

**Matter of CASTILLO-PEREZ, Respondent**

*Decided by Acting Attorney General January 29, 2019*

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General

**BEFORE THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL**

On December 3, 2018, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), I directed the Board of Immigration Appeals to refer this case to me for review of its decision. To assist me in my review, I directed that opening briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 4, 2019, that reply briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 18, 2019, and that briefs from amici be filed on or before January 18, 2019.

On December 22, 2018, appropriations lapsed for the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. On December 31, 2018, in light of that lapse in appropriations and at the requests of the parties, I suspended the previously set briefing schedule. The Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security have since received funding permitting them to resume normal operations. Therefore, I set the following briefing schedule in this matter:

The parties' briefs shall not exceed 15,000 words and shall be filed on or before February 11, 2019. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before February 25, 2019. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before February 25, 2019. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to [AGCertification@usdoj.gov](mailto:AGCertification@usdoj.gov), and in triplicate to:

United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Office of the Attorney General, Room 5114  
Washington, DC 20530

All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines.