

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

CELIA VALDEZ, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MARY HERRERA, *et al.*,

Defendants.


CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:09-cv-668 JCH/DJS

**ORDER**

A Rule 16 Settlement Conference was conducted by Magistrate Judge Don J. Svet on June 9, 2010. The Plaintiffs and Defendants Rick Homans, Secretary of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and Michael Sandoval, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department (collectively "TRD") are close to reaching a settlement agreement. The only issue remaining between the Plaintiffs and TRD is the amount and payment of Plaintiffs' litigation expenses and attorneys' fees.

The Court therefore orders that Plaintiffs have five days from June 9, 2010 to submit to Defendants the total number of hours they have invested in this case. The parties shall then confer in good faith to resolve the amount and payment of litigation expenses and attorneys' fees. If the parties are unable to reach agreement with respect to attorneys' fees for Plaintiffs' TRD claim within thirty days of the execution of the TRD settlement agreement, the Plaintiffs shall submit their attorneys' fee application for that claim to Judge Herrera no later than forty-five days after execution of the TRD settlement agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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DON J. SVET  
United States Magistrate Judge