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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

GARY W. MOODY,)	
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	Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 1:12-cv-907-TWP-DML
)	
RAY LAHOOD, et al.,)	
)	
	Defendants.)	

Entry Directing Further Proceedings

One of the claims asserted by the plaintiff is for review pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701 ("APA"). Pursuant to the Act, "[a] person suffering legal wrong because of an agency action, or adversely affected or aggrieved by agency action within the meaning of a relevant statute, is entitled to judicial review thereof." 5 U.S.C. § 702.

The APA authorizes federal courts to set aside agency actions that are either unconstitutional, *see* 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(B), or are "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law." *See id.* § 706(2)(A). Also, pursuant to the APA, a court may compel "agency action unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed." 5 U.S.C. § 706(1). The elements of a claim under § 706(1) are the existence of a discrete, ministerial duty; a delay in carrying out that duty; and a determination that the delay was unlawful or unreasonable in light of prejudice to one of the parties. *See Norton v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*, 542 U.S. 55, 65 (2004).

If there has been a decision which the plaintiff challenges pursuant to the APA, that decision must be clearly identified. The plaintiff shall have ten (10) working days from the issuance of this Entry, or until July 24, 2012 in which to supplement his complaint by

identifying the administrative decision to which he seeks review under the APA or, if the matter is presented under § 706(1), by identifying the "agency action unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed" and the duty pertaining to such withheld or delayed agency action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 07/10/2012

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GARY W. MOODY 299 1/2 Madison Street Franklin, IN 46131 Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Judge United States District Court Southern District of Indiana