

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties, by counsel, submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's Order of May 1, 2025:

The parties are continuing to communicate about settlement of various cases that were previously part of the Watts Coordinated Proceedings, with the assistance of Magistrate Judge Valdez. The next conference with Magistrate Judge Valdez is scheduled for June 3, 2025.

The parties propose that the Court postpone the status hearing set for May 30, 2025, until after June 3, 2025. At the next status hearing, the parties will be prepared to update the court on possible global settlement discussions and on their proposals for proceeding with discovery in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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