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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

ROBERT E. BANKS, *Petitioner*, v. JULIE L. JONES, SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, *Respondent*.	Case No. SC16-1478 L.T. Case No: 1D15-330

RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE ANSWER BRIEF

Respondent, Julie L. Jones, in her capacity as Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.300(a), respectfully moves this Court for a 30-day extension of time, to and including February 16, 2017, in which to file her Answer Brief.

1. This Court accepted jurisdiction over this case on November 1, 2016. Pursuant to the Court's order accepting jurisdiction and order granting Petitioner's request for a 30-day extension, Petitioner filed his Initial Brief on December 22. Pursuant to Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.210(f) and Rule of Judicial Administration 2.514(b), Respondent's Answer Brief currently is due January 17.

2. Because of other pressing matters facing the Solicitor General's Office, including briefs due in several other cases and involvement in multiple cases pending in the United States Supreme Court, a 30-day extension is necessary.

3. In addition, as a result of Petitioner's 30-day extension on his Initial Brief, Respondent's briefing period fell over the Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King holidays, further supporting an extension of time to file.

4. The requested short extension will not substantially delay the resolution of the appeal and will not materially prejudice any party.

5. Counsel for Respondent has conferred with opposing counsel and is authorized to represent that Petitioner does not oppose the extension.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including February 16, 2017, in which to file her Answer Brief.

Respectfully Submitted,

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