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Penny Miller
Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court

December 28, 2018

Re: Matter of Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside of North Dakota - Supreme Court No. 20160436

Dear Ms. Miller:

Our understanding is that the Morton County State's Attorney's Office has recently undertaken an active review of all NoDAPL cases that have been delayed due to being in warrant status, in order to evaluate which ones they wish to pursue and which will be dismissed. This review will be completed within 30 days from December 7, 2018.

WPLC and our affiliated attorneys would request the opportunity to represent NoDAPL defendants on such cases that the prosecution decides to pursue during 2019, under the special provisions outlined by this Court under its January 18, 2017, Order.

As per the Court's November 15, 2018, Order, any such cases must be out of warrant status by December 31, 2018. However we will not know which cases prosecutors are intending to pursue until their review is complete on January 7, 2019. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court revise its order of November 15, 2018, to extend the December 31, 2018, deadline by 30 days.

Sincerely,

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