IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARC VEASEY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-193 (NGR)

GREG ABBOTT, et al.,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF JANUARY 24 HEARING

The United States respectfully requests that the Court's previously-ordered hearing set for January 24, 2017, be continued for 30 days. Private Plaintiffs oppose this motion. Defendants consent to it.

On August 25, 2016, this Court set a hearing for January 24, 2017. Order (ECF No. 922). The United States seeks to continue this hearing because of the federal government's change in administration, which took place on January 20, 2017. Because of the change in administration, the Department of Justice also experienced a transition in leadership. The United States requires additional time to brief the new leadership of the Department on this case and the issues to be addressed at that hearing before making any representations to the Court. This motion is made in good faith and not for the purposes of delay.

Accordingly, the United States respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and continue the January 24, 2017, hearing until February 24, 2017, or thereafter. A proposed order is attached hereto.

Date: January 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 20, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

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