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

IN RE:

Master Docket

1:15-mc-700 (JBS)

HURRICANE SANDY FEMA DIRECT FLOOD LITIGATION ORDER EXTENDING TEMPORARY STAY OF CASES FILED PRIOR TO MAY 18, 2015

This matter comes before the Court upon application of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and upon recommendation of the Court's Hurricane Sandy Litigation Committee.

It appearing that there is good cause to extend the Temporary Stay, entered herein on September 18, 2015 [Docket Item 26] for the purpose of enabling the continuation of intensive negotiation and settlement efforts in Sandy flood cases in this Court in which FEMA is a direct defendant; and

It further appearing that enlarging the temporary stay of such cases pending settlement efforts is warranted to conserve time and resources of the litigants, the Court, the arbitrators and mediators; and

The previous Temporary Stay shall be deemed expired with respect to FEMA Direct cases filed on or after May 18, 2015 because such cases are not eligible for the FEMA expedited settlement process; and

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Consistent with Standing Order 14-2 ("In Re: Hurricane Sandy Cases") dated March 24, 2014; and for good cause;

IT IS on this 13th day of November, 2015 hereby ORDERED:

1. That further litigation of all FEMA Direct Cases filed in this Court prior to May 18, 2015 is hereby **TEMPORARILY STAYED** for sixty (60) days through January 11, 2016 and until further Order of this Court;

The Temporary Stay is DISSOLVED with respect to FEMA
Direct cases, if any, filed in this Court on or after May 18,
2015;

 That all scheduled conferences, hearings, arbitrations, mediations, and trials in FEMA Direct Cases filed prior to May 18, 2015 are hereby cancelled and postponed pending this Temporary Stay;

4. That any party seeking relief from this Temporary Stay may apply to the assigned judge in the individual FEMA Direct Case and show good cause;

5. That nothing herein precludes a party from requesting or furnishing documents or other evidence in aid of settlement negotiation and consummation;

6. That upon reaching a settlement, counsel shall report same by filing a notice of settlement upon the docket of the

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individual case, requesting entry of an Order closing that docket under L. Civ. R. 41.1(b); and

7. That the United States Attorney's Office is requested to continue to file a summary report of settlement efforts and results in FEMA Direct Cases every fourteen (14) days, the next report being due November 20, 2015.

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