

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

JOHNNY REYNOLDS, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	)	2:85cv665-MHT
	)	
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF	)	
TRANSPORTATION, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

CONSENT ORDER

Before the court is the special master's and parties' joint motion requesting that the special master's hourly rate for services in this case be increased to \$ 300 per hour and that the future cost of the special mastership be paid from the contempt fines previously collected in this case and held on account in the court's registry.

For good cause shown, it is ORDERED as follows:

(1) The joint motion regarding Special Master C. A. González's hourly fee (doc. no. 9096) is granted.

(2) The special master's hourly fee is increased to \$ 300 per hour effective January 1, 2015. Defendant Alabama Department of Transportation, which has been paying these special master's fees and expenses shall continue to do so as invoices from the special master are received. Then, once a year, and at a time determined by defendant Alabama Department of Transportation, defendant Alabama Department of Transportation will file a motion and affidavit detailing the amounts previously paid the special master and requesting reimbursement of that amount from the contempt fines. Upon review and approval of defendant Alabama Department of Transportation's motion for reimbursement, the court will order defendant Alabama Department of Transportation to be reimbursed from the contempt fines collected in this case.

(3) If, during the remaining term of the special master's appointment, the fees and expenses paid the special master from the contempt fines exceed

\$ 300,000, the parties will have the right to seek review of whether the payment of the special master's fees and expenses should continue to be made from the contempt fines.

(4) The court reserves the right to determine, sua sponte or at the request of any party, the reasonableness of the special master's fees and expenses and to adjust those fees and expenses accordingly.

(5) The special master shall provide copies of his invoices to counsel for the plaintiffs and intervenors at the time they are submitted to defendant Alabama Department of Transportation.

DONE, this the 3rd day of February, 2015.

/s/ Myron H. Thompson  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE