IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

ROBERT C. HENSLEY, Petitioner,	
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ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Respondent.	

Vet. App. No. 20-1933

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 15-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S APRIL 17, 2020, ORDER, UNTIL MAY 18, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g) the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 15-day extension of time to file his response to the Court's April 17, 2020, Order, and, as good cause therefor, states the following: due a heavy workload and logistical challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, undersigned counsel needs additional time in order to coordinate with the relevant VA Regional Office (RO), draft his pleading, and to allow for supervisory review. That heavy workload entails researching for and drafting no less than 10 briefs that are due to the Court during May and June; negotiating potential joint resolutions in 19 cases; preparing for 4 Rule 33 conferences; responding to 1 petition for extraordinary relief; and responding to 5 EAJA fee applications already filed with this Court.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: his response to the Court's order is due May 1, 2020; neither party has requested any extension in this case; and Petitioner's counsel does not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the

Secretary's unopposed motion for an extension of time, until May 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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