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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

PATRICK JOSEPH TURNER, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION

**VERSUS** 

\* NO. 05-4206

**CONSOLIDATED CASE** 

MURPHY OIL USA, INC.

\* SECTION "L" (2)

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A telephone status conference was held on this date in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon. In attendance on behalf of Plaintiffs were Sidney Torres and Gerald Meunier. In attendance for Defendants were George Frilot and Kerry Miller.

Counsel discussed the requirements of notice and opportunity to opt-out for class members under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. After hearing the positions of the parties, the Court believes that an expedited notice process is appropriate, given the potential for confusion and the need to protect the class members' rights.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs, in consultation with Defendant, shall draft a notice of class certification that shall satisfy the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B), and additionally shall provide a status report under Rule 23(d)(2). This notice shall inform the class that Defendant has taken an appeal of the Court's order granting class certification, and shall note that the Court has denied the Defendant's Motion to Stay Proceedings. The notice shall inform the class of the effects of certification and the appeal upon the class members' rights. Counsel shall additionally propose to the Court a plan for delivering notice to the class. Counsel shall deliver a draft of this notice to the Court as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, February 6, 2006.

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