

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

QUMOTRIA KENNEDY, ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:15cv348 HSO-JCG

CITY OF BILOXI, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION [17] TO STAY PROCEEDINGS  
AND STAYING THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CAUSE**

This cause comes before the Court on the Motion [17] to Stay Proceedings filed November 2, 2015, by the Plaintiffs, Qumotria Kennedy, Richard Tillery, Joseph Anderson, and Defendants City of Biloxi, John Miller, and James Steele. The parties move the Court to suspend both the deadlines for responding to Plaintiffs' Complaint [1] and for briefing of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification [3] until January 15, 2016. In support of their requested relief, the parties represent that staying the above captioned cause will "promote judicial economy and limit costs." Mot. [17] at p. 1. The parties further represent that they "stipulate to file a joint status update with the Court on December 1, 2015." *Id.* at p. 2.

Having considered the submissions of the parties, the record, and relevant legal authorities, the Court finds that the circumstances here favor a stay of the proceedings. The Court notes that while named Defendant Judicial Correction Services, Inc. was not included in the instant Motion, in the interest of judicial economy, a stay of proceedings should include all of the named parties in this action. Accordingly, the Motion [17] to Stay should be granted and the above

captioned cause is stayed as to all named parties until January 15, 2016.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Motion [17] to Stay Proceedings filed November 2, 2015, is **GRANTED**. The above captioned cause is stayed as to all parties until January 15, 2016, including the deadlines for responding to the Complaint [1] and for briefing of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification [3].

**IT IS, FURTHER, ORDERED** that per the parties stipulation, a joint status update shall be submitted to the Court via chambers email [gargiulo\_chambers@mssd.uscourts.gov] on or before December 1, 2015.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 3rd day of November, 2015.

*st. John C. Gargiulo*  
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JOHN C. GARGIULO  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE