The extension is being sought due to defendant's counsel's heavy workload during the past month combined with her long-scheduled holiday leave and cross-country travel. In addition, reduced staffing makes reassignment of the case to another attorney an impossibility, as no other attorney is available to take on additional duties. Several senior attorneys have recently left the regional counsel's office and cannot be replaced due to the hiring freeze.

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Given these constraints, the Commissioner respectfully requests 30 additional days in which to complete the Commissioner's cross-motion for summary judgment. The new due date will be February 8, 2012. The parties further stipulate that the Court's Scheduling Order shall be modified accordingly. Respectfully submitted, Dated: January 11, 2012 /s/ Bess M. Brewer (As authorized via e-mail) BESS M. BREWER Attorney for Plaintiff Dated: January 9, 2012 BENJAMIN B. WAGNER United States Attorney /s/ Brenda M. Pullin BRENDA M. PULLIN Special Assistant U.S. Attorney IT IS SO ORDERED: Dated: January 17, 2012 /s/ Gregory G. Hollows
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE