

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

MARY BISHOP and SHARON BALDWIN,)
individuals; SUSAN G. BARTON and GAY)
E. PHILLIPS, individuals.)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

No. 04-CV-848-TCK-SAJ

The STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. DREW)
EDMONDSON, in his official capacity as)
Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma and)
BRAD HENRY in his official capacity as)
Governor of the State of Oklahoma;)
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel.)
JOHN ASHCROFT, in his official capacity)
as Attorney General of the United States of)
America, GEORGE W. BUSH, in his official)
capacity as President of the United States.)

Defendants.)

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants the State of Oklahoma, ex rel., Drew Edmondson and Brad Henry's Motion for Stay of Proceedings Against Oklahoma Defendants Pending Appeal (Docket No. 97). According to the response briefs filed, neither Plaintiffs nor the Federal Defendants object to the entry of a stay of all proceedings pending the outcome of the State Defendants' appeal of immunity issues. (See Docket Nos. 106 and 107.) The Court finds that a stay of proceedings against the State Defendants is appropriate pursuant to *Stewart v. Donges*, 915 F.2d 572 (10th Cir. 1990), and that a stay of all proceedings pending such appeal is in the interest of judicial economy.

Accordingly, the State Defendants' motion to stay (Docket No. 97) is GRANTED and all proceedings are stayed until the appeal is resolved.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30th day of October, 2006.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terence Kern". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

TERENCE KERN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE