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

IN RE:

    HURRICANE SANDY FEMA
    DIRECT FLOOD LITIGATION

Master Docket

Misc. No. 15-700 (JBS)

ORDER ENLARGING
L. Civ. R. 41.1(b) PERIOD
FOR REOPENING CERTAIN CASES
REPORTED AS SETTLED

In the above litigation, an Order was entered on June 9, 2015 [Docket Item 10], dismissing certain enumerated cases as having been reported settled, without prejudice to a party's right to reopen such a case if settlement is not consummated within sixty (60) days of the entry of the June 9th Order, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 41.1(b). The Hurricane Sandy Litigation Committee [HSLC] has received reports that the 60-day period has not been sufficient in many Sandy Flood cases and the HSLC has recommended that this period be enlarged across the board for those cases by sixty (60) days, for a total of 120 days to reopen the many cases in the FEMA Direct Flood Litigation that were dismissed by the June 9th Order. This extension does not apply to the FEMA Direct Flood cases that were dismissed as settled in subsequent Orders of the Court, such as the Order of July 14, 2015 [Docket Item 15] and the Order of July 23, 2015 [Docket Item 17] because those cases were closed with a 120-day period for reopening already. The Court's intention is for each Sandy FEMA Direct Flood case that is reported settled to have one

period of 120 days in which to consummate the settlement or seek

to reopen the docket for further proceedings.

Also, if there are instances where an individual judge has

recently dismissed a FEMA Direct Flood case under L. Civ. R.

41.1(b) with a 60-day period to reopen, and if that period has

not yet expired, that period to reopen will be enlarged by 60

days, to a total of 120 days, from the entry of the original

Order dismissing it under L. Civ. R. 41.1(b).

WHEREFORE, IT IS, this __13ᵗʰ__ day of **August**, **2015**, hereby

ORDERED that, in all FEMA Direct Flood Litigation cases that

were reported settled and closed under the 60-day reopening

period of L. Civ. R. 41.1(b), the period to reopen is extended by

60 days, to a total of 120 days, from the date of entry of such

dismissal order; and it is further

ORDERED that any application to reopen a FEMA Direct Flood

Litigation case shall be made to the judicial officer to whom the

case is assigned.

FOR THE COURT:

JEROME B. SIMANDLE,
Chief U.S. District Judge

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