

3. In addition, the court further declines to approve paragraph 11 of plaintiffs'
proposed pretrial order no. 2, insofar as it proposes a separate counsel structure for the

1 four state law cases discussed therein, should their motion to remand be denied. As the 2 basis for removal was the parties' additional federal claims, there is no reason for the 3 federal claims to proceed along a separate track. The court will consider any proposal to 4 bifurcate and/or stay the state claims.

Plaintiffs' revised stipulation appointing lead counsel and establishing organizational structure is accordingly due no later than May 29, 2009, with plaintiffs' consolidated complaint due thirty days thereafter. Defendants, as set forth previously, have forty-five 8 days to respond to the consolidated complaint. All remaining provisions set forth in pretrial order no. 1 remain valid.

10 Finally, ALL parties are instructed to begin filing all relevant documents pertaining to 11 the MDL litigation under MDL docket no. 09-2029 PJH, as that number has recently been 12 assigned to the instant litigation. The parties are reminded, however, that with respect to all documents that pertain only to individual cases within the MDL, or which serve to 13 14 terminate individual cases within the MDL, these shall also be filed under the individual 15 docket number pertaining to such cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 30, 2009

PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON United States District Judge

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