

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRENT NIX,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) No. 7:17-CV-189-D
)
THE CHEMOURS COMPANY FC, LLC, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) No. 7:17-CV-195-D
)
THE CHEMOURS COMPANY FC, LLC, et al.,)
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)
Defendants.)

ROGER MORTON,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 7:17-CV-197-D
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THE CHEMOURS COMPANY, et al.,)
)
)
Defendants.)

VICTORIA CAREY, et al.,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) No. 7:17-CV-201-D
)
E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY,)
et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 7:17-CV-209-D
)	
DOWDUPONT, INC., et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

On January 4, 2018, the court held a status conference in these cases. Plaintiffs Nix, Morton, and Carey moved to appoint the law firms of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC and Susman Godfrey LLP as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel for the Nix, Morton, and Carey cases. The court finds that the proposed leadership team of Cohen Milstein and Susman Godfrey meets the criteria for appointment of interim class counsel. Thus, the motion to appoint the law firms of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC and Susman Godfrey LLP as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel is granted. The court also orders the creation of an Executive Committee for the putative class, which will include Gary W. Jackson of the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin, and Neal H. Weinfield of Dedendum Group, LLC.

Plaintiffs shall file two master consolidated complaints not later than January 31, 2018. One master consolidated complaint will concern the Nix, Morton, and Carey plaintiffs. The other master consolidated complaint will concern the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority and Brunswick County plaintiffs. After receiving the two master consolidated complaints, the court anticipates consolidating the five cases into two cases that correspond with the two master consolidated complaints. Defendants may respond to the two master consolidated complaints by March 2, 2018. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(3). The two master consolidated complaints will moot defendants'

pending motion to dismiss in the Nix case, and the Nix plaintiffs do not need to respond to that motion to dismiss.

As discussed at the status conference, the parties will meet and confer concerning plaintiffs' joint motion for limited expedited discovery. The parties will advise the court by January 26, 2018, whether they have been able to resolve the motion and obviate the need for the court to rule on the joint pending motion for limited expedited discovery.

SO ORDERED. This 4 day of January 2018.



JAMES C. DEVER III
Chief United States District Judge