IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

AARON N. ADAMS, Appellant, v. DENIS MCDONOUGH, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 21-3239

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S EAJA APPLICATION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully requests a 30-day extension within which to file in response to the Appellant's application for an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, which is due on May 31, 2023.

The request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney's extensive professional responsibilities which, during the past month, have entailed numerous filing deadlines in other cases before the Court and thus precluded completion of Appellee's response by this date. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and the Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing a response to the EAJA application.

Neither party has previously been granted any days of extension in

this EAJA case thus far.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans

Affairs, respectfully moves the Court to grant a 30-day extension of time until June 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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