

United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 03-5262

September Term, 2003

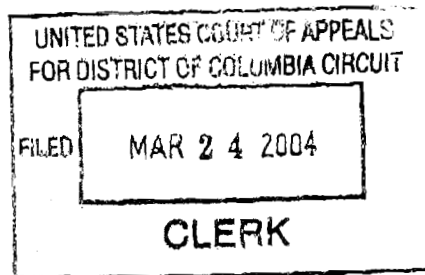
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Filed On:

Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al.,
Appellees

v.

Gale A. Norton, as the Secretary of the Interior and
Aurene M. Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary of
Interior-Indian Affairs,
Appellants



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Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al.,
Appellees

v.

Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,
Appellants

BEFORE: Ginsburg, Chief Judge, and Randolph and Rogers,
Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the emergency motion to consolidate appeals and the emergency motion for a stay pending appeal and for a temporary stay pending consideration of the motion for a stay pending appeal, it is

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ORDERED that the motion for a temporary stay pending consideration of the motion for a stay pending appeal be granted, and that the district court's preliminary injunction filed March 15, 2004 be stayed pending further order of the court. The purpose of this administrative stay is to give the court sufficient opportunity to consider the merits of the motion for a stay pending appeal and should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits of that motion. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 32-33 (2002). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, on the court's own motion, that the appellees (the plaintiffs below) file a response to the motion to consolidate appeals and a response to the motion for a stay pending appeal by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004. The appellants shall file their replies, if any, by 4:00 on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. The parties shall file and serve their submissions by hand.

Per Curiam

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