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**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

October Term, 2002

PAUL DENNIS REID, JR., *Petitioner*,

v.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, *Respondent*,

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT
OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE**

To the Honorable John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Sixth Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, counsel for petitioner hereby makes application for an extension of thirty (30) days within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari, which is presently due to be filed in this Court on or before March 19, 2003. For grounds, counsel would show as follows:

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1257(a).

This is a capital case in which Petitioner has been sentenced to death on two counts. The judgment sought to be reviewed is the opinion of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in State v. Paul Dennis Reid, Jr., 91 S.W.3d 247 (Tenn. 2002), issued on

November 26, 2002. A petition to rehear was denied on December 19, 2002. The opinion, which includes the order denying the petition to rehear, is attached.

Counsel seeks the requested extension of time due to the pressure of counsel's other professional commitments, including primary responsibility for all appellate litigation in the Metropolitan Nashville Public Defender's Office during the time since the petition to rehear in this case was denied by the Tennessee Supreme Court. During that time, this office has filed briefs in some sixteen (16) cases in Tennessee's appellate courts. Counsel has been responsible for oral arguments in the Tennessee Supreme Court and the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in some four (4) additional cases during this time period, including the oral argument in an unrelated capital case. Counsel makes this request in good faith, and believes the requested extension of time is necessary.

Wherefore, counsel respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for certiorari to and including April 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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