

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

WILLIE HAIRSTON, JR.,
Appellant,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
Appellee.

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Vet.App. No. 18-5399

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF UNTIL NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27, and 45(g), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a forty-five 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 October 7, 2019.

This request for additional time is made in light of workload considerations and to obtain supervisory review and approval.

As of the date of this motion, Appellant has been granted 45-additional days to respond to the Record Before the Agency¹. Appellee has not previously sought an extension of time for any filing in this case. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and to Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary’s response. However, in view of the aforesaid

¹ Prior to obtaining current counsel, on March 19, 2019, the *pro se* Appellant was granted an additional 60-days to file his opening brief. The Court subsequently revoked its December 20, 2018, Notice to File a Brief on March 29, 2019.

circumstances, an extension of forty-five days, until November 21, 2019, is requested.

Appellant's counsel has been consulted with respect to this motion and has advised that Appellant is unopposed to this motion for extension.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until November 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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