

1 minute order without complying with the requirements of the court's December 24, 2020 order,
2 ECF No. 7003, specifically the requirement that

3 any party seeking relief from this court, including from any existing order of this
4 court, must first file a request for leave to file a motion, describing with particularity
5 the relief to be sought and the steps the party has taken to exhaust meet and confer
6 efforts with all opposing counsel. The request also should describe communications
7 with the Special Master regarding the proposed motion as part of the requester's due
8 diligence in determining whether the parties are at impasse. Any such request must
9 not exceed five (5) pages. The court will not entertain any motion unless a request
10 for leave to file that complies with this order is first filed and then the court grants
11 it.

12 Dec. 24, 2020 Order at 2, ECF No. 7003.

13 On April 8, 2024, the court granted plaintiffs' request in part and directed the parties to
14 file, sequentially, focused briefing on Section III of defendants' General Objections. *See*
15 *generally* Apr. 8, 2024 Order, ECF No. 8192. In their responsive brief, ECF No. 8198, and at a
16 status conference on April 26, 2024, plaintiffs requested an opportunity to provide a more
17 comprehensive response to all of defendants objections, including those raised in Section III. The
18 court now makes express what was implicit in the April 8, 2024 order. Plaintiffs' April 3, 2024
19 request does not fall within the category of requests for relief from this court for which
20 compliance with the December 24, 2020 order is required. In accordance with longstanding
21 practice in this action, any party who seeks to file a response to briefing filed by an opposing
22 party where such a response is not explicitly authorized by court order must seek leave of court to
23 file the response, but is not required to comply with the December 24, 2020 order before filing
24 that request.

25 Good cause appearing, plaintiffs will be granted fourteen days from the date of this order
26 in which to file a full response to Section III of defendants' objections to the Sixth Re-Audit
27 Report. Defendants will be granted seven days thereafter to file a reply to plaintiffs' response.

28 IT IS SO ORDERED.

29 DATED: May 2, 2024.


CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE