

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

DONNA K. COBURN,
Appellant,

v.

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

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Vet. App. No. 19-5101

**APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR A 45-DAY
EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), the Secretary respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's brief would be due on January 14, 2020.

This additional time is needed 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.

Accordingly, Appellee respectfully submits that good cause for this motion exists and requests that the Court grant a 45-day extension of time.

Neither party has requested any extension time in this matter 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. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, however, an extension of 45 days is requested.

In compliance with Rule 27(a), the Secretary notifies the Court that Appellant is proceeding *pro se*.

WHEREFORE, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to grant a 45-day extension of time to file a response to Appellant's brief, until February 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 13th day of January 2020, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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