IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

ALBERT P. BLUE, Appellant,))
٧.)) Vet. App. No. 15-1884
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
Appellee.)

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO APPELLANT'S EAJA APPLICATION

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45, the Secretary moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to Appellant's supplemental EAJA application and, as grounds therefor, states the following: due to heavy work load and the complicated nature of the case, counsel for the Secretary needs additional time to examine and to research more fully the EAJA application and the issues now before the Court.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: the Secretary's response was due to be filed April 8, 2019; neither party has received any extension in the attorney-fees portion of this case; and Appellant's counsel is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary requests an extension of time, until May 23, 2019, to file his response to Appellant's EAJA application.

Respectfully submitted,

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