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Scott Harris, Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Willie Roy Jenkins v. Texas*, No. 25-5397

Dear Mr. Harris,

A response in this death-penalty case is currently due September 18, 2025. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-two-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Monday, October 20, 2025. This is Respondent's first request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay. Rather, undersigned counsel needs additional time to complete the responsive brief for several reasons. First, in the last thirty days, undersigned counsel filed a merits brief in the capital federal habeas case *Vasquez v. Guerrero*, No. 25-70005 (5th Cir.) (filed Aug. 20, 2025), and a petition for rehearing en banc in the capital federal habeas case *Johnson v. Guerrero*, No. 23-70002 (5th Cir.) (filed Sept. 5, 2025). Second, undersigned counsel is a division project manager for a new, agency-wide case management system that was recently launched by the Office of the Attorney General. As project manager, undersigned counsel has devoted substantial time and resources leading, developing, and running division-wide trainings and policies. Finally, undersigned counsel is responsible for supervising evidentiary development and the thirteen capital and noncapital attorneys who are assigned to such cases. Indeed, since the deadline for the State began, the undersigned has supervised protracted federal habeas discovery litigation, reviewed numerous pleadings, and maintained administrative and advisory responsibilities on top of the review process. The undersigned conferred with Petitioner's counsel, Sarah C. Brandon, who stated that she was not opposed to this requested extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to opposing counsel. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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