|  |  <br> TELEPHONE CONFERENCE before SPECIAL MASTER <br> RALPH I. LANCASTER, held at the law offices of Pierce Atwood, LLP, at Merrill's Wharf, 254 Commercial Street, <br> Portland, Maine, on June 9, 2015, commencing at 10:00 a.m., before Claudette G. Mason, RMR, CRR, a the public in and for the state or Maine. <br> APPEARANCES: <br> For the State of Florida: <br> For the State of Georgia: <br> For the U.S.A.: <br> Also Present: <br> ALLEN C. WINSOR, ESQ. OSVALDO VAZQUEZ, ESQ. CHRISTOPHER M. KISE, ESQ. PHILIP J. PERRY, ESQ. <br> CRAIG S. PRIMIS, P.C. BRITT GRANT, ESQ. SARAH HAWKINS WARREN, ESQ. K. WINN ALLEN, ESQ. <br> MICHAEL T. GRAY, ESQ. JOSHUA D. DUNLAP, ESQ. |  | Georgia. And calling remotely, I believe, also are Craig Primis, Sarah Warren, and Winn Allen from Kirkland \& Ellis. <br> SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you, Georgia. <br> The United States? <br> MR. GRAY: Yes. Good morning, your Honor. This is Michael Gray for the United States. <br> SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Is there anyone else who hasn't responded to my request for entrance of appearances who is on the call? <br> Hearing none, I will assume none. <br> Is there anything that you want to add to the status reports, Florida? <br> MR. WINSOR: This is Allen Winsor. <br> No, sir. <br> SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia? <br> MR. PRIMIS: No, Special Master. <br> SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: I think this should be a relatively brief meeting. We saw each other recently, and $I$ then complimented and congratulated you on the briefs. Let me now compliment you on the cooperation and the THE REPORTING GROUP |
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| 1 |  | 1 | progress you're making |
| 2 | PROCEEDINGS | 2 | pleased to see that the parties are |
| 3 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Good morning, | 3 | continuing to work together to resolve the |
| 4 | counsel. | 4 | issues. |
| 5 | MR. WINSOR: Good morning. | 5 | I just want to remind you that the |
| 6 | MR. PRIMIS: Good morning. | 6 | parties are expected to complete discovery |
| 7 | MS. GRANT: Good morning. | 7 | within the recently extended time frame with |
| 8 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: I have Josh | 8 | no further extensions. |
| 9 | and Claudette with me. You should have | 9 | Do you expect any difficulties regarding |
| 10 | received her transcript yesterday. | 10 | the timelines of responses by third parties, |
| 11 | Let me ask if you could enter | 11 | Florida? |
| 12 | appearances, please. First, for Florida. | 12 | MR. WINSOR: Your Honor, not at this |
| 13 | MR. WINSOR: Good morning, Special | 13 | time. I think that we're getting |
| 14 | Master. This is Allen Winsor along with | 14 | satisfactory responses on the whole from the |
| 15 | Os Vazquez for Florida. And joining on the | 15 | third parties. |
| 16 | line remotely, I believe, are Mr. Kise and | 16 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia? |
| 17 | Mr. Perry from our outside counsel team. | 17 | MR. PRIMIS: Third party discovery -- |
| 18 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you. | 18 | this is Craig Primis. |
| 19 | MR. KISE: Good morning, your Honor. | 19 | Third party discovery is moving along |
| 20 | MR. PERRY: Yes, good morning, your | 20 | well, and we're making good progress. There |
| 21 | Honor. | 21 | are substantial amounts of information that |
| 22 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you. | 22 | we're working in good faith with the United |
| 23 | Georgia? | 23 | States to produce, but they have multiple |
| 24 | MS. GRANT: Good morning, your Honor. | 24 | agencies and a lot of information. And so |
| 25 | This is Britt Grant from the State of THE REPORTING GROUP <br> Mason \& Lockhart | 25 | I'm not saying that we don't expect it to be THE REPORTING GROUP <br> Mason \& Lockhart |

complete, but I just raise as a potential
issue the timing and the volume of information from the United States.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, the volume of the information certainly is huge. I couldn't help noting that there are a total of 100 contract lawyers, 60 in one case and 40 in another, which tell me that you're going to have an enormous volume of documents when you're finished. I hope -- I hope, but I am not very confident, that that volume will not be all introduced into evidence; but we'll see.

