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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 MARTHA BERNDT, MARTA HASTINGS,
 JUDY LONGO , et al., individually and on
 18 behalf of all persons similarly situated,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
 CORRECTIONS, et al.,

22 Defendants.

NO. CO3-3174 THE

**REQUEST OF CHARLES
 STEPHEN RALSTON TO
 PARTICIPATE IN CASE
 MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
 BY TELEPHONE**

**Date: November 3, 2008
 Time: 1:30 pm
 Courtroom: 12, 19th Floor
 Hon. Thelton E. Henderson**

25 Pursuant to Local Rule 16-10, Charles Stephen Ralston, counsel for plaintiffs, requests

27 Request to Participate in Case Management Conference by Telephone
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1 leave to participate in the Case Management Conference scheduled on November 3, 2008, at
2 1:30 pm PST, by telephone. In support of this request he would show the following:

3 1. The Case Management Conference is scheduled to be held the day before the election
4 on November 4, 2008. Mr. Ralston's co-counsel, Pamela Y. Price and John L. Burris, are
5 scheduled to travel to Ohio and North Carolina, respectively, for the purpose of participating in
6 election projects in those states. Therefore, they will be out of the State of California on
7 November 3 and will be unavailable to participate in the scheduled Case Management
8 Conference.

9 2. Mr. Ralston currently resides in New York state and has plans to be in that state on
10 November 3. It would be a matter of great convenience to him if he were allowed to participate
11 in the Case Management Conference by telephone, at 518-392-2142. He will be prepared to
12 participate fully and to speak on behalf of co-counsel as to scheduling and other matters.

13 Dated: October 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

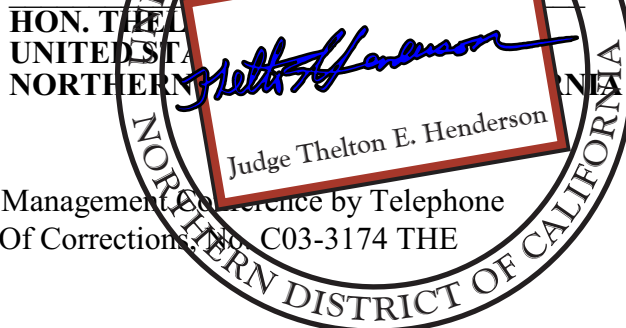
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21 **THE REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE BY**
22 **TELEPHONE IS GRANTED.**

23 DATED: 10/21, 2008



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