

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES : MASTER FILE  
: LITIGATION : 02 Civ. 3288 (DLC)  
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: IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. ERISA LITIGATION : MASTER FILE  
: : 02 Civ. 4816 (DLC)  
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ORDER

DENISE COTE, District Judge:

On November 14, 2003, trial in the class action in the Securities Litigation was scheduled to commence on January 10, 2005. Orders of April 15 and May 7, 2004 placed an embargo on the depositions and interrogatories of thirteen witnesses the Government expected to be critical witnesses at the criminal trial of former WorldCom CEO Bernard J. Ebbers ("Ebbers"), which was scheduled to begin November 9, 2004. On October 19, the Honorable Barbara Jones granted Ebbers' motion to move his criminal trial to January 17, 2005. By letter of October 22, the Underwriter Defendants, Arthur Andersen LLP, and the Director Defendants, with the consent of Lead Plaintiff, request that the date upon which the class action trial in the Securities Litigation begins be adjourned to February 28, 2005, in order to permit embargoed witnesses to be deposed in advance of trial. The October 22 letter also reports that the Government has withdrawn its previous request to embargo Sanjeev Sethi, Kimber McDowell, and Jon McGuire. It is hereby

ORDERED the trial in the Securities Litigation is scheduled to begin on February 28, 2005.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pretrial order and related documents are to be submitted January 7. Motions in limine are due January 7 and oppositions are to be submitted by January 21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that opposition to the Underwriter Defendants' motion "to phase the trial" is continued until January 7; the reply is due January 21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that depositions of Sanjeev Sethi and Jon McGuire in the Securities Litigation and ERISA Litigation may proceed without further delay.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York  
October 25, 2004

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DENISE COTE  
United States District Judge