

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of San Diego

DATE: February 14, 2005 DEPT. 71 REPORTER A: Peter Stewart CSR# 3184
PRESENT HON. RONALD S. PRAGER REPORTER B: CSR#
JUDGE

CLERK: K. Sandoval

BAILIFF: E. Rodriguez

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JUDICIAL COUNSEL
PROCEEDING
COORDINATION PROCEEDINGS
NO. JCCP 4221
CASES 1,11,111, AND 1V

COORDINATION
TITLE [Rule 1550(b)]
NATURAL GAS

10:00 a.m. This being the time previously set for **ORAL ARGUMENT** on the **CO-ORDINATION PETITION** Court convenes with counsel as noted on attached sign-in sheets as though set forth in full. Seated at counsel table are:

Barry Himmelstein of Lieff, Cabraser, Heinmann & Bernstein
Brad Baker of Baker Burton & Lundy
Christopher J. Healey of Luce Forward
Joel B. Kleinman of Dickstein Shapiro Morris & Oshinsky
John T. Brooks of Luce Forward

Attorney Cotchett for various plaintiffs states that he intends to withdraw his petition for add-ons to the filed petition.

Court and counsel discuss a 1541 Hearing, a status conference and proposed dates for filing amended complaints.

The Court sets the following dates: Plaintiffs Consolidated Complaint must be filed on or before March 7, 2005, Defendants response is due April 6, 2005. Status-1541 Hearing will be April 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The Court advises counsel that on discovery matters they are to meet and confer, if they cannot resolve the issue they are to come in ex-parte so the Court may try to resolve the issue without formal motions.

Attorney Himmelstein to prepare an order that says all discovery is stayed except for discovery where the Plaintiffs seek information that has been previously provided to other courts or administrative agencies that is pertinent to this case, and excepting the second category, efforts by the Defendants to avoid duplication of discovery in related cases involving some of the same Plaintiff's counsel involved in these cases. This does not mean that discovery will be foreclosed; parties may come into court and try to seek an order from this court. This is a form of a protective order.

Discovery stay is in effect except for the two issues previously identified by the Court.

The Court confirms its tentative telephonic ruling and asks Attorney Himmelstein to prepare an order with all proposed dates and discovery matters that have been discussed. Defense counsel is to approve as to form.

Attorney Himmelstein to also prepare a service list, circulate to the other side, the list is to include all the add-on cases.

February 18, 2005 status conference in Uyeda is taken off calendar.

10:50 a.m. Court is adjourned.

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