

Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) regarding whether this action, and more than ninety related actions, should be centralized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 and, if so, in which forum. A stay is appropriate here because it will prevent needless waste of time and resources of the parties and the Court. Moreover, it will protect the defendants from being required to litigate identical issues in multiple jurisdictions, with the danger of inconsistent rulings. If the related actions are not consolidated, plaintiffs will suffer no significant prejudice as a result of the temporary stay requested here because the JPML is expected to take up the transfer and consolidation motion when it sits in Boise, Idaho on July 29, 2010, in less than three months.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons more fully set forth in the attached memorandum, the BP Defendants respectfully move for an order temporarily staying proceedings in this action until the JPML decides the pending motion to transfer and consolidate cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 25, 2010, a copy of the foregoing pleading was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system. Notice of this filing will be sent to all counsel of record registered to receive electronic service by operation of the court's electronic filing system. I also certify that I have mailed this filing by United States Postal Service to all counsel of record who are not registered to receive electronic service by operation of the court's electronic filing system.

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