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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 DENNIS RICHARD WATTERS,

9 Petitioner,

Case No. C17-0036-TSZ-MAT

10 v.

11 RON HAYNES,

12 Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S
MOTION TO STAY AND ABEY THE
HABEAS CORPUS PETITION

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14 This is a habeas corpus action filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Currently before the
15 Court is respondent's motion to stay and abey the habeas petition pending resolution of petitioner's
16 state court proceedings, *In re Watters*, Washington Court of Appeals Cause No. 75399-1-I.
17 Petitioner did not oppose the motion. Based on the foregoing, the Court ORDERS:

18 (1) Respondent's motion to stay and abey these proceedings (Dkt. 11) is GRANTED.

19 (2) This action is STAYED pending completion of petitioner's state court proceedings.

20 Within thirty days after issuance of the mandate or certificate of finality in the state court
21 proceedings, the parties shall advise the Court whether the federal habeas action is ready to
22 proceed. Once the parties have advised the Court that the stay may be lifted, the Court will set a
23 new briefing schedule.

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(3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties and to the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2017.



Mary Alice Theiler
United States Magistrate Judge