

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

**Norma Karla Farias Romero v. Director, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services, et al.**

Farias Romero · No. 2:25-cv-01287-JNW · Decided January 12, 2026

OPINION

Norma Karla Farias Romero v. Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, et al.

PER CURIAM.

1 District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead 2 3 4 5 6

7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 AT SEATTLE

9 NORMA KARLA FARIAS ROMERO, Case No. 2:25-cv-01287-JNW 10 Plaintiff,
STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD

11 v. CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

12 DIRECTOR, U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND Noted for Consideration: IMMIGRATION
SERVICES, et al., January 9, 2025 13 Defendants. 14 15 Plaintiff and Defendants, pursuant to
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 16 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly
stipulate and move to continue to stay these proceedings until

17 January 23, 2026. Plaintiff Norma Karla Farias Romero brings this litigation pursuant to the
18 Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), seeking an order to compel U.S. Citizenship and 19
Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to either issue bona fide determinations or wait list 20
determinations for her and her derivatives’ Form I-918/I-918A petitions. This case is currently 21
stayed through January 9, 2026. Dkt. No. 12, Order. 22 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay
proceedings. Clinton v. Jones, 520 U.S. 681, 706 23 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is
incidental to the power inherent in every court to 24 control the disposition of the causes on its
docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for 1 counsel, and for litigants.” Landis v. N.
Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); see also Fed. R. Civ. 2 P. 1. 3 As previously reported, USCIS
has adjudicated the petitions at issue. Due to USCIS 4 systems issues, Plaintiff has not yet
received the employment documentation in the mail. Once 5 those documents are received, the
parties will stipulate to dismissal of this case. Accordingly, for 6 good cause, the parties stipulate
and respectfully request that this Court continue to stay this 7 litigation through January 23, 2026.

8 DATED this 9th day of January, 2026. 9 Respectfully submitted,

10 CHARLES NEIL FLOYD

United States Attorney 11 s/ Michelle R. Lambert See PDF for Plaintiff’s Signature

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17 Attorneys for Defendants 18 I certify that this memorandum contains 221 words, in compliance
with the Local Civil 19 Rules. 20 21 22 23 24

1 ORDER

2 The case is held in abeyance until January 23, 2026. The parties shall submit a status 3 /update
on or before January 23, 2026. It is so ORDERED. 4 5 DATED this 12th day of January, 2026. 6 7
□□□ 9 United States District Judge 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 I hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the United States Attorney for the 3
Western District of Washington and of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve 4
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6 Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notice of such filing to the following
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