

MINUTE ENTRY
MORGAN, J.
January 16, 2014

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff**

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

No. 12-1924

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
Defendant**

SECTION "E"

A status conference was held on the record on January 16, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the chambers of Judge Susie Morgan.

Present: Sharonda Williams, City Attorney, and Andy Kopplin, Deputy Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the City of New Orleans (in person) on behalf of Defendant, the City of New Orleans ("City");

Superintendent Ronal Serpas, Deputy Superintendent Jay Ginsberg, and Daniel Cazenave (in person) on behalf of the New Orleans Police Department;

John Salamone, Director of the Office of Police Secondary Employment (in person);

Steve Parker (in person), and Christy Lopez, Emily Gunston, and Jude Volek (via telephone) on behalf of Plaintiff, the United States of America ("United States");

Jonathan Aronie and Theron Bowman (in person), and David Douglass and Dennis Nowicki (via telephone), Office of the Consent Decree Monitor.

In accordance with the contract between the Consent Decree Monitor and the City of New Orleans, disputes regarding billing are to be presented to the Court if amicable resolution cannot be reached. On January 16, 2014, the City filed a Memorandum

Regarding Status Conference (R. Doc. 329) in which it addressed billing issues. The Court notes the budget for the first year of the monitoring project is approximately \$1.95 million, and the Monitor's invoices through the first four months of its work are approximately \$585,000, which is on target to meet the budget. The Court is pleased with the work done and the assistance provided to the Court and the parties by the Monitor. In addition, the Court does not find the invoices to be exorbitant.

At the status conference, the parties addressed billing matters and, after guidance from the Court, agreed they could resolve the issues raised in the City's Memorandum. As discussed with the parties, any future billing issues may be presented to the Court at the regularly scheduled status conferences.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 16th day of January, 2014.



SUSIE MORGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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