IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

| THOMAS LEE KIRK, |) |
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| Appellant, |) |
| V. |) Vet.App. No. 20-0707 |
| ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, |))) |
| Appellee. |) |

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. Rules 5(a)(3) and 27, Appellee respectfully moves the Court for a stay of proceedings in the above-captioned case.

In the interest of judicial efficiency, a stay of proceedings is necessary because Appellee filed a motion to dismiss in the instant case. In the event that the Court grants Appellee's dispositive motion, there will be no need for further proceedings before this Court.

Appellant is proceeding *pro se*.

WHEREFORE, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to grant a stay of proceedings in the instant case pending the disposition of the motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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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