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August 16, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION

The STATE OF TEXAS, the STATE §
 OF ALABAMA, the STATE OF ALASKA, §
 the STATE OF ARKANSAS, the STATE §
 OF FLORIDA, the STATE OF IDAHO, §
 the STATE OF IOWA, the STATE OF §
 KANSAS, the COMMONWEALTH OF §
 KENTUCKY, the STATE OF §
 LOUISIANA, the STATE OF §
 MISSISSIPPI, the STATE OF MISSOURI, §
 the STATE OF MONTANA, the STATE §
 OF NEBRASKA, the STATE OF OHIO, §
 the STATE OF OKLAHOMA, the STATE §
 OF SOUTH CAROLINA, the STATE OF §
 TENNESSEE, the STATE OF UTAH, the §
 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, and the §
 STATE OF WYOMING, §

Plaintiffs, §

v. §

Civil Action No. 6:23-CV-00007

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF §
 HOMELAND SECURITY, ALEJANDRO §
 MAYORKAS, Secretary of the United §
 States Department of Homeland Security, §
 in his official capacity, U.S. §
 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION §
 SERVICES, UR JADDOU, Director of §
 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration §
 Services, in her official capacity, U.S. §
 CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, §
 TROY MILLER, Acting Commissioner §
 of U.S. Customs & Border Protection, §
 in his official capacity, U.S. §
 IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS §
 ENFORCEMENT, and TAE JOHNSON, §
 Acting Director of U.S. Immigration & §
 Customs Enforcement, in his official §
 capacity, §

Defendants, §

v.

VALERIE LAVENUS, FRANCIS
 ARAUZ, PAUL ZITO, ERIC SYPE,
 KATE SUGARMAN,
 NAN LANGOWITZ, and
 GERMAN CADENAS,

Intervenor Defendants.

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ORDER

Pending before the Court is Intervenor Defendants’ Motion to Reconsider or Clarify, or in the Alternative Motion for Relief from Order Denying Intervenor Defendants’ Motion for Leave to Amend Witness and Exhibit List, (Dkt. No. 225). The Court clarifies that its latest Order, (Dkt. No. 223), did not strike any evidentiary material that has been offered as part of the Parties’ previous briefing. In light of the scheduling order, (Dkt. No. 159), those previously-attached exhibits may be offered at trial. The Parties were on notice of that.

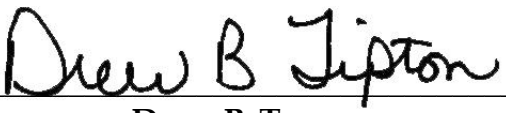
The Parties’ previous briefing *and exhibits*, including any supplemental briefing *or extra-record evidence including affidavits or declarations*, on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction, (Dkt. No. 22), are incorporated and consolidated with this Court’s consideration of the merits pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(a)(2). *The evidentiary materials attached to the Parties’ previous briefing, and any supplemental exhibits, affidavits, or declarations they may submit*, are admitted as authentic and without need of a sponsoring witness and are presumptively admitted as “part of the trial record and need not be repeated at trial.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(a)(2).

(*Id.* at 2) (emphasis added). As to the three additional exhibits offered by the Intervenor Defendants that were not part of their prior briefing and were not identified by the deadline in the Court’s Scheduling Order, those are untimely.

To be clear, the Parties may still object to the admissibility of any exhibit at the Final Pretrial Conference.

It is SO ORDERED.

Signed on August 16, 2023.



DREW B. TIPTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE