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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

FELIX VINCENT SITTHIVONG,

Petitioner,

v.

MIKE OBENLAND,

Respondent.

Case No. C14-1876RSL

ORDER GRANTING
PETITIONER'S FOURTH
MOTION FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter comes before the Court on petitioner's fourth motion for an extension of time in which to file objections to the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Michelle L. Peterson, United States Magistrate Judge (Dkt. # 53). Petitioner filed three previous requests for extensions of time in which to file objections to this Report and Recommendation (Dkts. # 44, # 46, # 49), and the Court granted petitioner additional time (Dkts. # 45, # 48, # 52). As a result of the Court's most recent extension of time, petitioner has had approximately nine months to file objections.

The government did not respond to petitioner's most recent motion for an extension of time, which the Court considers as an admission that the motion has merit. LCR 7(b)(2). Petitioner's motion explains that his correctional facility is being closed, resulting in his transfer to another facility. Dkt. # 53. Petitioner's motion, written on August 9, 2021, and filed on August 16, 2021, reflects that at the time of his writing, he was about to be transferred to a new facility. Id. Petitioner requested an "unspecified amount of time, that the Court deem reasonable," given the transfer. Id. at 2. The docket reflects that as of August 19, 2021, ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S FOURTH MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME - 1

petitioner had been transferred to "WCC," i.e., the Washington Corrections Center, Dkt. # 55, and that as of August 25, 2021, petitioner had been transferred to "SCCC," i.e., Stafford Creek Corrections Center, Dkt. # 56. Given that petitioner's recent transition from one facility to another has inhibited his ability to prepare objections, and the government has not responded to petitioner's motion, the Court will grant an additional 60-day extension for him to file objections. Given the number of extensions petitioner has been granted, and the length of time petitioner has had to file objections, the Court anticipates that this will be petitioner's final extension, absent some evidence of some specific barrier to petitioner's filing of his objections and evidence that petitioner has been diligently preparing his objections.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby GRANTS petitioner's motion (Dkt.

53) by providing him an additional 60-day extension of time in which to file objections. The Clerk of Court is directed to renote the Report and Recommendation on the Court's calendar for November 5, 2021. Petitioner's objections, if any, are due on or before October 15, 2021.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2021.

Robert S. Lasnik

United States District Judge