So now, again, keeping in mind that the transcript will be on my docket, I'm going to ask if you're continuing to talk about settlement, but no details, please. Florida?

MR. PRIMIS: Yes, your Honor. Not a lot I can tell you other than we are certainly aware of the Court's admonition to proceed with settlement, and talks are continuing.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
MS. GRANT: Yes, your Honor. This is
Georgia's perspective as well.
This is Britt Grant.
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And we're also aware of the Special Master's desire for settlement and are continuing to talk.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: One final thing from me. I assume that you got the Supreme Court's Order approving my request for fees, which was mailed on May 18.

Florida?
MR. WINSOR: Yes, your Honor. We're making arrangements to satisfy that.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
MS. GRANT: Yes, your Honor. We're also making arrangements to satisfy that.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, I'm just reminding you because while other Special Masters require an escrow arrangement, I have not done that in the past; and I do not intend to do it here. But I do expect reasonably prompt payment.

MR. WINSOR: Yes, sir.
MS. GRANT: Yes, your Honor.
SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: I predicted
that this wouldn't take very long, and it
hasn't. I thought at one point of canceling
it, but I thought we ought to continue on
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schedule as usual.
Is there anything else from Florida?
MR. WINSOR: No, sir.
SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: From Georgia?
MR. PRIMIS: No, sir.
MS. GRANT: No, sir, nothing from Georgia.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: From the United States?

MR. GRAY: Briefly, if I may, I would like to address just the third-party requests to the United States, since you asked about those. And we do think that for at least some of the agencies, we are going to need more than the 120 days. I have asked for updates from all the agencies. And the Department of Commerce, it sounds like, is very close to completing everything it needs to and expects at this point to meet and produce everything within 120 days. But the other agencies, given the amount of documents and the resources required and the scope of the request expect that they're going to need some more time for various issues, particularly issues related to the -THE REPORTING GROUP Mason \& Lockhart
some predecisional documents that may become final and releasable after that 120 days.
Older data they think is going to take a little bit longer to produce. So I do think it would be helpful for us to have an extension of that 120 days.

SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, I'm sure it would be helpful for you; but I will tell you that at the moment, I'm not inclined to grant it. If you want to make a motion, I'll entertain it; but we're well beyond the original schedule. And I -- you can use that as a hammer, if you want to, with the agencies. But the sooner we can get this material in your hand -- in the hands of the people who are looking for it, the sooner they can make decisions on what is relevant and important for my decision and the Court's decision ultimately. And I am reluctant to grant any further extensions.

You can tell them that. Then we'll see where we go from there.

MR. GRAY: I understand. And we -- I think the current 120 days expires July 10. And I will circle back with the agencies and THE REPORTING GROUP
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| 1 | then see whether we need to put together a |
| 2 | motion for you. I expect that we will for at |
| 3 | least some of the agencies. |
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| 5 | given me which I can use a little bit. |
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| 7 | them that the grumpy grouch is not inclined |
| 8 | to give anyone extensions at this point. |
| 9 | Is there anything further from Florida? |
| 10 | MR. WINSOR: No, sir. |
| 11 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Anything |
| 12 | further from Georgia? |
| 13 | MS. GRANT: No, your Honor, nothing further. |
| 14 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, thank |
| 15 | you again. I'm sorry to burden you with this |
| 16 | very brief and perhaps not awe-inspiring |
| 17 | conference, but I thought it better to keep |
| 18 | the schedule than to cancel it. |
| 19 | So we look forward to the next one. |
| 20 | MR. WINSOR: Yes, sir. Thank you. |
| 21 | MR. PRIMIS: Thank you. |
| 22 | MS. GRANT: Thank you, sir. |
| 23 | SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you. |
| 24 | (The telephone conference was concluded |
| 25 | at 10:09 a.m.) |
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