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

JOEL NEWMAN, Appellant, v. DENIS MCDONOUGH, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 18-2015

## APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2023

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 5, Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 9-day stay of proceedings, from December 28, 2022, to January 6, 2023, in the interest of judicial efficiency. The parties are in the process of considering potential alternative resolution in the fee application stage of this appeal. Such alternative resolution of the fee application stage of this appeal would be in the interests of judicial efficiency, and so the Secretary requests that the proceedings in this appeal be stayed, in order to allow the parties to engage in such discussions. No party will be prejudiced by a stay of this case.

Appellant's counsel has been consulted with respect to this motion and has advised that they are unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 9-day stay of proceedings, until January 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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