

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : NO: CR 07 CR 683
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 v. : JUDGE RUBEN CASTILLO
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 BP AMERICA INC., :
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 Defendant. :
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ORDER

Having considered the motion of the United States of America, the Court finds that: (1) the number of potential victims in this case makes it impracticable to provide all the rights provided under the 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a); (2) the "multiple crime victims" provision of the Act applies to this case; and (3) the means of notifying potential victims as set forth in the United States' Motion for an Order Authorizing Compliance with the Justice for All Act Using Reasonable Alternative Measures constitutes a "reasonable procedure" to give effect to and ensure compliance with the notice provisions of the Act.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The United States' Motion for an Order Authorizing Compliance with the Justice for All Act Using Reasonable Alternative Measures is granted. Accordingly, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3771(d)(2), the United States is authorized to comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a) by:

(1) posting information relevant to victims in this case on the Department of Justice's website, located at <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/vns/>; and

(2) providing written notice to putative class counsel for the alleged victims in the pending class action lawsuits, currently including: (a) Michael J. Freed, Esq., and Steven A. Kanner, Esq., of Freed Kanner London & Millen LLC; Karen L. Morris, Esq., and Patrick F. Morris, Esq.,

of Morris and Morris Counselors at Law; and Steven A. Asher, Esq., and Mindee J. Reuben, Esq., of Weinstein Kitchenoff & Asher LLC (Counsel for Direct Purchasers); and (b) Christopher Lovell, Esq., of Lovell Stewart Halebian LLP (Counsel for Indirect Purchasers).



RUBEN CASTILLO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: 1/23/08