

JOE N. BRADDY, JR.,)
Appellant,)
)
v.) Vet. App. No. 20-6259
)
DENIS MCDONOUGH,)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
Appellee.)

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g) the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to the Court's Order issued March 8, 2022 (Order), and, as good cause therefor, states the following: lead counsel for this case is currently on leave for active duty military service; undersigned counsel will be on previously-scheduled leave the week of March 21, 2022, to March 25, 2022; and, furthermore, due a heavy workload, undersigned counsel needs additional time in order to familiarize himself with the case, examine and to research more fully the record and the issues now before the Court, and to allow for supervisory review. Undersigned counsel's heavy workload entails researching for and drafting no less than 16 briefs that are due to the Court during March, April, and May; negotiating potential joint resolutions in 11 cases; preparing for 7 Rule 33 conferences; preparing for one oral argument; and responding to 3 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 to be filed March 29, 2022; Appellant has received 45 days of extension in this case; the Secretary received 45 days of extension in this case, with none being for the instant pleading; and Appellant'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 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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