

currently due on October 18, 2013 until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department. We have made similar requests in numerous other cases pending before the Court. Given the limited resources available to the Department, we have not inquired about the status of agency counsel in all cases, but as a general matter, many agency personnel associated with our work have been furloughed.

If this request for stay is granted, defendant's counsel will notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department. The Government requests that, at that point, all current deadlines for the parties be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations.

Therefore, although we greatly regret any disruption caused to the Court and the other litigants, the Government hereby requests a stay in this case until Department of Justice attorneys are permitted to resume their usual civil litigation functions.

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