IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE:

HURRICANE SANDY WYO CARRIER FLOOD LITIGATION Master Docket

1:15-mc-800 (JBS)

ORDER LIFTING TEMPORARY STAY

Through prior Orders of this Court, and most recently the Order of November 13, 2015 [Docket Item 57], this Court temporarily stayed the Hurricane Sandy WYO Carrier Flood cases upon this docket through the date of January 11, 2016, and until further Order of the Court. On December 22, 2015, the Court gave notice that it was considering vacating the temporary stay of cases on this docket upon the expiration of that Order on January 11, 2016, and requested that any party opposing the lifting of the stay should show cause in a letter filed upon this Miscellaneous Docket on or before January 11, 2016, why the temporary stay should be extended.

Only a few individual case objections or comments have been filed [Docket Item 67-74] upon this WYO Carrier Flood litigation docket, and those are addressed separately on a case-by-case basis. The Court finds that the Temporary Stay has accomplished its purpose in enabling intensive and successful settlement efforts in the vast majority of cases to which it applied. Those that have not yet been resolved in the FEMA-sponsored settlement process should be restored to the active docket and litigated to conclusion. Nothing precludes further settlement efforts in judicial settlement conferences or court-annexed Arbitration or Mediation, in the discretion of the individual judge after consulting the parties. The temporary stay will accordingly be vacated and the remaining WYO Carrier Flood cases shall proceed upon the individual dockets of the assigned judges. Wherefore,

IT IS, this **<u>21st</u>** day of **<u>January</u>**, **2016**, hereby

ORDERED that the temporary stay of cases upon this docket is hereby LIFTED effective on today's date; and

IT IS FURTHER **ORDERED** each such Hurricane Sandy WYO Carrier Flood case shall be managed individually upon its own docket by the assigned District Judge and Magistrate Judge, applying the provisions of Standing Order No. 14-2 (In Re Hurricane Sandy Cases), filed March 24, 2014; and

IT IS FURTHER **ORDERED** that nothing herein precludes the assigned District Judge or Magistrate Judge from re-entering a stay in an individual case in the exercise of judicial discretion.

FOR THE COURT:

<u>s/Jerome B. Simandle</u> JEROME B. SIMANDLE Chief U.S. District Judge