IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

REGINALD BROWN, Appellant,

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ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee Vet.App. No. 19-1507

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, and 27, the Secretary respectfully moves this Court for a 45-day extension of time, until September 30, 2019, to respond to Appellant's brief. But for this motion, the Secretary's response is due no later than August 16, 2019. Additional time is needed to complete the brief and for supervisory review thereof. Counsel for the Secretary is working on briefs in 14 other cases; preparing to attend 8 briefing conferences; negotiating with counsel to reach joint agreement in 8 cases and preparing 6responses to an Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) application.

Pursuant to Rule 26(b)(1), the Secretary hereby informs the Court that neither party has requested any extension of time in this matter. Appellant is pro se.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary respectfully requests an extension of time until September 30, 2019, to respond to Appellant's brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. Rule 10(a)(5), I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that on August 13, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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