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

No. 19-1507

REGINALD BROWN,

APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

**ORDER**

On February 13, 2019, the appellant filed a Notice of Appeal as to a January 17, 2019, decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) that remanded a claim for service connection for bilateral hearing loss. On January 8, 2020, the Court granted the Secretary's motion for leave to file a motion to dismiss out of time and directed the appellant to file a response to the motion within 20 days after the date of the order. In his motion, the Secretary argues that, because the Board remanded the hearing loss issue—the only issue addressed in its January 2019 decision—the Board decision does not constitute a final decision such that the Court would have jurisdiction over the appeal. Under the law, this Court may review only final Board decisions that have been decided against a claimant. The appellant has not responded to the Secretary's motion.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the appellant show cause, within 20 days after the date of this order, why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. If the appellant fails to do so, the Court may dismiss this appeal without further notice. Proceedings are stayed until further order of the Court.

DATED: March 13, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

GREGORY O. BLOCK  
Clerk of the Court

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