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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LILA JESSICA PETKER; SEDONA PETKER, Plaintiffs, v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant.	Case No. 2:23-cv-00317-JAM-CKD **STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE; [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER** Date: October 3, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.m. Ctrm: Courtroom 26 Hon. Allison Claire

Defendant United States and Plaintiffs Lila Jessika Petker and Sedona Petker, by and through their respective counsel, submit this stipulation to continue the settlement conference from October 3, 2025, to January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. as follows:

1. At the end of the day on September 30, 2025, the appropriations that have been funding the Department of Justice expired and appropriations to the Department lapsed. The Department does not know when funding will be restored by Congress.

2. Absent an appropriation or continuing resolution, Department of Justice attorneys are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property." 31 U.S.C. § 1342. That exception is not deemed to include most civil cases.

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3. Undersigned counsel for the Department of Justice therefore requests and counsel for Plaintiffs agrees to continue the settlement conference from October 3, 2025, to January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 1, 2025

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Dated: October 1, 2025

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(As authorized 10/01/2025)

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[~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER

Good cause being established, the stipulation for extension of time is granted. The to continue the settlement conference from October 3, 2025, to January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 1, 2025

Allison Claire
ALLISON CLAIRE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE