## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LISA SMITH

**CIVIL ACTION** 

VERSUS

NUMBER 12-575-JJB-MJU

DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.

## <u>ORDER</u>

The Court *sua sponte* raises the question of jurisdiction over the subject matter in this removed case, in connection with the amount in controversy requirement for diversity jurisdiction, and, accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that defendant shall file a memorandum concerning subject matter jurisdiction on or before **January 31, 2013**, and that plaintiff shall file a memorandum concerning same on or before **February 21, 2013**. The parties' memoranda shall address the implications for this case of the Fifth Circuit's decision in <u>Simon v. Walmart, 193 F.3d</u> 848 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the scheduling conference set for January 23, 2013, is CANCELLED and will be reset following a ruling on subject matter jurisdiction, if necessary.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 14, 2013.

AMES J. BRADY, JUDGE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA