

If this deadline cannot be met, respondent shall move the court, **in writing**, for an extension of time, stating with specificity the reasons for noncompliance.

- 2) Petitioner(s) shall, **within thirty (30) days** after the receipt of the stipulation, either return the stipulation to the respondent and file a status report notifying the court of the same, or file a status report detailing the status of the settlement.
- 3) Respondent shall file the signed stipulation **within fifteen (15) days** after its receipt from petitioner(s). Respondent shall file a status report informing the court of any delays in the filing of the stipulation and the reasons therefore.

The parties may incorporate attorney's fees and costs into the final settlement package. However, the negotiation of fees and costs **shall not** serve as an acceptable reason for delaying the filing of the stipulation. If negotiation of fees and costs will extend the fifteen (15) week period, parties should go forward with the stipulation process, with the intention of resolving the issue of attorney's fees and costs after the conclusion of the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Gary J. Golkiewicz
Chief Special Master