

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

Gemmell v. Hawkins – C. A. No. 16-350 WES

Report (#24) to the Court

This Report is filed pursuant to Section IV.A.4 of the Order Appointing Special Master. My time in the past two months has been *de minimis*, hence I am not submitting a time sheet.

In September, DHS continued to exceed the SNAP 96% timeliness standard set forth in the Stipulation and Order of Settlement (“Stipulation”) – 96.1% for expedited applications and 97.2% for non-expedited applications. This means that out of a total of 3421 eligible SNAP applications submitted in September, only 118 were not processed in a timely fashion.

This is the 11th consecutive month of compliance with the 96% standard set forth in the Stipulation, and DHS has met its goal of achieving compliance in 11 out of the 12 months since October 2018, which means that the Stipulation may be terminated by this Court. *See* Article VII, Section 29 of the Stipulation. The parties have submitted a Joint Motion to Terminate the Stipulation and my role as Special Master to which I have no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deming E. Sherman

Special Master

October 28, 2019
cc Counsel of Record (by email)