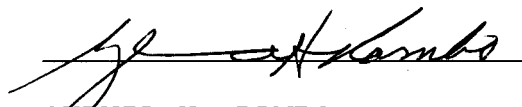


Upon consideration of defendants' and intervenor's motion for authorization under local rule 7.8 to file a reply brief in excess of fifteen pages, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** defendants and intervenor are permitted to file a reply brief that does not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.



SILVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Court

Dated: Aug. 13, 2002