

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
STAY IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

Administrative Order
No. 18-MS-109

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Funding lapsed for some portions of the federal government, including the Department of Justice, on December 21, 2018. This requires affected agencies of the federal government to limit operations to matters deemed essential under applicable law, and to shutdown other operations until a funding vehicle is in place. Consistent with this, the Department of Justice intends to furlough attorneys that were working on Social Security appeals pending in this Court. Attorneys on furlough status are prohibited by law from working on matters assigned to them.

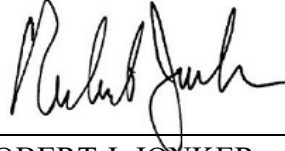
In light of this, the Court has determined that the present partial government shutdown provides good cause for a temporary stay of all pending Social Security cases, and that entry of a single Administrative Order on this issue will serve the interests of judicial economy. The Court therefore enters this Administrative Order, which applies to all pending Social Security cases in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed. Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED that all proceedings in any Social Security case pending before this Court, in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed, are hereby **STAYED** until sixty(60) days from the date of this Order. Following expiration of the stay, Magistrate Judges of this Court may set new briefing deadlines, and make all necessary scheduling adjustments in particular cases. The Clerk need not file a copy of this order in any individual case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party may seek relief from this temporary stay for good cause shown in a particular case, and the Magistrate Judges of this Court are authorized to decide such requests.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court reserves to itself the power to cancel or to extend the stay by further Administrative Order.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Jonker", written over a horizontal line.

Dated: December 22, 2018

ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE