

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

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| DOUGLAS E. LEE,                | ) |                       |
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| Appellant,                     | ) |                       |
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| v.                             | ) | Vet. App. No. 19-3123 |
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| ROBERT L. WILKIE,              | ) |                       |
| Secretary of Veterans Affairs, | ) |                       |
|                                | ) |                       |
| Appellee.                      | ) |                       |

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF  
JANUARY 31, 2020**

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 December 17, 2019.

The request for more time is being made because of Appellate Attorney’s current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which precluded completion of Appellee’s response at this time.

Neither party has previously been granted any days of 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 January 31, 2020, is requested.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

**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 January 31, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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