

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

No. 16-1722C
(Filed March 2, 2017)

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HEALTH NET, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

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ORDER

Defendant has moved to stay this case, pending the resolution of certain other cases raising similar legal issues. Plaintiff opposes this request. The Court has previously denied an essentially identical motion. *Montana Health v. United States*, 16-1427C (Fed. Cl. Dec. 14, 2016). Because the government still has not shown the requisite “pressing need,” the motion for a stay is **DENIED**. In the alternative, defendant requests a sixty-day enlargement of the time period in which it may respond to the complaint. Plaintiff does not oppose this request.[†] Accordingly, that request is **GRANTED** and defendant shall file its response to the complaint on or by **Monday, May 1, 2017**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Victor J. Wolski _____
VICTOR J. WOLSKI
 Judge

[†] Plaintiff filed a motion for a status conference, in which it stated that it was opposed to the stay but not the enlargement. That motion is **DENIED-AS-MOOT** in light of the denial of the government’s motion for a stay.