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No. 13-24-00042-cv

**In Re SPACE EXPLORATION
TECHNOLOGIES CORP.
AND LAUREN KREUGER,**

Relator

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**REAL PARTY IN INTEREST HECTOR GARCIA, JR'S FIRST MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR
WRIT OF MANDAMUS PETITION**

**ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM CAUSE NO. 2020-DCL-03939
444TH DISTRICT COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
HON. DAVID A. SANCHEZ, PRESIDING**

TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THIS COURT:

Real Party in Interest, Hector Garcia, Jr. (hereinafter "Real Party"), files this motion for an extension of time to file his Response to the Mandamus Petition filed by Relators in this matter. Real Party respectfully shows:

On January 12, 2024, this Court requested a response to the Mandamus Petition filed by Relators within 10 days of the Court's order, making the response

due January 22, 2024. Real Party in Interest requests an additional 30 days to file his Response, making the response due February 21, 2024.

This is Real Party's first motion for an extension of time to file his Response. Undersigned appellate counsel ("Durham") conferred with William Peterson, counsel for Relator Space Exploration Technologies Corp., who advised that Relator Space Exploration Technologies Corp. does not oppose this extension. Durham also conferred with Michael Garatoni, trial counsel for Hector Garcia, Jr., who is unopposed to the motion. Mr. Garatoni and Durham agreed that she would file the present extension motion on behalf of Hector Garcia, Jr..

Durham also conferred with Brandy Voss, counsel for Real Parties in Interest Jose Ruiz and Humberto Garcia, who advised they do not oppose this extension. Durham did not receive a response from Relator Kreuger's counsel, D. Alan Erwin. Accordingly, it is unknown whether Relator Lauren Kreuger is opposed to this extension.

Durham relies on the following facts as good cause for the requested extension:

Counsel has been engaged in the preparation for and attendance of the Evidentiary Hearing held in *Ex Parte John Eric Garcia*; Cause Nos. 2006-CR-2946 and 2006-CR-2946, on January 5, 2024 in Bexar County, Texas. Counsel also prepared for and attended the Evidentiary Hearing held in *Ex Parte Zackary Keith*

Huddleston; Cause No. B-31,380, on January 11, 2024 in Ector County, Texas. Additionally, Counsel prepared the Appellant's Brief filed in *Kenneth Frank McCann vs. The State of Texas*; Cause Nos. 11-23-00166-CR and 11-23-00167-CR, timely submitted on January 18, 2024. Finally, Counsel prepared the Proposed Memorandum and Order Designating Issues in *Ex Parte Raymond Scott Duke*; Cause No. 27241-A, timely submitted on January 19, 2024. Due to researching and writing the foregoing, along with other briefs in various stages of completion, Counsel is requesting a 30-day extension.

This request is not sought for purposes of delay but so that Real Party's position can be adequately represented.

For the above reasons, Real Party respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion to extend the deadline for his Response to February 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that I conferred with William Peterson, counsel for Relator Space Exploration Technologies Corp., who advised that Relator Space Exploration Technologies Corp. does not oppose this extension. I certify that I conferred with counsel for Real Party in Interest Hector Garcia, Michael Garatoni, who advised that Real Party in Interest Hector Garcia does not oppose this extension. I certify that I attempted to confer with D. Alan Erwin, counsel for Relator Lauren Kreuger, through e-mail on January 22, 2024, but Mr. Erwin did not return the e-mail.

By: /s/ Sarah Durham

Sarah Durham

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the above Extension of Time To File Response to Petition for Writ of Mandamus Petition was served in accordance with Rule 9.5 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure on William Peterson, Michelle Pector, Jared Wilkerson, and David Oliveira, attorneys for Space Exploration Technologies Corp. d/b/a SpaceX, at: William.peterson@morganlewis.com, michelle.pector@morganlewis.com, jared.wilkerson@morganlewis.com, and doliveira@roflp.com, respectively, in addition to D. Alan Erwin, attorney for

Lauren Elizabeth Krueger, at aerwin@roflp.com, and Michael Garatoni, attorney for Hector Garcia at e-service@daspitlaw.com .

By: /s/ Sarah Durham

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