

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
SOUTHERN DIVISION at PIKEVILLE

CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:08-CV-139-KKC

APPALACHIAN LAND COMPANY,

PLAINTIFF,

v.

ORDER

EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY,

DEFENDANT.

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This matter is before the Court upon the Joint Motion of the parties for a Protective Order and Extension of Deadlines regarding the production of class members' social security numbers to the Settlement Administrator and its private investigator. [R. 147]. The Court has reviewed the joint motion and finds it to be well-taken for the class-notice process. Accordingly, after considering the record and being otherwise advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Defendant, EQT Production Company, shall produce the social security numbers of the class members for whom this information is available to the Settlement Administrator and its private investigator on or before January 15, 2020, for the limited purpose of identifying potential class members and obtaining their addresses in order to provide notice herein.
2. The August 22, 2019 Order pertaining to class certification and final approval is AMENDED with the following deadlines:
 - a. Potential Claimants shall have up to and including **March 31, 2020**, to post-mark Opt-Out Forms and Objections. The letter should include the name, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of the Putative Opt-Out's social security number. Those in the Settlement Class shall opt-out and lodge objections as set forth in the Notice.

- b. Plaintiff shall serve a list of persons who have validly and timely opted out of the Settlement Class (or have objected) on Defense Counsel on or before **April 6, 2020**.
 - c. Plaintiff shall file a report of objections with the Court on or before **April 10, 2020**.
 - d. Plaintiff shall file paperwork for final approval of this Class Action on or before **April 15, 2020**.
3. The Final Fairness Hearing, currently scheduled for February 14, 2020 before District Judge Karen Caldwell, is **RESCHEDULED** for **May 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** at the United States Courthouse in Pikeville, Kentucky.
4. All other provisions of the August 22, 2019 Order **SHALL REMAIN** in full force and effect, absent Court Order.
5. The Settlement Administrator is **ORDERED** to amend all future Notice documentation to reflect these new dates and to update the settlement website accordingly.

Dated: January 6, 2020.



Karen K. Caldwell
KAREN K. CALDWELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY