi

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cc: Counsel of Record for Petitioner (via e-mail)