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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HAROLD L. ARMSTRONG,

Petitioner,

No. CIV S-08-0031 LKK DAD P

vs.

D.L. RUNNELS, et al.,

Respondents.

ORDER

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has timely filed a notice of appeal of this court's March 10, 2009 dismissal of his application for a writ of habeas corpus for failure to exhaust state remedies. Before petitioner can appeal this decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

A certificate of appealability may issue under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 “only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The court must either issue a certificate of appealability indicating which issues satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why such a certificate should not issue. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).


Where, as here, the petition was dismissed on procedural grounds, a certificate of appealability “should issue if the prisoner can show: (1) ‘that jurists of reason would find it

1 debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling'; and (2) 'that jurists of  
2 reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a  
3 constitutional right.'" Morris v. Woodford, 229 F.3d 775, 780 (9th Cir. 2000) (quoting Slack v.  
4 McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)).

5           After careful review of the entire record herein, this court finds that petitioner has  
6 not satisfied the first requirement for issuance of a certificate of appealability in this case.  
7 Specifically, there is no showing that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether petitioner  
8 has exhausted state remedies. Accordingly, a certificate of appealability should not issue in this  
9 action.

10                   IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 DATED: August 31, 2009.

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14 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON  
15 SENIOR JUDGE  
16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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