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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 TIMOTHY FILSON *et al.*,

13       Respondents.

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16       The petitioner in this capital habeas corpus action, Sterling Atkins, filed a fourth amended  
17 habeas petition on August 26, 2016 (ECF No. 183). Respondents filed a motion to dismiss on  
18 December 22, 2016 (ECF No. 192). Atkins filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss (ECF No.  
19 202), as well as a motion for evidentiary hearing (ECF No. 203) and motion for leave to conduct  
20 discovery (ECF No. 204) on April 21, 2017. Respondents were then due to file a reply in support of  
21 their motion to dismiss, and responses to the motion for evidentiary hearing and discovery motion,  
22 no later than May 22, 2017. *See* Order entered August 10, 2016 (ECF No. 167) (30 days).

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      On May 22, 2017, respondents filed a motion for an extension of time (ECF No. 207),  
requesting a 74-day extension of time, to August 4, 2017. Respondents' counsel states that the  
extension of time is necessary because of her obligations in other cases and time away from her  
office in May and June. Atkins' counsel does not oppose the motion for extension of time.

