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Date: 10/3/2016 2:57:00 PM
Subject: RE: Exchange Press Releases? October 3

Do we have an updated press release yet?

Richele

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Many thanks, Tony. B

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Becky—yes, working on finalizing it now and will send asap.

Tony

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Good afternoon, Tony, Amanda, Holly and Richele:

We assume you are working on the press release and will send to Matthew this afternoon per his request. Thanks B

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Good morning,

I have attached our draft press release for tomorrow. It is written two ways—one if he rules from the bench, and one if he takes it under advisement. We will only send one version tomorrow.

Please send us some description of what the Director intends to say tomorrow in addressing the Court in the open hearing.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you in Chambers at 9:45 am tomorrow,
Matthew

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Matthew,

I don't think we are going to have our press release finalized before Monday—would Monday still suit you all for

exchange? I'll get you at least a summary description of the Director's anticipated comments as well.

Quick question: Do Plaintiffs plan on having a press conference or any other press engagement other than a release?

With warm regards,

Tony

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Yes, and thank you for asking. We would be happy to--what about by Friday? It will likely be similar to the last one around the preliminary approval hearing. On another issue, is there anything we need to be prepared for regarding the Director's comments that she will make at the hearing? We look forward to getting past this final litigation hurdle, so please do not hesitate to let us know anything that can make smoothly. Thanks, Matthew

----- Original message -----

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Dear Matthew,

Hope all is well with you. The question has arisen whether Plaintiffs would be amenable to exchanging press releases for comment prior to the hearing next week, as we did last time when the settlement agreement was filed. Please let us know once you've had an opportunity to discuss.

With warm regards,

Tony

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