

- b. For each agenda item not relating to a specific motion or filing, the agenda or an attachment thereto shall briefly identify the specific issue or issues to be discussed.

3. The schedule set forth in the Stipulation and Order of September 27, 2001 for briefing of Defendants' Rule 53 Objections to the Special Master's September 10, 2001 Report and Recommendations is **revised** as follows:

- a. Plaintiffs shall file their response to defendants' Rule 53 objections on or before Monday, October 15, 2001;
- b. Defendants shall file their reply to plaintiffs' response on or before Friday, October 19, 2001;¹
- c. Court will hear oral argument on the Rule 53 Objection following the status conference on October 30, 2001; each side will have 15 minutes to present argument.

4. No enlargements of time will be granted for filing of any future Rule 53 Objections to any Report and Recommendations of the Special Master beyond the 10-day limit stated in this Court's March 1, 2002, Pre-Trial Order of Reference - Special Master.

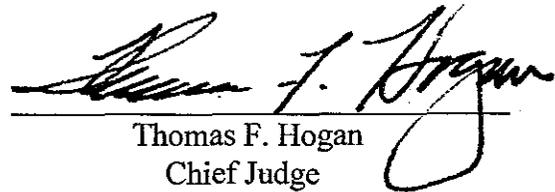
5. The Court will hold a preliminary pretrial conference on December 17, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. at which time parties shall be prepared to discuss the procedures, framework and scheduling for pretrial of all cases that will remain before this Court. The parties shall file with the Court no later than 12:00 noon December 10, 2001 a proposed agenda for this pretrial conference prepared in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraphs 2(a) and 2(b) of this Order.

¹See Transcript of September 24, 2001 Status Conference, p. 20.

6. In addition to posting this Order on the Court's website, the Special Master will ensure that this is submitted for posting on Verilaw.

SO ORDERED.

October 10, 2001



Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge