UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EX REL. HARRY S. MELIKIAN,
Plaintiff

v.

BARTON-COTTON SALES CORPORATION,
INC., THE STANEK GROUP and AFFINITY
MARKETING ASSOCIATES,
Defendants

98CV11635MEL

REPORT ON STATUS OF PENDING LEGISLATION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF STAY

The defendant in the above-named action, Barton-Cotton Sales Corporation, Inc. ("Barton-Cotton") hereby provides the Court and the government with the following status of the pending legislation pursuant to this Court's July 7, 2001 order. (See Exhibit "A": July 7, 2001 Order). Furthermore, based on the apparent positive status of the pending legislation, Barton-Cotton requests that the Court extend the stay of the subject Inspector General subpoena for an additional ninety days, until December 10, 2001.

I. General Background

On June 28, 2001, the Court held a hearing on Barton-Cotton's motion to stay this action, which arises out of Barton-Cotton's alleged violation of the United States Postal Service's Cooperative Mailing Rule, 39 USC § 3626. Barton-Cotton's motion was based upon evidence that currently pending federal remedial legislation is likely to be enacted, rendering this matter moot.

The motion is allowed [illegible] documents [illegible] ([illegible]), [illegible], I am unlikely to grant a further stay, unless the facts as of 1/1/02 [are] compelling. [illegible] the defendants, the defendants shall report to the Court as to the status of the proposed — i.e. legislation — [is it] likely enacted? — as of 1/13/02.
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