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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 October 20, 2025. Respondent respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of the present deadline, up to and including Wednesday, November 19, 2025. This is Respondent's second and final request for an extension in this case. The extension is not sought for an improper purpose, including harassment or unnecessary delay.

Rather, undersigned counsel's obligations in other cases have made it difficult to devote the time necessary to respond to Jenkins's petition. Specifically, in the last thirty days, undersigned counsel filed an unexpected response in opposition in the capital federal habeas case *Vasquez v. Guerrero*, No. 25-70005 (5th Cir.) (filed Sept. 15, 2025), and a brief as amicus curiae in support of the appealing party in the capital federal habeas case *Ayestas v. Harris County District Attorney's Office*, No. 25-70014 (5th Cir.) (filed Oct. 3, 2025). Further, undersigned counsel is the lead attorney in the capital state habeas case *Ex parte Falk*, No. 27,347 (278th Dist. Ct., Walker Cnty., Tex.), which is currently on remand from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals while the trial court considers new evidence. The parties are due to file proposed supplemental findings of fact and conclusions of law in that case on October 14, 2025. Finally, undersigned counsel will be out of the office on previously scheduled leave from October 7, 2025, through October 14, 2025. 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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