

**WOLFGANG A. PETERMANN,** )  
Appellant )  
 )  
v. ) Vet. App. No. 16-1093  
 )  
**ROBERT L. WILKIE,** )  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs, )  
Appellee. )

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g) the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to Appellant's application for attorney fees and expenses, and, as grounds therefor, states the following: due to a heavy work load, undersigned counsel needs additional time for the preparation of his response to Appellant's fee application, and to allow for supervisory review. That workload entails researching for and drafting no less than 15 briefs that are due to the Court during December, January, and February; preparing for 5 scheduled Rule-33 conferences; negotiating with Appellants' representatives in an effort to reach joint resolution in 13 cases; preparing for an oral argument, and responding to 7 fee applications already filed with the Court.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: Appellee's response was due to be filed January 2, 2019; neither party has requested any extension time in

connection with the fee application; and Appellant's counsel does not oppose this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to grant an extension of time to file the Secretary's Response to Appellant's Application for Attorney Fees and Expenses, until February 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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