

**MINUTE ENTRY
FALLON, J.
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: PROPULSID : **MDL NO. 1355**
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION : **SECTION "L"**
: **JUDGE FALLON**
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A telephone status conference was held on this date in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon. In attendance was Special Master Patrick Juneau. Mr. Juneau reported to the Court on the development of a expedited process for certain bright-line claims in the Settlement Program.

On Thursday, September 16, Mr. Juneau met with Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Liaison Counsel to discuss how an expedited process would work and to appoint substitute members of the Medical Panel, given the displacement due to Hurricane Katrina. Defendants have approved the appointment of one new member of the Medical Panel, Dr. David Elizardi, with certain restrictions that will be memorialized in a document to be drafted by the parties. The parties also agreed that both Tier 1 claims and \$250 administrative claims may be reviewed under the expedited process. The Medical Panel will review these claims shortly. The Lafayette claims office is receiving new claims and is set to process these claims.

Mr. Juneau is scheduled to meet with liaison counsel on Thursday, September 22, to establish further details regarding how the expedited process will work.