IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,: No. 372 EAL 2011

Petitioner : Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the

: Order of the Superior Court

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TONY L. BENNETT,

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Respondent

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<u>ORDER</u>

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 22nd day of November 2011, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:

- (1) Does the Superior Court's published decision overturning [respondent's] first-degree murder conviction on the basis of a supposedly defective accomplice liability instruction overlook and contradict this Court's precedent?
- (2) In the alternative, did the Superior Court contravene this Court's precedent by failing to modify the judgment to the lesser-included offense of second-degree murder, which was unaffected by the supposedly erroneous jury instruction?