IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

THOMAS C. GRAHAM,)
Appellant)
Appellant,)
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ROBERT L. WILKIE,)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
Appellee.)

Vet. App. No. 18-6827

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 2019

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-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 25, 2019.

The request for more time is being made because of the undersigned attorney's extensive professional responsibilities and to allow additional supervisory review. Appellant previously requested a 45-day extension to to file his brief. The Secretary has not previously requested an extension for any action in this case. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary's response.

Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Acting Secretary of Veterans

Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to

Appellant's Brief, until December 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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