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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NICHOLAS STERLING LITTLE,

Petitioner,

v.

RONALD HAYNES,

Respondent.

Case No. C20-1071-TSZ-MLP

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter is before the Court on Respondent’s Second Motion for an Extension of Time to File Answer. (Dkt. # 20.) Respondent was previously granted an extension of time to file answer because he had not received the state court record from the Washington state courts by the previous deadline. (Dkt. ## 12, 14.) Respondent now submits that he has received court files from the Washington Supreme Court but requests a 35-day extension of time in order to receive court files from the Washington Court of Appeals. (Dkt # 21 at ¶ 5.) Petitioner objects to this Court granting Respondent an additional extension and argues that Respondent is engaging in “dilatory tactics.” (Dkt. # 22.)

Here, Respondent has reasonably articulated that he has been unable to file an answer because he has not received the court files necessary to compile the state court record. (See dkt.

1 # 21 at ¶ 5.) Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in United States  
2 District Courts, the compilation of the state court record is necessary in order for Respondent to  
3 file an answer.

4 Accordingly, finding good cause, the Court GRANTS Respondent's Second Motion for  
5 an Extension of Time to File Answer (dkt. # 20). Respondent shall file his Answer to Petitioner's  
6 habeas petition on or before **December 18, 2020**. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this  
7 Order to the parties and to the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly.

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9 Dated this 12th day of November, 2020.

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12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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