

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

ALLEN GUMPENBERGER,)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 20-4155
)	
DENIS MCDONOUGH,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE’S RESPONSE TO THE COURT’S ORDER
DATED OCTOBER 21, 2021**

Appellee Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, submits this response to the Court’s October 21, 2021, Order, which directed the Secretary, within seven (7) days, to serve a copy of the Court’s Order on the Veteran, Arturo Valadez, and provide the Court notice of such service.

On October 27, 2021, undersigned counsel mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the Court’s October 21, 2021, Order, notifying the Veteran of his right to intervene in the proceedings, to him at the following address:

Arturo Valadez
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WHEREFORE, Appellee Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, responds to the Court’s October 21, 2021, Order, and submits this notice for the Court’s review and any action deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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