

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON

Petitioner,

v.

JOE EASTERLING, Warden

Respondent.

No.1:09-CV-00085
JUDGE HAYNES

JOINT MOTION TO STAY AND ABEY

Consistent with the procedures outlined in *Rhines v. Weber*, 544 U.S. 269, 277 (2005), the parties jointly move the Court to hold in abeyance these habeas-corpus proceedings pending the Petitioner William Johnson's return to state court to exhaust certain claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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This motion is
CERTAINT, but
this action is also
ADMINISTRATIVELY
CLOSED and may be
reopened upon
motion of either
party.
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