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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:98-cv-02367-PLF

CONSUMER'S CHOICE v. EPA Assigned to: Judge Paul L. Friedman Demand: \$0 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

# **Plaintiff**

## **CONSUMER'S CHOICE COUNCIL**

Date Filed: 10/02/1998 Date Terminated: 02/21/2001 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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### **Defendant**

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text   |
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| 10/02/1998 | 1 | COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE (ks) (Entered: 10/05/1998)   |
| 10/02/1998 |   | SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant EPA , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (ks) (Entered: 10/05/1998) |
| 10/26/1998 | 2 | ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant EPA by Lydia K. Griggsby (ks) (Entered: 10/27/1998)   |

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| 10/28/1998 | 3  | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA to extend time to $11/30/98$ to answer complaint [1–1] (st) (Entered: $10/29/1998$ )  |
| 10/30/1998 | 4  | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to $11/30/98$ to respond to the complaint [1–1] [3–1] by EPA; dispositive motion due $11/30/98$ (N) (bm) (Entered: $10/30/1998$ )  |
| 11/30/1998 | 5  | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA to extend time to 3/14/99 to file a dispositve motion ; attachments (2) (tw) Modified on 12/01/1998 (Entered: 12/01/1998)   |
| 12/03/1998 | 6  | RESPONSE by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE in opposition to motion to extend time to 3/14/99 to file a dispositve motion [5–1] by EPA . (bjsp) (Entered: 12/04/1998)   |
| 12/14/1998 | 7  | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to $3/14/99$ to file a reply to their dispositve motion [5–1] by EPA; reply to dispositive motions due by $2/12/99$ (N) (bm) (Entered: $12/14/1998$ )  |
| 02/11/1999 | 8  | MOTION (CONSENT) filed by federal defendant EPA to extend time to 2/22/99, and by both parties to set briefing schedule (lkn) (Entered: 02/12/1999)   |
| 02/16/1999 | 9  | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 2/22/99 [8–1] by EPA; dispositive motions due by 2/22/99; response to dispositive motions due by 3/12/99; reply to dispositive motions due by 3/22/99 (N) (bm) (Entered: 02/16/1999)  |
| 02/22/1999 | 10 | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA for summary judgment upon the grounds that there is no genuine issue of material fact in dispute in this case and the undisputed facts establish that defendant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law ; attachments (5) (tw) (Entered: 02/24/1999)   |
| 02/23/1999 | 11 | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA for leave to file corrected copy of brief EXHIBIT (motion for summary judgment) (bjsp) (Entered: 02/24/1999)  |
| 02/25/1999 | 12 | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion for leave to file corrected copy of motion for summary [11–1] by EPA (N) (bm) (Entered: 02/26/1999)   |
| 02/25/1999 | 23 | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA for summary judgment ; exhibits (6) (bjsp) (Entered: 07/23/1999)  |
| 03/12/1999 | 13 | MOTION filed by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE for discovery under FED. R. CIV. P. 56(f) (st) (Entered: 03/15/1999)  |
| 03/12/1999 | 14 | MEMORANDUM by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE in opposition to motion<br>for summary judgment upon the grounds that there is no genuine issue of material<br>fact in dispute in this case and the undisputed facts establish that defendant is<br>entitled to judgment as a matter of law [10–1] by EPA (st) (Entered: 03/15/1999)  |
| 03/12/1999 | 15 | MEMORANDUM by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE in support of motion for discovery under FED. R. CIV. P. 56(f) [13–1] by CONSUMER'S CHOICE (st) (Entered: 03/15/1999)   |
| 03/17/1999 | 16 | MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA to extend time to 4/16/99 to file its reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for summary judgment and opposition to plaintiff's motion for discovery under Rule 56(f) (tth) (Entered: 03/18/1999)  |
| 03/18/1999 | 17 | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 4/16/99 to file its reply to plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion for summary judgment and opposition to plaintiff's motion for discovery under Rule 56(f) [16–1] by EPA; defendant's reply to dispositive motions due by 4/16/99; and response to discovery motion due by 4/16/99 (N) (bm) (Entered: 03/18/1999) |
| 04/16/1999 | 18 | REPLY by federal defendant EPA to response to motion for summary judgment<br>upon the grounds that there is no genuine issue of material fact in dispute in this<br>case and the undisputed facts establish that defendant is entitled to judgment as a<br>matter of law [10–1] by EPA (st) (Entered: 04/19/1999)   |

