

**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

THIRD JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated April 11, 2024, the parties now file their third joint status report to update the Court on the progress of settlement discussions.

On April 29, 2024, Defendants' counsel notified Plaintiffs that Defendants were rejecting Plaintiffs' settlement proposal that was transmitted to Defendants on March 15, 2024. On April 30, the parties filed their second joint status report indicating that more time was needed for settlement negotiations, and that the parties would submit another status report to the Court on or before May 30, 2024, to update the Court on the progress of settlement at that point.

Plaintiffs continue to evaluate how to proceed regarding settlement negotiations, including whether to make another proposal to Defendants and, if so, the details of any such proposal. Plaintiffs therefore request an additional thirty (30) day extension of the stay. 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 July 1, 2024, to inform the Court regarding the progress of settlement negotiations. Should negotiations conclude before then, the parties will promptly notify the Court regarding the outcome, including submission of a new proposed scheduling order if necessary.

Dated: May 30, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 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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