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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES *ex rel.*, IRVING L. FAUGHT, ADMINISTRATOR,	)	
Plaintiff/Appellee,	)	
v.	)	Case No. 98,663
ACCELERATED BENEFITS CORPORATION; and AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF ORLANDO,	)	(District Court Case No. CJ-99-2500-66)
Defendants/Appellants,	)	

DEFENDANTS/APPELLANTS'
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Defendants/Appellants, Accelerated Benefits Corporation and American Title Company of Orlando (collectively referred to herein as "Defendants"), pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 1.6(b), hereby request an extension of twenty (20) days, or until April 24, 2003, to file their Brief-in-Chief in the captioned appeal. In support of this Motion, Defendants state:

1. This appeal was filed on December 30, 2002 and the Notice for Completion of Record was filed with this Court on February 3, 2003. Therefore, Defendants' Brief-in-Chief is due April 4, 2003.

2. There have been no prior delays or extensions granted during the course of this appeal.

3. The parties are involved in settlement discussions concerning this appeal and there is substantial probability this matter will be settled rendering this appeal moot.

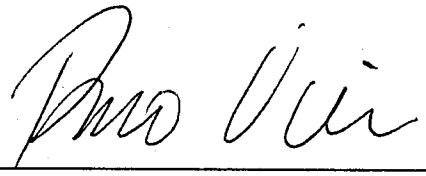
4. The issues involved in this appeal and settlement discussions will consume significant amounts of time and resources. Due to the possibility of settlement, the requested extension is the minimum time necessary to allow counsel sufficient time to complete their opening brief if settlement efforts should fail.

5. In addition, even if settlement efforts fail, the attorneys responsible for preparing the Brief-in-Chief have several scheduling conflicts. First, attorneys for Defendants have a response to a Petition for Certiorari due before this Court on April 2, 2003 in *Robert T. Steele, Jr., et ux v. Farmers Insurance Company, Inc., et al.*, Oklahoma Supreme Court No. 96,641, (Lower Court Case No. CJ-99-1631-L, District Court of Cleveland County). Second, Defendants' attorneys have a pretrial conference scheduled on April 2, 2003 in *Frank Miskovsky v. Pomeroy Select Integration Solutions, Inc.*, Case No. CJ-2000-5694, District Court of Oklahoma County.

6. These matters will consume significant amounts of time and resources and cannot be avoided. Due to the convergence of these matters, the

requested extension is the minimum time necessary to allow counsel sufficient time to prepare Defendants' Brief-in-Chief.

WHEREFORE, Defendants/Appellants, Accelerated Benefits Corporation and American Title Company of Orlando, respectfully request an extension of twenty (20) days, or until April 24, 2003, to file their Brief-in-Chief in the captioned appeal.



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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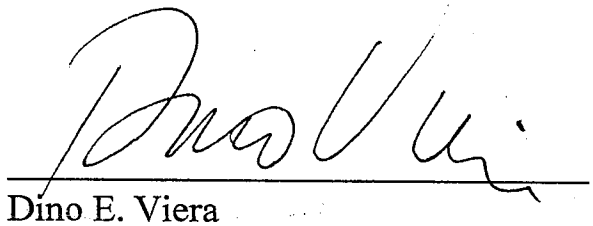

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