

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

MICHAEL J. FORBES,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

No. 24-1953

(Filed: November 4, 2025)

ORDER

At the end of the day on September 30, 2025, the appropriations act that had been funding the Department of Justice expired and those appropriations lapsed. In light of the foregoing, the Court stayed proceedings in this matter with the expectation that the stay be lifted automatically once Congress restored appropriations to the Department of Justice. The Court further ordered that all deadlines in the case be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations – i.e., each deadline was to be extended by the total number of days of the lapse in appropriations.

The shutdown has now persisted for more than 30 days without an indication of when funds will be restored. As such, the Court finds that a continued stay is contrary to the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of this matter. Accordingly, the stay in this matter is **LIFTED**. The Government's answer to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint (ECF 36), previously due October 17, 2025, shall be **FILED** on or before **November 21, 2025**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Philip S. Hadji

PHILIP S. HADJI

Judge