THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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TIMOTHY C. PIGFORD, et al.,	Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia
Plaintiffs,) }
v. TOM VILSACK, Secretary, United States Department of	Civil Action No.) 97-1978 (PLF))
Agriculture, Defendant.)))
CECIL BREWINGTON, et al.,))
Plaintiffs,))
v.	Civil Action No. 98-1693 (PLF)
TOM VILSACK, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture,))))
Defendant.)))

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING MONITOR DUTIES

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree entered in this case on April 14, 1999, provided for the appointment of an Independent Monitor to carry out certain duties enumerated in paragraph 12 of the Consent Decree; and

WHEREAS, the Order of Reference entered in this case on April 4, 2000, set forth the procedure for submission and approval of budgets and payment of expenses for the Office of the Monitor; and

WHEREAS, a Stipulation and Order filed on September 21, 2011, set forth certain provisions regarding the termination of the Monitor's substantive duties under paragraph 12 of the Consent Decree and the administrative wind-down of the Monitor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Monitor's substantive duties under paragraph 12 of the Consent Decree may not be completed until on or before March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Monitor has advised the parties that her office has been accomplishing its work without spending all of the funds that had been budgeted and approved by the Court on July 5, 2011, and therefore she can complete the work that is scheduled through March 31, 2012, within the total budget amount approved by the Court's July 5, 2011 Order;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. Paragraph 1 of the September 21, 2011 Stipulation and Order is amended to permit the Monitor to complete the substantive responsibilities set forth in paragraph 12 of the Consent Decree no later than March 31, 2012. All other provisions of the Stipulation and Order shall remain in effect.

2. The funds to support the Monitor's work through March 31, 2012, shall be drawn from the total budget amount approved by the Court's Order filed on July 5, 2011.

Dated: January <u>4</u>, 2012.

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SO ORDERED.

Dated:

PAUL L. FRIEDMAN

United States District Judge