

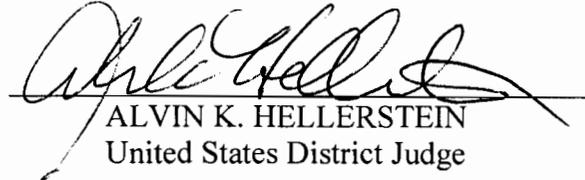
and each of them, have contributed to the injuries suffered by the plaintiffs. There has not yet been an opportunity for discovery sufficient for either side to prove, or disprove, these allegations.

The parties are directed to meet and jointly present to the Court a discovery plan to proceed simultaneously, and on a parallel track, with the Core Discovery. This discovery shall not impede, or excuse failure to perform, the Core Discovery. The parties shall advise the Special Masters of the discovery, but disputes shall come to me, not the Special Masters.

The argument scheduled for September 18, 2008 at 3:00 pm is cancelled. Liaison counsel for plaintiffs and for defendants shall submit a joint discovery plan. No more than two witnesses per Structural and Design Engineer Defendant may be noticed by either side.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2008
New York, New York



ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge