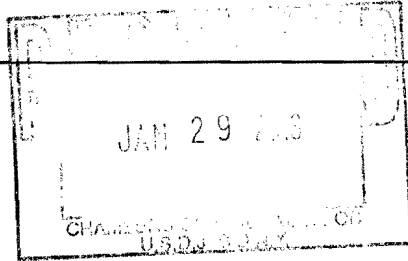




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BY HAND

The Honorable Kimba M. Wood
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1910
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Pokerstars, et al.*,
11 Civ. 2564 (KMW)

Dear Judge Wood:

The Government respectfully writes to request an extension of the deadline by which the Government may respond to the motion to dismiss that has been adopted by claimant/defendant Christopher Ferguson. The present response date is today, January 28, 2013. The Government requests an amended response date of February 18, 2013. Counsel for claimant/defendant Ferguson consents to this request.

By way of background, on or about December 18, 2012, the Court issued an Order (D.E. 292) allowing claimant/defendant Ferguson to convert his memorandum in support of the motion to dismiss filed by former claimant/defendant Howard Lederer (D.E. 281) into his own motion to dismiss. In the Order, the Court also established a deadline of January 28, 2013, for the Government to respond to Ferguson's motion.

Since that time, counsel for the Government and counsel for defendant Ferguson have engaged in extensive settlement conversations. These conversations have not yet resulted in an agreement.

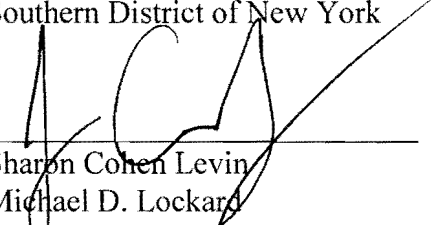
Because counsel for the Government and Ferguson have spent substantial time over the past few weeks in the hope of reaching a resolution, the Government respectfully requests, with the consent of claimant/defendant Ferguson, an additional three weeks to respond to claimant/defendant Ferguson's motions to dismiss, with an amended response date of February 18, 2013.

*Granted
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Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED: 1-29-13


The Honorable Kimba M. Wood
United States District Judge