U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-03709-CJN

PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP v. UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/12/2022 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 12/12/2022 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–9728928) filed by PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Exhibit 1, # 3 Exhibit 2, # 4 Exhibit 3, # 5 Exhibit 4, # 6 Summons – Department of the Army, # 7 Summons – US Attorney General, # 8 Summons – US Attorney's Office)(Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/12/2022) |
| 12/12/2022 | 2 | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/12/2022) |
| 12/12/2022 | <u>3</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Mark Francis Murphy on behalf of PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Murphy, Mark) (Entered: 12/12/2022) |
| 12/13/2022 | | Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zsl) (Entered: 12/13/2022) |
| 12/13/2022 | <u>4</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zsl) (Entered: 12/13/2022) |
| 12/16/2022 | <u>5</u> | STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 16, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 12/16/2022) |
| 12/27/2022 | <u>6</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY served on 12/19/2022 (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/27/2022) |
| 12/27/2022 | 7 | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/15/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/14/2023. (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/27/2022) |

| 12/27/2022 | <u>8</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/20/2022. (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/27/2022) |
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| 01/17/2023 | 9 | NOTICE of Appearance by John Haberland on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (Haberland, John) (Entered: 01/17/2023) |
| 01/17/2023 | <u>10</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re 1 Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Haberland, John) (Entered: 01/17/2023) |
| 01/17/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>10</u> Consent Motion for an Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall file its response to the complaint on or before February 27, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 17, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/17/2023) |
| 02/27/2023 | <u>11</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.(Haberland, John) (Entered: 02/27/2023) |
| 03/02/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before March 10, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated dates for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 2, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/02/2023) |
| 03/02/2023 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/10/2023. (zcam) (Entered: 03/02/2023) |
| 03/10/2023 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Haberland, John) (Entered: 03/10/2023) |
| 03/20/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. The parties are hereby ORDERED to file their next Joint Status Report on April 10, 2023, and every 60 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 20, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/20/2023) |
| 03/20/2023 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/10/2023. (zcam) (Entered: 03/20/2023) |
| 04/10/2023 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Haberland, John) (Entered: 04/10/2023) |
| 06/05/2023 | <u>14</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Patrick Doyle on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Substituting for attorney John Haberland (Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 06/05/2023) |
| 06/09/2023 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 06/09/2023) |
| 06/28/2023 | <u>16</u> | Discovery Order. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 28, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 06/28/2023) |
| 07/11/2023 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 07/11/2023) |
| 09/11/2023 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 09/11/2023) |
| 11/13/2023 | <u>19</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 11/13/2023) |
| 12/22/2023 | <u>20</u> | NOTICE of Change of Firm Name by PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 12/22/2023) |

| 01/02/2024 | <u>21</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth A. Cassady on behalf of PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Cassady, Elizabeth) (Entered: 01/02/2024) |
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| 01/02/2024 | <u>22</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Attorney Patricia B. Palacios terminated. (Palacios, Patricia) (Entered: 01/02/2024) |
| 01/12/2024 | <u>23</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 01/12/2024) |
| 01/25/2024 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before March 12, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 1/25/2024. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/25/2024) |
| 03/12/2024 | <u>24</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 03/12/2024) |
| 03/28/2024 | <u>25</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Attorney Mark Francis Murphy terminated. (Murphy, Mark) (Entered: 03/28/2024) |
| 04/03/2024 | <u>26</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas M. Barba on behalf of PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Barba, Thomas) (Entered: 04/03/2024) |
| 04/03/2024 | <u>27</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Attorney Elizabeth A. Cassady terminated. (Cassady, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/03/2024) |
| 05/13/2024 | <u>28</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Doyle, Patrick) (Entered: 05/13/2024) |
| 05/24/2024 | <u>29</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Sabra R. Messer on behalf of PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Messer, Sabra) (Entered: 05/24/2024) |
| 05/29/2024 | <u>30</u> | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name— Ashwin J. Ram, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10927987. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Ashwin J. Ram, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Barba, Thomas) (Entered: 05/29/2024) |
| 05/29/2024 | <u>31</u> | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name— Evan M. Goldstick, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC—10928088. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Evan M. Goldstick, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Barba, Thomas) (Entered: 05/29/2024) |
| 05/29/2024 | <u>32</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Alane Ballweg on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Substituting for attorney Patrick Doyle (Ballweg, Alane) (Entered: 05/29/2024) |
| 06/13/2024 | <u>33</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ballweg, Alane) (Entered: 06/13/2024) |
| 07/12/2024 | <u>34</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ballweg, Alane) (Entered: 07/12/2024) |
| 08/12/2024 | <u>35</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ballweg, Alane) (Entered: 08/12/2024) |
| 09/12/2024 | <u>36</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ballweg, Alane) (Entered: 09/12/2024) |