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Via Electronic Filing

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: No. 24-6057, *Luis Alfredo Aparicio v. State of Texas*

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent State of Texas, respectfully moves for an extension of time to file its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

The response is currently due February 18, 2025. Respondent requests a thirty-day extension of time to file its response, which results in a new filing date of March 20, 2025. This is Respondent's second request for an extension.

My staff reached out to counsel for Petitioner via e-mail to ask for Petitioner's position on this motion. Petitioner's counsel advised that the requested extension is unopposed.

The extension is necessary because since the first extension was granted, Respondent's former counsel of record, Ms. Lanora C. Pettit, has left the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to serve in a senior role in the U.S. Department of Justice. Undersigned counsel has since become the counsel of record for Respondent and needs time to review the case materials while having had and continuing to have numerous briefing, oversight, and argument obligations that will require significant time and attention, including:

- An amicus brief on behalf of the State of Texas in *Ryan, L.L.C. v. Federal Trade Commission*, No. 24-10951, due to be filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on February 10, 2025;
- An amicus brief on behalf of the Attorney General of Texas in *Gutierrez v. State*, No. 13-24-00208-CR, due to be filed in the Thirteenth Court of Appeals in Texas on February 14, 2025;
- A merits brief in *Rivers v. Lumpkin*, No. 23-1345, due in this Court on February 20, 2025;
- A petition for certiorari in *Pardue v. Hines*, No. 24A613, due in this Court on February 23, 2025;
- Second chair for oral argument before this Court in *Gutierrez v. Saenz*, No. 23-7809, on February 24, 2025;
- Oral argument before this Court in *Nuclear Regulatory Commission v. Texas*, No. 23-1300, on March 5, 2025; and
- Oral argument before this Court in *Rivers v. Lumpkin*, No. 23-1345, presumably in April 2025.

Additionally, undersigned counsel is responsible for responding to multiple calls for the views of the solicitor general from the Texas Supreme Court, as well as other litigation and non-litigation matters.

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the deadline to file a response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of March 20, 2025.

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Respectfully submitted.

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cc: all counsel of record (via E-file)