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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARCUS SHARIF MCNEAL,

v.

BRIAN E. WILLIAMS, et al.,

Petitioner

Respondents

Case No. 2:16-cv-01618-JAD-EJY

Order Granting Extension of Time

[ECF No. 72]

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Respondents move for a 31-day extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to the amended petition for writ of habeas corpus in this case.¹ This is respondents' third request for extension of the deadline. Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that respondents' motion for enlargement of time [ECF No. 72] is **GRANTED**. Respondents have until February 11, 2021, to file an answer or otherwise respond to the amended petition.

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Given the age of this case and the lack of progress to date, I previously directed counsel for both parties to prioritize the briefing in this case over later-filed matters.² This instruction remains in effect moving forward. **Further extensions of time are not likely to be granted absent compelling circumstances and a strong showing of good cause why the deadline could not be met within the extended time allowed despite the exercise of due diligence.**

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Dated: 1-12-2021

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U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey

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¹ ECF No. 72.

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² ECF No. 70 (“[A]ny future request for extension of time—even if unopposed—will be carefully scrutinized for good cause and, moving forward, counsel will be required to prioritize the briefing in this case over later-filed matters.”)