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

WILLIE J. THREATT, JR., )
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          Appellant, )
                            )
          v. )      Vet. App. No. 15-0835
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ROBERT A. MCDONALD, )
Secretary of Veterans Affairs, )
                            )
          Appellee. )

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF
UNTIL FEBRUARY 17, 2017**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's Brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on January 3, 2017.

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

Accordingly, Appellee respectfully submits that good cause for this motion exists and requests that the Court grant a 45-day extension of time until February 17, 2017.

Appellee has been granted 14-days of extension in the case thus far. Appellant has been granted 14-days extension in the case.

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 45 days, until February 17, 2017, is requested.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

**WHEREFORE,** Appellee Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until February 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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