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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NO. CIV. S-05-830 LKK/GGH

2011, the court issued the report of

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

On November 30,

statistical expert Professor Richard Berk, ECF No. 384. In that report, Professor Berk declared that after a reasonable statistical analysis of the evidence submitted by plaintiff, Professor Berk could not conclude that there is likely to be a risk of prolonged incarceration under the procedural changes in Proposition 9, as compared to the pre-Proposition 9 procedures. The court granted leave to the parties to file supplemental briefing in response to

In their response, plaintiffs argued that Professor Berk's conclusions "are based on a fundamental misunderstanding of

Professor Berk's report, and both parties have done so.

Plaintiffs' claims, and the nature of the evidence presented by Plaintiffs." Pls.' Response, ECF No. 391. Plaintiffs assert that the ex-post-facto claim in this case is about the timing of parole suitability hearings, and not about parole grant rates.

The court finds it appropriate to give the defendants an opportunity to respond to the arguments raised in plaintiffs' response. Accordingly, defendants SHALL file a reply to plaintiffs' response brief no later than fourteen (14) days from the issuance of this order.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 20, 2012.