UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES THORTON, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)) Civil Action No. 98-890 (EGS)
v.)
NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER) TILED
CORPORATION ("Amtrak"),	DEC _ 4 2000
Defendant.) U.S. DISTRICT COURT

ORDER

Upon consideration of Administrator's Motion for Approval of the Point System for Allocating the Settlement Fund and the Recommended Distributions from the Fund and the oppositions thereto, it is

ORDERED that the Administrator's motion is hereby DENIED WITHOUT

PREJUDICE substantially for the reasons stated by Defendant Amtrak and the Court in the telephone conference on November 30, 2000.

The parties are directed to meet and confer in an effort to modify the consent decree consistent with the concerns of the Court stated in the telephone conference on November 30, 2000. The Court is available to proceed with further hearings on relevant issues in December. Under the circumstances, the Status Hearing scheduled for December 4, 2000 is canceled.

Date: 1/1/00

EMMET G. SULLIVAN U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE



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