

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

<b>KENNEDY K. DECREE,</b>	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 19-1741
	)	
<b>ROBERT L. WILKIE,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF  
UNTIL DECEMBER 30, 2019**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, 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 or before November 15, 2019.

The request for additional time is being made because of Appellee’s counsel’s current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, to include the filing of approximately a dozen briefs, motions and responses in the previous month, and having participated in several briefing conferences over that time period. This additional time is also needed for supervisory review regarding the response to Appellant’s Brief, once completed.

Appellant has been granted 45-days extension in the case thus far. Appellee has previously been granted 0-days extension for this action, and a total of 0-days extension in the case thus far.

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. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until December 30, 2019, is requested.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief until December 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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