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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA**

CECIL DUDGEON,

 Petitioner,

 v.

HENRY RICHARDS,

 Respondent.

NO. C09-5299 FDB/KLS

ORDER GRANTING
RESPONDENT’S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER

 Before the Court is Respondent’s Motion for Extension of Time to File an Answer to
Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. Dkt. 9. The Respondent’s answer is presently due on
September 3, 2009. Dkt. 10. Petitioner has filed no opposition to Respondent’s request for
an extension.

 Respondent requests an extension of time until October 19, 2009 in which to file his
answer to Mr. Dudgeon’s habeas petition. Dkt. 9. Although he requested files pertaining to
Mr. Dudgeon’s case from the Washington state courts on August 13, 2009, Respondent states
that he has not yet received any of the files requested from the Washington Court of Appeals
or the Washington Supreme Court and he requests additional time to obtain and review the
relevant state court record and so that he may prepare his response to the habeas petition. *Id.*,
p. 2.

 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

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1. Respondent's motion for an extension of time (Dkt. 9) is **GRANTED**.
Respondent shall file his answer **on or before October 19, 2009**.

2. The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to Petitioner and counsel for Respondent.

DATED this 18th day of September, 2009.

Handwritten signature of Karen L. Strombom in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Karen L. Strombom
United States Magistrate Judge