

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

MOTION GRANTED



Michael P. Allen
Judge

February 15, 2024

JAMES W. RORIE, SR.,

Appellant,

v.

DENIS MCDONOUGH,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 22-5377

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO THE COURT'S ORDER
UNTIL MARCH 21, 2024**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 30-day extension of time within which to respond to Court's November 20, 2023, Order and Appellant's Supplemental Brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on February 20, 2024.

This additional time is needed because of undersigned counsel's current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which preclude completion of Appellee's response at this time.

Appellant has previously been granted 150 days of extension in the case thus far. Appellee has been granted 45 days of extension.

On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary's response. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 30 days, until March 21, 2024, is requested.

Appellant's counsel is unopposed to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until March 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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