

COURTROOM MINUTE SHEET

DATE 3-7-19

CIVIL NO. CIV-16-264 -F

Lisa West, et al., Individually and as Class Representatives

-vs-

Chesapeake Operating, L.L.C., et al.

COMMENCED 1:30 ENDED 2:15 TOTAL TIME 45 min.

PROCEEDINGS Motion hearing

JUDGE STEPHEN P. FRIOT DEPUTY LORI GRAY REPORTER TRACY THOMPSON

PLF COUNSEL: Edward White

DFTS FAIRFIELD OIL & GAS CORP., EQUAL ENERGY US, INC., WHITE STAR PETROLEUM LLC
COUNSEL: Edd Pritchett

DFT WHITE STAR PETROLEUM LLC COUNSEL: Dale Cottingham

DFT PHOENIX OIL & GAS, INC. COUNSEL: Breanne Gordon

DFT NEW DOMINION LLC COUNSEL: Robert Gum, April Coffin

DFT CHESAPEAKE OPERATING LLC COUNSEL: Timothy Bomhoff, Patrick Stein

The court hears arguments of counsel.

Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand (doc. no. 352) is **DENIED**.

Plaintiffs are granted leave to file a motion to join additional plaintiffs not later than March 28, 2019. The proposed Third Amended Complaint shall be attached to plaintiffs' motion.

Defendant Chesapeake Operating, L.L.C.'s Motion for Entry of Specialized Scheduling or Case Management Order (doc. no. 360) is **DENIED** without prejudice to reassertion of the defendants' scheduling contentions at a later date. The court will not enter a scheduling order until all parties are properly in the case. The court will set the case for a status/scheduling conference once all parties are properly in the case.

The court gives its preliminary views as to scheduling. Preliminarily, the court is disinclined to enter a Lone Pine type of scheduling order. The court may well enter a scheduling order establishing the usual sequence of scheduled events, perhaps with longer than usual intervals for discovery and dispositive motion work. The court will consider separating discovery into phases if there appears to be a good reason to do that. At that juncture, the court may also consider requiring plaintiffs to provide documentation of their claimed damages by a specified date, in order to facilitate settlement discussions before the case gets to an advanced stage.