

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

**PATRICK J. COLLINS; MARCUS J.
LIOTTA; WILLIAM M.
HITCHCOCK,
Plaintiffs–Appellants,**

v.

**STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, SECRETARY,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
TREASURY; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
THE TREASURY; FEDERAL
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY;
MELVIN L. WATT,
Defendants–Appellees.**

No. 17-20364

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
DEFENDANTS’ RESPONSE BRIEFS**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(b), defendants hereby respectfully move for a 30-day extension of time, to and including September 18, 2017, within which to file defendants’ response briefs. This is defendants’ first request for an extension of time. In support of this motion, counsel states as follows:

1. This case raises a number of challenges to actions taken by Treasury and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) with respect to the operation of the conservatorships of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). The district court granted defendants’ motions to dismiss plaintiff’s claims. Plaintiffs filed their opening brief on

July 19, 2017. Defendants' briefs are currently due August 18, 2017. Defendants have not previously requested an extension of time in this case.

2. An extension is necessary to allow counsel for defendants adequate time to prepare their response brief in light of prearranged travel. Abby Wright and Gerard Sinzdak are the primary attorneys assigned to handle the case for Treasury. Mark Stern is the supervising attorney.

Ms. Wright will be out of the office from August 11 through August 18. Mr. Sinzdak will be out of the office from August 17 through August 25. Mr. Stern will be out of the office from July 31 through August 18.

3. Counsel for appellants does not oppose this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 20, 2017, I filed and served the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by causing a copy to be electronically filed via the appellate CM/ECF system. I also hereby certify that the participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and will be served via the CM/ECF system.

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