IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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GW EQUITY LLC, GWBS, INC., et. al., § FILED § September 14, 2005 Plaintiffs, § CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT § CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:05-CV-0800-R v. PBS GLOBAL, INC., et. al., § § Defendants.

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

- 1. The Court, on its own motion, has determined that this case is appropriate for mediation. See Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan § III (N.D. Tex. March 1993) (the "Plan").
- 2. The attorneys shall, within five (5) business days from the date of this Order, contact the court-appointed Mediator:

Mr. Louis J. Weber, Jr. 5949 Sherry Lane, Suite 1575 Dallas, Texas 75225

Phone: (469) 232-5063

If the Mediator cannot serve for any reason, the Court is to be notified immediately so another appointment can be made.

3. Mediation shall take place *before* sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, unless otherwise directed by the Mediator.

¹ Mediation is a mandatory, but non-binding, settlement conference in which the parties attempt to resolve their differences with the assistance of a third party facilitator: the *mediator*. All proceedings in mediation are confidential and privileged from discovery. See Plan § III (F).

- 4. During the entire mediation process, each party (I) shall be present or, (ii) shall be represented by someone with *full authority* to settle this case. The parties and their attorneys must comply with the standard Rules for Mediation, and they must promptly supply any information requested by the Mediator.
- 5. All costs of mediation are to be divided equally between the parties, unless otherwise agreed or ordered. The fees of the Mediator are to be paid in advance.
- Following this mediation, the Mediator shall: (I) promptly advise the Court whether or not the case has been settled,² and (ii) file the completed Alternative Dispute Resolution report with the District Clerk. See Plan § III (G).
- The United States District Clerk shall serve the Mediator with copies of this Order, 7. the case docket sheet, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution form.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED on this 14th day of September, 2005.

JERRY BUCHMEYER SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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² Referral for mediation *is not* a substitute for trial, of course, and this case will be tried if it is not settled.