



district court to consider the application.” 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). Kindred must obtain authorization from the Fifth Circuit before filing this petition. Until he obtains that authorization, this Court lacks jurisdiction over the petition. *United States v. Key*, 205 F.3d 773, 774 (5th Cir. 2000).

Based on the foregoing, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The habeas corpus petition (Dkt. 1) is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for lack of jurisdiction, and this docket is closed.
2. A certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.
3. All pending motions are **DENIED** as moot.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to the parties.

SIGNED at Victoria, Texas, on January 17, 2017.

  
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GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE