United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
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No. 08-5500   **September Term 2008**

1:96-cv-01285-JR

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Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al.,

    Appellants

    v.

Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,

    Appellees

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08-5506   **1:96-cv-01285-JR**

Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al.,

    Appellees

    v.

Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,

    Appellants

BEFORE: Henderson and Tatel, Circuit Judges

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Upon consideration of the motion to expedite, the response thereto, which includes a motion to consolidate appeals and a request for leave to file separate appendices, the reply, and the supplement to the reply, it is

ORDERED that the motion to consolidate be granted, and these cases are hereby consolidated. It is

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FURTHER ORDERED that the request for leave to file separate appendices be granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that these cases be expedited. The following briefing schedule will apply:

Appellants' Opening Brief	January 21, 2009
Appellants' Appendix	January 21, 2009
Appellees' Brief/Cross-Appellant's Opening Brief	February 20, 2009
Appellee/Cross-Appellants' Appendix	February 20, 2009
Appellants' Reply Brief/ Cross-Appellee's Brief	March 23, 2009
Cross-Appellants' Reply Brief	April 6, 2009

The Clerk is directed to schedule oral argument on the first appropriate date following the completion of briefing.

Parties are directed to file and serve their briefs and appendices by hand on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. All briefs and appendices must contain the date the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

The parties will be notified by separate order of the oral argument date and the composition of the merits panel.

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/
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