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Re: Cases Nos. 12801 and 12802

Gentlemen:

Responding to Scott's letter of January 24:

My ruling was to continue both referenced cases to the February 21 docket principally so that the parties will not need to bring their witnesses twice.

No consolidation was ordered on January 24. However, I anticipate that the directly competing applications will be consolidated, as this is the Division's usual practice. Any motion to consolidate applications relating to distinct pools will be addressed at the time of the hearing.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

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