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Date: 5/15/2016 1:16:47 PM

Subject: RE: Conference Call In Info for Monday, 5/16 at 2:00 p.m. Saturday May 14

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I never guarantee anything but effort. I should be able to call in on my cell at 2, although there may be a lot of background noise in the airport. My problem is I will not be of much use on the call if I do not know what our message or plan is and I will be in a deposition until just before the call.

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Monty

If you can guarantee you're free at 2, it's possible the call could proceed. I will NOT be done by 2...just want to make sure you are on the call with Tony, Amanda, Holly and Butch since I'm tied up. thanks

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From: Whittle, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whittle@dss.sc.gov>]  
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I'm available at 2, 4 and/or 5, but I'm not certain about Tony's schedule.

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On May 14, 2016, at 5:47 PM, Monty Todd <[mtodd@sowellgray.com](mailto:mtodd@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

I could probably do 2 but not 4 or 5

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2016, at 3:03 PM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, All:

Please let me know your thoughts about the call at 4 or 5 on Monday afternoon? I'm not sure I'll be done with my mediation but I'll commit to 5 as the Judge appears insistent that the call will proceed on Monday. Look forward to hearing from you. Thanks Becky

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Becky, Sorry I just saw your email. Would 4 or 5 pm Monday work?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2016, at 4:38 PM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Judge Duffy:

I have been in deposition preparation most of today and have just learned of the proposed call at 2:00 pm on Monday. I will be in a mediation and Monty will be in depositions in Memphis. I apologize for any inconvenience, but would it be possible to find another time when Monty and I can participate in the call? We thank you for your consideration. Best, Becky

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From: Robin Owens

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For the convenience of everyone, we have reserved our conference call line for Monday, 5/16, at 2:00 p.m. Call in Info is:

Call In Number: 803-255-8665

Call Number to Join: 1

Password: 13579# (please be sure to press # to connect)

Internal Dial In: 2401

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Subject: Response to Plaintiffs' Counter Offer on Attorney Fees paid over time

Dear Judge Duffy and Counsel for Plaintiffs,

I apologize for not communicating on Wednesday as anticipated whether we would have a response by today (Friday) or Monday. In fact we will need til Monday and look forward to speaking to you then (Monday at 2:00).

With warm regards,

Tony

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