UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL on MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE: GENERAL MOTORS LLC IGNITION SWITCH LITIGATION

MDL No. 2543

TRANSFER ORDER

Before the Panel: Plaintiffs in the *Ronquillo* action listed on Schedule A move under Panel Rule 7.1 to vacate our order conditionally transferring the action to MDL No. 2543 or, alternatively, to stay transfer pending a ruling on their motion to remand to state court. Defendant General Motors LLC opposes the motion.

After considering the argument of counsel, we find that *Ronquillo* involves common questions of fact with the actions transferred to MDL No. 2543, and that transfer under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. No party disputes that *Ronquillo* shares questions of fact with MDL No. 2543. Like many of the already-centralized actions, it involves factual questions arising from an alleged defect in certain General Motors vehicles that causes the vehicle's ignition switch to move unintentionally from the "run" position to the "accessory" or "off" position. *See In re: General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig.*, 26 F. Supp. 3d 1390, 1391 (J.P.M.L. 2014).

In support of the motion to vacate, plaintiffs argue that removal of the action was improper, and the transferor court should decide the pending motion for remand to state court. Jurisdictional issues do not present an impediment to transfer, as plaintiffs can present these arguments to the transferee judge. See, e.g., In re: Prudential Ins. Co. of Am. Sales Practices Litig., 170 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1347-48 (J.P.M.L. 2001).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action listed on Schedule A is transferred to the Southern District of New York and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Jesse M. Furman for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings.

Moreover, under Panel Rule 2.1(d), the pendency of a conditional transfer order does not limit the pretrial jurisdiction of the court in which the subject action is pending. Between the date a remand motion is filed and the date that transfer of the action to the MDL is finalized, a court generally has adequate time to rule on a remand motion if it chooses to do so.

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SCHEDULE A

Western District of Texas

RONQUILLO, ET AL. v. BRAVO SOUTHWEST, LP, ET AL., C.A. No. 3:18-00016