

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

FRONT RANGE EQUINE RESCUE, <i>et</i>)	
<i>al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civ. No. 1:13-cv-00639-MCA-RHS
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TOM VILSACK, Secretary of the U.S.)	
Department of Agriculture, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Federal Defendants,)	
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ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Parties’ September 25, 2013 “Stipulation and Joint Motion to Extend Temporary Restraining Order Regarding Rains Natural Meats, to Modify Briefing Schedule, and to Vacate October 1, 2013 Evidentiary Hearing.” The Court finds that the Joint Motion is well-taken and GRANTS the Joint Motion, as follows:

1) Consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b)(2) and the Parties’ consent, the Court’s September 20, 2013 temporary restraining order, ECF No. 168, pertaining to federal inspections at the horse slaughterhouse facility operated by Defendant-Intervenor Rains Natural Meats in Gallatin, Missouri, is hereby extended to October 31, 2013, when the Court anticipates issuing its ruling on the merits of Plaintiffs’ claims.

2) The Parties will incorporate any arguments regarding how Plaintiffs’ claims apply to the Rains decision in their remaining briefs under the expedited briefing schedule.


3) On or before September 27, 2013, Federal Defendants and Defendant-Intervenors will file a total of two Response Briefs on the Merits (instead of six individual briefs). The word

length for each of the two Response Briefs is extended from 14,000 words to 17,500 words. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7)(B)(i).

4) On or before October 11, 2013, Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenor will file one combined Reply Brief on the Merits. The word length for this brief is extended to 17,500 words.

5) The evidentiary hearing referred to the Honorable Robert H. Scott and set for October 1, 2013, *see* ECF No. 173, is vacated.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.


M. CHRISTINA ARMIJO
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE