

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:98-cv-01811-EGS**

CONSUMERS UNION v. NHTSA
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan
Demand: \$0
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/21/1998
Date Terminated: 12/02/1999
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government
Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
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| 07/21/1998 | 1 | COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION (jaw) (Entered: 07/22/1998) |
| 07/21/1998 | 2 | RULE 109 Certificate of disclosure of corporate affiliations and financial interests by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION (jaw) (Entered: 07/22/1998) |
| 07/21/1998 | | SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant NHTSA and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (jaw) (Entered: 07/22/1998) |
| 08/11/1998 | 3 | MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant NHTSA to extend time to 09/21/98 to answer complaint [1-1] (tb) (Entered: 08/12/1998) |

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| 08/14/1998 | 4 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion to extend time to 09/21/98 to answer complaint [1-1] [3-1] by NHTSA ; Answer extended to 9/21/98 for NHTSA Meet Confer hearing set for 10:00 10/16/98 . Meet Confer Statement due 9/30/98 . (N) (clv) (Entered: 08/14/1998) |
| 09/21/1998 | 5 | ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant NHTSA by Lena Robins (tw) (Entered: 09/22/1998) |
| 09/21/1998 | 6 | ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant NHTSA . (tw) (Entered: 09/22/1998) |
| 09/28/1998 | 7 | MOTION filed for GENERAL MOTORS to intervene as a defendant. (tw) (Entered: 09/29/1998) |
| 09/30/1998 | 8 | MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) filed by federal defendant NHTSA . (tw) (Entered: 10/02/1998) |
| 10/09/1998 | 9 | RESPONSE by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to motion for GENERAL MOTORS to intervene as a defendant. [7-1] (tw) (Entered: 10/13/1998) |
| 10/16/1998 | | Initial Status Conference before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : Status hearing set for 10:30 11/4/98 Reporter: Frank Rangus (clv) (Entered: 10/16/1998) |
| 11/03/1998 | 10 | JOINT MOTION by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION, federal defendant NHTSA for a Court's order to reschedule status conference (bjsp) (Entered: 11/04/1998) |
| 11/04/1998 | | SCHEDULING NOTICE: status hearing set for 9:30 12/8/98 ; before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan . (clv) (Entered: 11/04/1998) |
| 11/09/1998 | 11 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting joint motion for a Court's order to reschedule status conference [10-1] by NHTSA, CONSUMERS UNION status hearing set for 10:30 12/8/98 ; (N) (clv) (Entered: 11/09/1998) |
| 12/07/1998 | 12 | MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) (SUPPLEMENTAL) filed by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION; attachments (8) (tw) (Entered: 12/08/1998) |
| 12/07/1998 | 13 | MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) (SUPPLEMENTAL) filed by federal defendant NHTSA . (tw) (Entered: 12/08/1998) |
| 12/08/1998 | | STATUS HEARING before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : status hearing set for 10:00 2/19/99 ; counsel to submit order; Reporter: Frank Rangus (clv) (Entered: 12/08/1998) |
| 12/10/1998 | 14 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion for GENERAL MOTORS to intervene as a defendant. [7-1] (N) (clv) (Entered: 12/10/1998) |
| 12/10/1998 | 39 | ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant NHTSA . (bjsp) (Entered: 07/27/1999) |
| 12/17/1998 | 15 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan :directing defendant to file the Vaughn Index by 1/15/99; response to the Vaughn Index due by 2/1/99; reply due by 2/8/99; status hearing 2/19/99 at 10:30 (N) (clv) (Entered: 12/17/1998) |

