STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS

RALPH ALLGAIER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, a state agency, and MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY, a state agency,

Defendants.

Case No. 26-000078-MZ

Hon. Michael J. Riordan

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STIPULATION AND ORDER TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

Plaintiff, Ralph Allgaier, and Defendants, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, by and through their respective counsel, stipulate as follows:

1. This action arises out of the same transaction and occurrence as an action currently pending in the Livingston County Circuit Court, Case No. 26-33181-CH, *Ralph Allgaier v Patrick and Shelby Quin*, before Hon. L. Suzanne Geddis (the "Circuit Court Action").

2. While the Circuit Court Action involves different defendants and would not have preclusive effect on the issues presented in this case, it is anticipated that resolution of the Circuit Court Action may resolve some or all of the claims raised in this case.

3. The parties agree that a temporary stay of this action pending resolution of the Circuit Court Action will promote judicial economy, avoid duplicative and potentially inconsistent proceedings, and conserve the resources of the parties and the Court.

4. The parties therefore stipulate that all proceedings in this matter, including all responsive pleading requirements, discovery, motion practice, deadlines, and other case activity, are stayed until further order of this Court.

5. The parties shall file a joint status report with this Court every one hundred and eighty (180) days, or at such other interval as the Court may direct, advising the Court of the status of the Circuit Court Action.

6. Either party may move to lift the stay upon a showing of good cause, including but not limited to resolution of, or a material development in, the Circuit Court Action.

7. Within twenty-one (21) days after entry of a final, non-appealable order or judgment in the Circuit Court Action, or upon further order of this Court, the parties shall confer and advise the Court whether this action should proceed and, if so, propose a schedule for further proceedings.

8. This stipulation is entered into solely for the purpose of coordinating the two proceedings. It does not constitute a waiver by any party of any position, defense, or argument regarding jurisdiction, immunity, the timeliness of Plaintiff's claims, exhaustion of administrative remedies, or the merits of any claim or defense asserted in this action, all of which are expressly preserved.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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ORDER

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is STAYED pending resolution of *Ralph Allgaier v Patrick and Shelby Quin*, Livingston County Circuit Court, Case No. 26-33181-CH, or until further order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report with this Court every one hundred eighty (180) days advising the Court of the status of the Circuit Court Action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that either party may move to lift this stay upon a showing of good cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this stipulation and order does not constitute a waiver of any party's positions regarding jurisdiction, immunity, timeliness, exhaustion of administrative remedies, or the merits, all of which are expressly preserved.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Hon. Michael J. Riordan
Court of Claims Judge

Dated: 08/21/2026

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