Case 3:07-cv-00557-TJC-MCR Case 3:07-cv-00557-TJC-MCR

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

CEDAR FARMS CO., INC., on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

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CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, AND KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:07-CV-00557-TJC-MCR

## STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between counsel for defendants and plaintiff, as follows:

WHEREAS at least 18 actions raising similar allegations as those made in the complaint herein have been filed in various jurisdictions, including this one, and motions have been filed with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("Panel") to consolidate and transfer all such actions before a single court; and

WHEREAS plaintiff and defendants agree that, in the interest of judicial economy, defendants need not answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this matter until a decision has been rendered by the Panel on the pending consolidation and transfer motions;

THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED that, subject to the Court's approval;

- 1. The time within which all defendants are to move, answer, or otherwise plead in response to the complaint in this action is extended until after the Panel consolidates this case and other similar cases and the transferee Court establishes a scheduling order for responses;
- 2. The defendants' entry into this stipulation shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, including but not limited to, the defenses of lack of personal jurisdiction, lack of subject matter jurisdiction, or improper venue. The defendants expressly reserve their right to raise all defenses in response to the complaint herein and any subsequent amended complaint which may be filed:
- 3. For the purpose of this action only, defendants agree that defense counsel designated below for each defendant is authorized to accept service of the complaint filed herein on behalf of the defendant represented by each such counsel;
- 4. In the event defendants answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in a similar action at an earlier date in another jurisdiction, defendants shall file their answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this action by the same date as in the other similar action.

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SO ORDERED this 6 day of July, 2007

United States District Judge