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| 01/13/1999 | 16 | JOINT MOTION by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION, federal defendant NHTSA for revision of scheduling order (clv) (Entered: 01/14/1999) |
| 01/22/1999 | 17 | RESPONSE by federal defendant NHTSA to Court's order dated 12/17/98 [15-1] (jf) (Entered: 01/25/1999) |
| 01/26/1999 | 18 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting joint motion for revision of scheduling order [16-1] by NHTSA, CONSUMERS UNION; Defendant's Vaughn Index due by 1/22/99; responses due by 2/5/99; replies due by 2/12/99; (N) (clv) (Entered: 01/26/1999) |
| 01/29/1999 | 19 | NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant NHTSA revised vaughn index. (tw) (Entered: 02/01/1999) |
| 02/05/1999 | 20 | MOTION filed by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to modify current schedule (jf) (Entered: 02/08/1999) |
| 02/10/1999 | 21 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion to modify current schedule [20-1] by CONSUMERS UNION status hearing set for 10:30 3/5/99 ; (N) (clv) (Entered: 02/10/1999) |
| 02/19/1999 | 22 | RESPONSE by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to Vaughn Index [19-1] by NHTSA (jf) (Entered: 02/22/1999) |
| 02/24/1999 | 23 | MOTION (unopposed) filed by federal defendant NHTSA to extend time to 3/2/99, under federal rule of civil procedure 6(b)(1), within which to file a reply to plaintiffs response to defendant's vaughn index filed on January 22, 1999. (tw) (Entered: 02/25/1999) |
| 03/02/1999 | 24 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion to extend time to 3/2/99, under federal rule of civil procedure 6(b)(1), within which to file a reply to plaintiffs response to defendant's vaughn index filed on January 22, 1999. [23-1] by NHTSA (N) (clv) (Entered: 03/03/1999) |
| 03/02/1999 | 25 | REPLY by federal defendant NHTSA to plaintiff's response to agency's Vaughn index [19-1] by NHTSA ; exhibits (3) (bjsp) (Entered: 03/03/1999) |
| 03/05/1999 | | STATUS HEARING before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : status hearing set for 10:00 5/27/99 ; counsel to submit order; Reporter: Frank Rangus (clv) (Entered: 03/05/1999) |
| 03/12/1999 | 26 | STIPULATION between plaintiff and GM filed and fiated by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan regarding dismissing GM as an intervenor-defendant. (N) (clv) (Entered: 03/12/1999) |
| 03/15/1999 | 27 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan :directing defendant to file its revised Vaughn Index by 3/22/99; plaintiff's response due by 4/16/99; government's response due by 5/17/99; plaintiff's reply due by 5/25/99; status hearing set for 10:00 5/27/99 ; (N) (clv) (Entered: 03/15/1999) |
| 03/22/1999 | 28 | NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant NHTSA to the Court RE: the filing of a second revised VAUGHN index pursuant to the Court's 3/12/99 order; attachments (bjsp) (Entered: 03/23/1999) |
| 04/16/1999 | 29 | MOTION (CONSENT) filed by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to extend time to 4/21/99 to respond to the revised Vaughn index (st) (Entered: 04/19/1999) |

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| 04/21/1999 | 30 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion to extend time to 4/21/99 to respond to the revised Vaughn index [29-1] by CONSUMERS UNION (N) (clv) (Entered: 04/21/1999) |
| 04/21/1999 | 31 | RESPONSE by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to Government's Second Revised Vaughn Index [28-1] by NHTSA; Attachment (1) (tth) (Entered: 04/22/1999) |
| 05/17/1999 | 33 | MOTION filed by federal defendant NHTSA to extend time to 5/20/99 within which to file its reply to plaintiff Consumer Union's response to defendant's second revised Vaughn Index. (tw) (Entered: 05/19/1999) |
| 05/19/1999 | 32 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan :granting defendant's motion for extension of time to 5/20/99 to file its reply to plaintiff's response to defendant's second revised Vaughn Index; (N) (clv) (Entered: 05/19/1999) |
| 05/20/1999 | 34 | REPLY by federal defendant NHTSA to plaintiff's response to defenant's second revised Vaughn Index [28-1] by NHTSA ; declarations (4) (bjsp) (Entered: 05/22/1999) |
| 05/25/1999 | 35 | MOTION (REQUEST) filed by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to extend time to 6/4/99 to respond to defendants' latest filing in this case , and to continue the 5/27/99 status conference to a later date (bjsp) (Entered: 05/26/1999) |
| 06/04/1999 | 36 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : granting motion to extend time to 6/4/99 to respond to defendants' latest filing in this case [35-1] by CONSUMERS UNION status hearing reset for 10:00 6/17/99 ;, granting motion to continue the 5/27/99 status conference to a later date [35-2] by CONSUMERS UNION (N) (clv) (Entered: 06/04/1999) |
| 06/17/1999 | | STATUS HEARING before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : counsel to submit order; Reporter: Frank Rangus (clv) (Entered: 06/17/1999) |
| 06/30/1999 | 37 | NOTICE of Status of Briefing Schedule by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION (tth) (Entered: 07/01/1999) |
| 07/07/1999 | 38 | SURREPLY by plaintiff CONSUMERS UNION to defendant's reply to plaintiff's response to Government's second revised vauhgn index; (FIAT. Judge Sullivan) (tw) Modified on 07/14/1999 (Entered: 07/14/1999) |
| 12/02/1999 | 40 | ORDER by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan : dismissin actiong (N) (clv) (Entered: 12/02/1999) |