

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISION**

DAVID B. MEANS, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:23-cv-00669

VERSUS

JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH

DESOTO PARISH, ET AL.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's April 11, 2024 Order (Doc. 78), the parties now file their second joint status report to update the Court on the progress of settlement discussions.

On April 29, 2024, Defendants' counsel wrote to notify Plaintiffs that Defendants are rejecting Plaintiffs' settlement proposal that was transmitted to Defendants on March 15, 2024. Plaintiffs need more time to evaluate how to proceed regarding Defendants' position that was received just yesterday afternoon, including whether they will be making another settlement proposal to Defendants.

Therefore, in accordance with the Court's April 11, 2024 Order, the parties will submit another status report to the Court within thirty (30) days of the instant status report, on or before May 30, 2024, to inform the Court regarding the progress of settlement negotiations. Should settlement negotiations conclude before then, the parties will immediately notify the Court regarding the outcome, including submission of a new proposed scheduling order if necessary.

Dated: April 30, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 30, 2024, I served the foregoing via email on all counsel of record by operation of the Court's CM/ECF filing system.

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