

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

THOMAS F. MANTING,)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 19-1774
)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
NOVEMBER 29, 2019, IN WHICH TO FILE APPELLEE’S BRIEF**

COMES NOW Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and, pursuant to R. 26(b) and 27(a) of the Court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, he moves the Court for a forty-five (45) day extension of time to November 29, 2019, in which to respond to Appellant’s brief.

Appellee’s response to Appellant’s brief is currently due to the Court on or before October 15, 2019. U.S. Vet.App. R. 26(a)(1). As good cause for this motion, Secretary’s counsel avers that because of other pressing deadlines in other cases presently before the Court, he needs additional time to consider the issues and arguments presented in Appellant’s brief before responding. Therefore, he moves the Court for additional time to complete his brief in this matter.

Counsel respectfully apologizes to the Court and to Appellant for this delay. This is the Secretary’s first request for an extension in this matter. Appellant has not sought an extension previously in this matter; counsel for Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee moves this Court to grant his motion for a 45-day extension of time, to November 29, 2019, in which to file his brief in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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