

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

RICKEY R. MITCHELL,

Appellant,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

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Vet. App. No. 18-0004

**JOINT MOTION FOR A 45-DAY STAY OF PROCEEDINGS, FROM
DECEMBER 21, 2018, UNTIL FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

Pursuant to VET. APP. R. 5(a)(3), (c) and 27, the parties respectfully move the Court for a continued 45-day stay of proceedings, from December 21, 2018, until February 4, 2019.

The parties are in the process of preparing and negotiating the language of a motion for joint disposition, which, if successful, would be in the interest of judicial efficiency. This matter has been stayed for 90 days; however, the parties continue to diligently and productively work toward a joint resolution of this appeal and request an additional 45-day stay in which to continue that work. The issues in this appeal are numerous and complex. Therefore, the parties respectfully request a 45-day stay, until February 4, 2019, to ensure sufficient time for review and finalization of a motion for joint disposition that is mutually agreeable to the parties

and acceptable to the Court. The parties do not anticipate that any further stay will be required.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully move the Court to grant a 45-day stay of its proceedings until February 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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