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

No. 20-1295

TELLISON FORDE,

APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

**ORDER**

On March 26, 2020, the Secretary filed a motion for leave to file a motion dismiss in lieu of filing a Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) decision. On the same date, the Court received the Secretary's motion to dismiss. In addition, the Secretary filed a motion to stay proceedings pending the Court's ruling on the motion to dismiss.

In his Notice of Appeal (NOA), the appellant stated that he is appealing a January 21, 2020, Board decision. In his motion to dismiss, the Secretary reports that there is no January 21, 2020, Board decision that has been issued in the appellant's name.

The Court notes that in the appellant's NOA, he states "[o]n appeal from the Department of Veterans Affairs Region Office in Albany, New York" and that it appears the appellant maybe attempting to appeal a regional office rating decision. Under the law, this Court may only review final Board decisions which have been decided against a claimant. It is

ORDERED that the Secretary's motion for leave is granted. The Secretary's motion to dismiss will be filed as of the date of this order. It is further

ORDERED that the Secretary's motion to stay proceedings is granted. It is further

ORDERED that, within 20 days after the date of this order, the appellant must explain why the Court should not dismiss this appeal. Such an explanation should include a copy of the decision he seeks to appeal. If the appellant fails to do so, the Court may dismiss this appeal without further notice.

DATED: April 2, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

GREGORY O. BLOCK  
Clerk of the Court

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