

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Jose Eduardo M. v. Frank Bisignano

No. 3:25-cv-01039-AHG, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (June 17, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted the parties’ joint motion for an extension of time to file the certified administrative record in a Social Security case. The court found good cause and extended the deadline from June 23, 2025, to July 23, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allison H. Goddard
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
DECIDED	June 17, 2025
DOCKET	3:25-cv-01039-AHG
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff brought an action seeking review of a Social Security Administration decision. The parties jointly moved to extend the deadline for Defendant to file the certified administrative record.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A request to extend a deadline under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b) requires good cause. The good-cause inquiry focuses primarily on the diligence of the party seeking the extension and the reasons for the requested modification.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- judicial review of agency action

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- administrative law
- Social Security judicial review

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the parties demonstrated good cause to extend the deadline for Defendant to file the certified administrative record.

HOLDINGS

1. The parties demonstrated good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b), so the court granted their joint motion and extended the deadline for Defendant to serve the certified administrative record by 30 days, to July 23, 2025.

KEY QUOTATIONS

““Good cause” is a non-rigorous standard that has been construed broadly across procedural and statutory contexts.” (1)

“Upon due consideration, the Court finds good cause to GRANT the parties’ joint motion.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Office of Appellate Operations was preparing the certified administrative record, and the preparation process had progressed but was not complete. After the record was prepared, Defendant's counsel needed additional time to review it for accuracy and completeness. The parties therefore jointly requested a 30-day extension of the deadline to file the record.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was filed in the Southern District of California on April 24, 2025. Defendant's certified administrative record was due June 23, 2025, and the parties jointly requested a 30-day extension because the agency was still preparing the record and defense counsel needed additional time to review it. The court granted the motion and continued the deadline to July 23, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Ahanchian v. Xenon Pictures, Inc., 624 F.3d 1253, 1259 (9th Cir. 2010)
- Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992)