

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**No. 06-5113**

**September Term, 2006**

**05cv02183**

**Filed On: July 6, 2007** [1051832]

American Federation of Government Employees,  
AFL-CIO, et al.,  
Appellees

v.

Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense, in his official  
capacity and Linda M. Springer, Director, in her  
official capacity,  
Appellants

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of appellees' petition for rehearing en banc, it is

**ORDERED**, on the court's own motion, that, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order, appellants file a response to the petition for rehearing en banc, not to exceed fifteen (15) pages. Absent further order of the court, the court will not accept a reply to the response.

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY:  
Michael C. McGrail  
Deputy Clerk