

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

CHARLES A. WATSON,
Appellant,

v.

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

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Vet. App. No. **19-2509**

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF
UNTIL MARCH 6, 2020**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g), the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his brief and, as grounds therefor, states that the request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney’s extensive professional responsibilities and therefore additional time is needed to draft the brief and submit the brief for supervisory review.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: the Secretary’s brief is due to be filed on January 21, 2020; the Secretary has not taken any prior extensions; and Appellant has taken 45 days of extensions.

Appellant is unrepresented.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the Secretary’s motion for an extension of time, until March 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On January 17, 2020, I mailed a copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to File Brief, 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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