



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

August 3, 2015

The Honorable Donovan W. Frank
 United States District Court
 724 Federal Building
 316 North Robert Street
 St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: *James and Lori Jensen, et al. v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, et al.*
 Court File No.: 09-CV-01775 DWF/FLN
 Court Monitor Invoice, dated July 22, 2015

Dear Judge Frank:

As the Department and Court Monitor have been unable to reach an informal resolution to the Court Monitor's invoice of July 22, 2015, pursuant to the process set forth in the Court's March 19, 2014, Order (Dkt. 286), I write to assert a formal objection to the following charges:

David Ferleger Fees

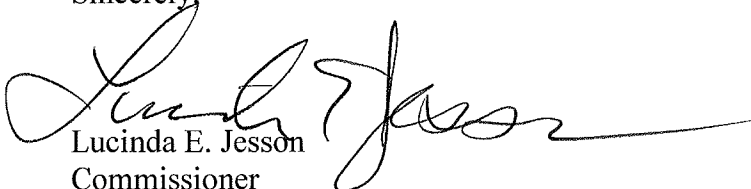
	Hrs/Qty	Amount
1) ADMIN Review, edit and finalize billing	1:12	\$ 270.00

Martin Elks Fees

	Hrs/Qty	Amount
1) Reconcile billing for community review	3:25	\$ 406.25
2) Review billing for community review	1:00	\$ 125.00

Based on our Internal Audits Office's review and recommendation, we do not believe it is reasonable nor just to be billed, nor for Minnesota tax payors to pay, for the Court Monitor's or his assistant's time spent reviewing, editing, or reconciling items billed. We consider this non-billable administrative time and, for good cause, we object to the same. In the alternative, should the Court consider this time as billable, we respectfully request that the amount awarded for this time be at 25% of the the Court Monitor's and his Assistant's professional rate, respectively.

Sincerely,


 Lucinda E. Jesson
 Commissioner

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