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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE
INJURIES RESULTING IN AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER, OR A SIMILAR
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER,

Various Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

**PSC UPDATE RE TEST CASE
DESIGNATIONS**

AUTISM MASTER FILE

Special Master George Hastings

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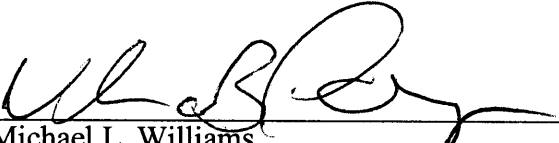
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1. On April 4, 2007, the Court issued an Order stating that “ the PSC’s [Petitioners’ Steering Committee] time for designating the second and third ‘test cases’ regarding the PSC’s first general causation theory’ is hereby extended until April 6, 2007.”
2. The PSC, understanding the court’s urgency with having two additional test cases selected, has diligently worked towards the selection of the two additional test cases.
3. The PSC now informs that court that it is not in a position to identify the two additional cases at this time. To properly identify two additional cases, issues such as the thimerosal content of the immunizations administered, and outstanding medical, social service and educational records must be resolved. The PSC notes that without the benefit of discovery against the vaccine manufacturers, determining whether particular shots contained thimerosal is very time-consuming in this case selection process involving thousands of children with as many as 12 potentially thimerosal-containing shots per child. Without this information, the PSC cannot complete a thorough and complete evaluation of potential cases.
4. Counsel continues to work diligently in identifying the two additional cases and will immediately inform the court once a selection has been made.

DATED this 6th day of April, 2007.

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