

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

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No. 16-20267

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

In re: SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,

Petitioner

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:15-CV-3002

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Before DAVIS, JONES, and HAYNES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Schlumberger Technology Corporation (“STC”) petitions this Court for a writ of mandamus challenging the district court’s order granting Plaintiff Ryan Riva’s motion for conditional certification under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The district court’s order contains no substantive analysis of its decision to grant conditional certification. Although there is generally no “inflexible rule requiring district courts to file a written order explaining their decisions,”<sup>1</sup> in this case the district court’s “lack of explanation makes it

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

<sup>1</sup> *Peteet v. Dow Chem. Co.*, 868 F.2d 1428, 1436 (5th Cir. 1989).

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impossible for us to determine” whether mandamus relief would be appropriate here.<sup>2</sup>

We therefore remand for the limited purpose to allow the district court to supplement its order. Upon limited remand, the district court should enter a memorandum or order that explains its decision to grant conditional certification. After the district court’s entry of an explanation, the case should be returned to this panel, which will retain jurisdiction during the pendency of the limited remand.<sup>3</sup>

STC’s petition is HELD IN ABEYANCE and the case is REMANDED.

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<sup>2</sup> See *In re Archer Directional Drilling Servs., L.L.C.*, 630 F. App’x 327, 329 (5th Cir. 2016) (citing *In re Volkswagen of Am., Inc.*, 545 F.3d 304, 310-11 (5th Cir. 2008)).

<sup>3</sup> See *id.*