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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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9 STERLING ATKINS,

10       Petitioner,

2:02-cv-01348-JCM-PAL

11 vs.

**ORDER**12 RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,

13       Respondents.

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16       In this capital habeas corpus action, the petitioner, Sterling Atkins, is due to file his fourth  
17 amended habeas petition by April 6, 2016. *See* Order entered August 10, 2015 (ECF No. 167);  
18 Order entered February 8, 2016 (ECF No. 175).

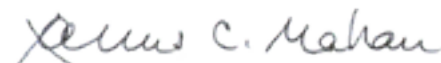
19       On March 25, 2016, Atkins filed a motion for extension of time (ECF No. 176), requesting  
20 an extension of time to June 6, 2016 -- a 61-day extension of time -- to file his fourth amended  
21 petition. Atkins' counsel states that the extension of time is necessary because of delay caused by  
22 the budgeting process for the case, because of difficulties caused by the large record in the case, and  
23 because of his responsibilities in other cases. This is the second extension of this deadline; it was  
24 previously extended by 58 days. Respondents do not oppose the motion for extension of time. The  
25 court finds that Atkins' motion for extension of time is made in good faith and not solely for the  
26 purpose of delay, and that there is good cause for the requested extension of time.

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that petitioner's motion for extension of time (ECF No. 176) is **GRANTED**. Petitioner shall have until and including **June 6, 2016**, to file and serve a fourth amended petition for writ of habeas corpus.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in all other respects, the schedule for further proceedings set forth in the order entered August 10, 2015 (ECF No. 167) shall remain in effect.

Dated March 30, 2016.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE