

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MOTION TO REFER TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL THE PROCEEDING STYLED JOY CLARY, AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY CLARY, ET AL., PLAINTIFFS, VS. AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC., ET AL., DEFENDANTS, MASON COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NOS. 14-C-101 THROUGH 14-C-139

Pursuant to the directive set forth in *State of West Virginia ex rel. American Electric Power Co., Inc., et al. v. Honorable David W. Nibert, Judge of the Circuit Court of Mason County, et al.*, No. 15-0819 (W.Va. Feb. 10, 2016) and invoking its inherent authority pursuant to the Constitution of West Virginia, the Court, on its own motion, referred Mason County Civil Action Nos. 14-C-101 through 14-C-139 to the Mass Litigation Panel for further proceedings.

IT IS, HEREBY, ORDERED, that Mason County Civil Action Nos. 14-C-101 through 14-C-139 are referred to the Mass Litigation Panel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mass Litigation Panel is authorized to transfer and join with the existing Mass Litigation any similar or related actions pending or subsequently filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Mass Litigation Panel later determines that any civil action referred to it pursuant to this Order is not sufficiently similar or related to this Mass Litigation, the Panel may request that the Chief Justice transfer the civil action from the Panel to the appropriate circuit court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Honorable Alan D. Moats, Chair of the Mass Litigation Panel; the Honorable David W. Nibert, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; the Mass Litigation Manager; the Administrative Director of the Courts; and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mason County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mason County need take no action to remove or otherwise transfer this matter until direction is received in writing from a member of the Mass Litigation Panel, and/or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

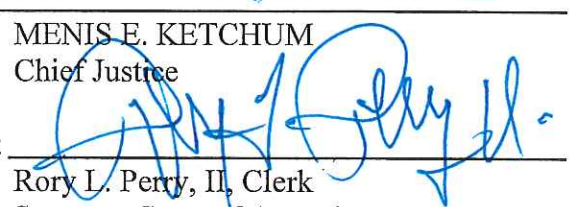
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all proceedings be conducted as provided by law.

ENTERED: APRIL 14, 2016



MENIS E. KETCHUM
Chief Justice

Attest:



Rory L. Perry, II, Clerk
Supreme Court of Appeals