IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

PAULA SIMMES, Appellant,)
٧.) Vet. App. No. 19-5474
ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
Appellee.)

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL MARCH 6, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee 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 January 21, 2020. The request for more time is being made because additional time is required to review, research, and prepare the Secretary's response to Appellant's Brief. This additional time is also needed because of the undersigned counsel's current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court.

Neither party has been granted any days of extension time thus far.

Appellant is proceeding pro se in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Appellee moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's brief until March 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 21st 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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