

**RUBEN VILLANUEVA, JR.,** )  
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 Appellant, )  
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 v. ) Vet. App. No. 21-3663  
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 **DENIS MCDONOUGH,** )  
 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, )  
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 Appellee. )

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. Rules 26(b) and 45(g), Appellee, Denis McDonough, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Appellee or the Secretary) respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to Appellant's Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) application and, as good cause therefor, states that the request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney's extensive professional responsibilities and therefore additional time is needed to prepare his response to Appellant's EAJA application and obtain supervisory review of the same.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: his response to Appellant's EAJA application is due to be filed on February 24, 2023; neither party has received any previous extensions in the EAJA phase of this case; and Appellant's counsel is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the Secretary's unopposed motion for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to Appellant's EAJA application, until April 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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