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May 20, 2025

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Supreme Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

RE: ***Invenergy Thermal LLC, et al. v. Casey Sixkiller, No. 24-1027***

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am counsel of record for Respondent Casey Sixkiller in the above-captioned case. A response to the cert petition, requested by the Court, is currently due May 30, 2025.

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent requests a 31-day extension to file a brief in opposition, to June 30, 2025. Counsel for petitioners do not object to the extension.

This request for additional time is made due to numerous other responsibilities requiring attention by the State's small team of attorneys that work on U.S. Supreme Court matters and the primary attorney responsible for drafting the Brief in Opposition. Specifically, attorneys on the U.S. Supreme Court team have several oral arguments at the Ninth Circuit scheduled for late May or early June, another Brief in Opposition in *Maverick Gaming v. United States*, No. 24-1161, currently due June 12, 2025, but for which we anticipate we will also seek an extension, and numerous other trial court and appellate litigation matters, in addition to their regular work overseeing the office's appellate practice. The lead attorney below, who will have primary drafting responsibility for the Brief in Opposition, is leading multiple ongoing matters in both state and federal court with deadlines in May and June, is preparing one of his staff for their first Ninth Circuit argument on June 2, and has as a merits brief due to the Washington Supreme Court on June 18. This is in addition to regular duties supervising a team of seven attorneys.

The extension will allow for a more thorough presentation by Mr. Sixkiller, which we believe will be helpful to the Court and not prejudice Petitioner.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

s/ *Peter Gonick*
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