

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE JUDGE PEDRO A. DELGADO-HERNÁNDEZ
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Date: August 19, 2021

CASE NO. 21-CV-1366 (PAD)
Rodríguez Vélez et al v. Pierluisi-Urrutia

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| Plaintiffs | Attorneys Arturo V. Bauermeister-Fernández Ilya Shapiro José R. Dávila-Acevedo |
| v. Defendant | Joel Torres-Ortiz |

Case Called for Status Conference.

Counsel for the parties were present via VTC and members of the press had access through teleconference. The court provided a brief overview of the procedural background. Attorney Torres expressed concern as to the information-production order set at Docket No. 18, in light of the extension of time granted to answer the amended complaint or otherwise plead at Docket No. 14, that is, not later than August 31, 2021, because defendant intends to respond by such date. Attorneys Bauermeister and Shapiro argued in favor of maintaining the order as entered.

After hearing arguments, the court placed on hold paragraphs 2 and 3 of the order, and authorized defendant to, not later than August 31, 2021: (i) move for dismissal under Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6), and (ii) oppose the preliminary injunction request.

Attorney Bauermeister urged the court to reconsider. Attorney Torres opposed, noting that the resources in the Puerto Rico Department of Justice are currently shorthanded. The court expressed that the case will be handled with a sense of urgency, assumed the Puerto Rico Secretary of Justice will assign whatever resources are necessary to this case; and after further discussion, partially reconsidered the previous ruling, so that by August 26, 2021 plaintiffs send to the defendant proposed factual stipulations as referred to in paragraph 2 of the order and the information identified in paragraph 3.¹ Thus, the following deadlines govern:

1. **August 26, 2021**: By plaintiffs, disclosure of the information identified in paragraph 2 of Docket No. 18.

¹ In the process of reviewing the Minutes of Proceedings, the presiding judge realized that he reduced the term for plaintiff to submit the information required in paragraph 3 of the Order at Docket No. 18. That was not the court's intention. Thus, plaintiffs will have until August 30, 2021 to produce the information required in paragraph 3.

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2. **August 30, 2021**: By plaintiffs, disclosure of the information identified in paragraph 3 of Docket No. 18.
3. **August 31, 2021**: By defendant, filing of Rule 12(b)(6) motion and opposition to motion for preliminary injunction.

Plaintiffs' attorneys requested a preliminary injunction hearing date and that a status conference be set for the beginning of September. The court said it will first review defendant's August 31, 2021 filings, pointing out it will be on top of this.

s/Verónica S. Otero-Rivera
Verónica S. Otero-Rivera
Case Manager/Courtroom Deputy Clerk
to Hon. Judge Pedro A. Delgado-Hernández
U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico