

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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MICHAEL ETCHEGOINBERRY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

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No. 11-564L
Filed: November 18, 2014

ORDER

The court is in receipt of the parties' November 14, 2014 "Sixth Joint Status Report Regarding Settlement Discussions." The November 14, 2014 joint status report is a lengthy and comprehensive summary of the events that have taken place over the last six months and reflect the good faith basis of the parties' settlement efforts. The court again recognizes the challenging task before the parties and the court commends the parties for attempting to resolve the above captioned case.

The November 14, 2014 joint status report indicates that "the Parties remain optimistic that a settlement can be reached. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter another six-month stay of proceedings. If granted, the Parties propose to continue filing joint status reports every 60 days on January 15, 2014 [sic], March 16, 2015, and May 15, 2015, while settlement discussions continue. The Parties further propose that in the May 15, 2015 Joint Status Report, the Parties discuss proposals regarding how to proceed in this case and include a proposed timeline." The court commends the parties for attempting to resolve the above captioned case. The parties' request is **GRANTED**. The court hereby **STAYS** the above captioned case for a period of six months. The parties shall file a joint status report on **Thursday, January 15, 2015, Monday, March 16, 2015, and Friday, May 15, 2015**, indicating the progress of the settlement discussions, and if it continues to be appropriate for the case to be stayed. In the May 15, 2015 joint status report, the parties shall propose how to proceed in the above captioned case, with a proposed timeline. One party may file the joint status report with the consent of the other party reflected in the joint status report. In the November 14, 2014 joint status report, "Plaintiffs again request that any stay granted by the Court provide allowances to the Parties to make motions with or otherwise seek relief from the Court during the stay period that will facilitate settlement (e.g., motion to preliminarily approve a proposed settlement class and motion for final approval of the proposed settlement) in the event settlement negotiations progress to

the point where such requests are necessary and timely.” At any time before May 15, 2015, a party may make a motion that will facilitate settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Marian Blank Horn
MARIAN BLANK HORN
Judge