

Monitor Update: The *Pigford* Case Is Closed

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The *Pigford* Case Is Closed: No One Can Get Into the Case If They Did Not Apply by Deadlines

1. Introduction

The Consent Decree and Court Orders set strict cutoff dates for getting into the *Pigford* case. The deadlines have now passed.

2. *Pigford* Is Closed

The *Pigford* case is now closed. Anyone who did not meet one of the two deadlines explained below cannot be a part of the case.

3. Two Deadlines for the Case

Two important deadlines govern whether a person is eligible in the case.

a. Claim Sheet Deadline — October 12, 1999

The deadline to file a Claim Sheet and Election Form was October 12, 1999. Anyone who did not meet this deadline could only get into the case by filing a late claim request.

Processing of claims filed on time continues.

b. Late Claim Request Deadline — September 15, 2000

Anyone who missed the October 12, 1999, Claim Sheet deadline and wanted to be in the case needed to file a late claim request. The deadline to file a late claim request was September 15, 2000.

Those who did file a late claim request will get a response.

c. Two Deadlines Are Final

Anyone who missed both of these deadlines cannot get into the case.

4. Questions

Anyone with questions about these deadlines may call the Monitor's office toll-free at 1-877-924-7483 or may call the Facilitator at 1-800-646-2873. Several other Monitor Updates discuss the case in more detail. See www.pigfordmonitor.org.