IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

GARY PHILBROOK, Appellant,	
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DENIS MCDONOUGH, Secretary of Veterans Af Appellee.	fairs,

Vet. App. No. 18-5628

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL, AUGUST 19, 2022, TO FILE THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO APPELLANT'S FEE APPLICATION

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 Appellant's application for attorney's fees. As grounds therefor, he states the following: due to current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, undersigned was precluded from submitting a formal recommendation and draft pleading to her supervisors within the time necessary to allow for timely approval and filing of the Secretary's response.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: his response to Appellant's fee application is due to be filed by July 5, 2022; neither party has received an extension in the fee stage of this case. Counsel for Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the Secretary's unopposed motion for an extension of time, until August 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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