#### 04/16/1999 19 RESPONSE by federal defendant EPA in opposition to motion for discovery under FED. R. CIV. P. 56(f) [13–1] by CONSUMER'S CHOICE . (st) (Entered: 04/19/1999) 04/21/1999 20 MOTION (CONSENT) filed by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE to extend time to 5/7/99 to reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's motion for discovery (bjsp) (Entered: 04/26/1999) 04/27/1999 21 ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 5/7/99 to reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's motion for discovery [20-1] by CONSUMER'S (N) (bm) (Entered: 04/27/1999) REPLY by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE to response to motion for discovery 05/07/1999 22 under FED. R. CIV. P. 56(f) [13–1] by CONSUMER'S CHOICE (st) (Entered: 05/10/1999) 12/29/1999 24 MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Paul L. Friedman (N) (bm) (Entered: 01/03/2000)12/29/1999 25 ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting in part, motion for summary judgment regarding the records withheld under Exemptions 1 and 5 of the FOIA as well as regarding the adequacy of the searches of all offices other than the Ofice of the EPA Administrator; denying in part without prejudice with regard to the adequacy of its search of the Office of the EPA Administrator [23-1], denying motion for discovery under FRCP 56(f) [13-1] by CONSUMER'S CHOICE; defendant shall provide the Court with supplemental affidavits or declarations demonstrating that it conducted an dequate search of the Office of the EPA Administrator for records responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request due 2/29/00 ; plaintiff's response to supplemental affidavits or declarations due 3/20/00 (N) (bm) (Entered: 01/03/2000) 03/07/2000 26 MOTION filed by federal defendant EPA for leave supplemental declaration; EXHIBIT (SUPLEMENTAL DECLARATION) (tb) (Entered: 03/08/2000) 03/14/2000 27 ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion for leave supplemental declaration in support of defendant's motion for summary judgment [26-1] by EPA (N) (bm) (Entered: 03/14/2000) SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM RE: declaration of Elizabeth A. Wonkovich 03/14/2000 28 regarding adequacy of search for records by federal defendant EPA to motion for summary judgment [23–1] by EPA; attachment (tb) (Entered: 03/14/2000) 03/20/2000 30 SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL for plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE, substituting Michael Edward Tankersley for attorney Colette G. Matzzie for CONSUMER'S CHOICE (tb) (Entered: 03/21/2000) MOTION (CONSENT) filed by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE to extend time 03/20/2000 31 to 4/3/00 to respond to defendant's supplement declaration and renewed motion for summary judgment (tb) (Entered: 03/21/2000) 03/21/2000 29 ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman: granting plaintiff's motion for extension of time to 4/3/00 to respond to defendant's supplemental declaration and renewed motion for summary judgment. (N) (bm) (Entered: 03/21/2000) MOTION (CONSENT) filed by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE to extend time 03/31/2000 32 to 4/17/00 to respond to defendant's supplemental declaration and renewed motion for summary judgment (tb) (Entered: $0\hat{4}/04/2000$ ) 04/04/2000 33 ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 4/17/00 to respond to defendant's supplemental declaration and renewed motion for summary judgment [32–1] by CONSUMER'S CHOICE (N) (bm) (Entered: 04/04/2000) 34 CROSS MOTIONS by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE for summary judgment 04/17/2000 upon the ground that defendant's search was inadequate and plaintiff is entitle to summary judgment, and, in the alternative for discovery under Federal Rule Civil Procedure 56(f). (tw) (Entered: 04/19/2000) MOTION (consent) filed by federal defendant EPA to extend time to 5/11/00 to 05/01/2000 35 file ist response to plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and renewed

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|            |           | motion for discovery. (tw) (Entered: 05/02/2000)  |
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| 05/02/2000 | 36        | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 5/11/00 to file response to plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and renewed motion for discovery [35–1] by EPA; plaintiff's response to cross motion for summary judgment due 5/11/00; response to renewed motion for discovery due by 5/11/00 (N) (bm) (Entered: 05/03/2000) |
| 05/11/2000 | 37        | RESPONSE by federal defendant EPA in opposition to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment [34–1] by and renewed motion for discovery under Federal Rule Civil Procedure 56(f) [34–2]; attachments (2) (tw) (Entered: 05/12/2000)   |
| 05/22/2000 | 38        | REPLY by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE to defendant's opposition to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment upon [34–1], and renewed motion for discovery under Federal Rule [34–2]. (tw) (Entered: 05/23/2000)   |
| 07/14/2000 | 39        | STIPULATION filed and fiated by Judge Paul L. Friedman . withdrawing plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judmgnet and renewed motion for discovery without prejudice; withdrawing defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment without prejudice; this stipulation is binding upon all parties. (N) (bm) (Entered: 07/14/2000)                          |
| 01/11/2001 | 40        | STATUS REPORT by plaintiff CONSUMER'S CHOICE, federal defendant EPA (aet) (Entered: 01/16/2001)   |
| 01/16/2001 | <u>41</u> | ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman: granting motion and staying the briefing of cross-motions for summary judgment until 2/16/01; if warranted, the parties shall file their joint stipulation of dismissal and settlement agreement in this action by 2/16/01. (N) (bm) (Entered: 01/16/2001)   |
| 02/21/2001 | <u>42</u> | STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL of case by plaintiff<br>CONSUMER'S CHOICE, federal defendant EPA; setting forth terms of settlement;<br>dismissing this action with prejudice; so ordered (fiat) J. Friedman (N) (bm)<br>(Entered: 02/21/2001)  |