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April 20, 2009

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Re: Sub-case 75-13716, 75-13717, 75-13718

Dear Mr. Dolan:

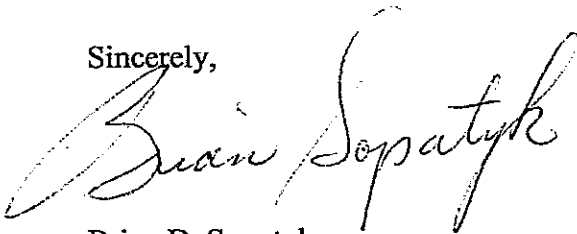
I need time to hire an attorney. I have tried working with the objectors through the IDWR as well as with the objectors directly for a mediated settlement in the above claims. Regrettably, I have not been able to accomplish anything.

A meeting was scheduled for April 30th between the objectors and me to hopefully come together for a negotiated settlement. Unfortunately, I was informed verbally yesterday and by email today that the meeting was cancelled since the objectors now do not want to meet. They indicated that they would meet with me on May 1st; however, that is two days past the discovery date and on the day of the mandatory settlement conference.

With that in mind, I respectfully request an extension of time for both the discovery date of April 30, 2009, and the mandatory settlement meeting date of May 1, 2009. This will allow me time to hire an attorney to represent me in this complicated procedure and also give them time to get up to speed on this matter.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at 208-841-3045.

Sincerely,



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