

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

**MARIA MARLINA T. TOMAS,**

Appellant,

v.

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

Appellee.

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Vet.App. No. 19-0253

MOTION GRANTED

Nov 22 2019

by /s/ Michael V. Leonard  
Deputy Clerk

**APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR 45-DAY EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO FILE THE APPELLEE'S BRIEF**

Pursuant to United States Court of Veterans Appeals Rule 26(b), Appellee respectfully moves this Court for a 45-day extension of time in which to file the Secretary's brief in the instant case, which would otherwise be due November 22, 2019.

The request for additional time is being made because, due to undersigned counsel's extensive professional responsibilities, additional time is needed in order to draft the Secretary's brief, and to allow for supervisory review. As a result, the Secretary is unable to meet the filing deadline. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of forty-five (45) days, until January 6, 2020, is requested.

The Secretary received a 45-day extension of time in which to serve and certify the service of the Record Before the Agency. Appellant has not received any extensions of time in this case.

Appellant is proceeding *pro se* and has not been contacted.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time, until January 6, 2020, in which to file his brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify under possible penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that, on November 22, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage prepaid to:

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