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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISIONU.S. DISTRICT COURT
N.D. OF ALABAMA

JOHN F. KNIGHT, JR., ET AL.,

Plaintiffs and
Plaintiff Intervenors,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:
CV-83-M-1676-S

v.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on its own motion. On May 13, 2005, the Court received a call from the Special Master and Monitor, Mr. González, requesting that the time for filing any objections to the termination of the Remedial Decree be extended beyond the May 31, 2005, date currently called for by the Court injunction. See Knight v. Alabama, 900 F. Supp. 272, 374 (N.D. Ala. 1995). Under its own terms, the Decree is set to expire at the end of July 2005, unless otherwise extended by the Court. Any party who opposes the July expiration of the Decree is required to give notice of that fact by May 31, 2005.

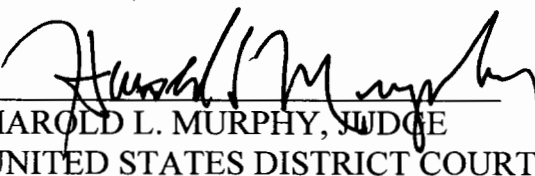
Mr. González has informed the Court that he and the parties have been working diligently over the last several months to conclude this matter by agreement. Mr.

González reports that significant progress has been made, but that more work needs to be done. Mr. González therefore has asked for a two (2) month extension of the May 31, 2005, deadline so that he and the parties can continue their work without the necessity of filing objections to the termination of the Decree.

The Court is pleased to learn that progress is being made and encourages the parties to continue their efforts.

ACCORDINGLY, the time for filing objections to the termination of the Decree is EXTENDED to July 31, 2005; likewise, the date for the Decree to expire is extended to September 30, 2005.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 16th day of May 2005.


HAROLD L. MURPHY, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT