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

No. 20-6227

WILLIAM D. COWAN,

APPELLANT,

v.

DENIS McDONOUGH,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

Before ALLEN, TOTH, and FALVEY, *Judge*.

**ORDER**

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),  
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

Army veteran William D. Cowan, through counsel, appeals a May 7, 2020, Board of Veterans' Appeals decision that stated that Mr. Cowan's right knee disability was rated as follows: (1) a 10% rating based on flexion before February 20, 2018; (2) a 10% rating based on extension from February 28, 2012, to May 12, 2014; (3) a 30% rating for extension limitation from May 12, 2014, to May 2, 2017; (4) a 40% rating for extension limitation from May 2, 2017; (5) a 10% rating for instability before and from February 20, 2018; and (6) a 50% rating for ankylosis from February 20, 2018.

After reviewing the parties' briefs, which focused on whether VA provided Mr. Cowan with notice that complied with 38 U.S.C. § 5104, and conducting oral argument, the Court determined that it needed additional information to adjudicate this case. Thus, on March 2, 2022, the Court issued an order directing the parties to respond, within 14 days after the date of the order, addressing the issues identified in the order.

On March 8, 2022, the Secretary filed an unopposed motion for an extension to respond to the Court's order. The Secretary states that an extension is necessary because of workload and to allow sufficient time for coordination with Agency stakeholders and for supervisory review. He requests that the deadline be extended to March 30, 2022. Mr. Cowan's counsel does not oppose the motion.

The Court will grant the Secretary's unopposed motion for extension and his response will be due by March 30, 2022. *See* U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b). Because the Court is granting the Secretary's motion for extension and because both parties' responses to the Court's order are due on the same day, we will also grant Mr. Cowan an extension and his response is due by March 30, 2022.

On consideration of the above, it is

ORDERED that the Secretary's motion for extension is granted and his response to the Court's March 2, 2022, order is due by March 30, 2022. It is further

ORDERED, that Mr. Cowan is granted an extension and that his response to the Court's March 2, 2022, order will be due by March 30, 2022.

DATED: March 10, 2022

PER CURIAM.

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