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 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION
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 13 **KATIE A., et al.,**

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 **TOBY DOUGLAS**, Director of the
 17 California Department of Health Care
 Services; et al.,

18 Defendants.
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Case No. CV-02-05662 AHM (SHx)

**STATE DEFENDANTS’
 RESPONSE TO SPECIAL
 MASTER’S SUPPLEMENTAL
 PROGRESS REPORT FILED
 MARCH 1, 2013**

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 Judge: Hon. A. Howard Matz

20 State Defendants, Toby Douglas, Director of the California Department of
 21 Health Care Services, and Will Lightbourne, Director of the California Department
 22 of Social Services, (“State Defendants”) hereby file their response to the Special
 23 Master’s Supplemental Progress Report on the Implementation of the Katie A. Plan
 24 filed March 1, 2013.

25 State Defendants request a modification of Recommendation No. 3 of the
 26 Special Master’s Supplemental Report, (ECF 839, p. 19), to replace the word
 27 “monitor” with the phrase “provide further direction and guidance, as necessary to.”
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1 The suggested replacement language more accurately reflects the intention of the
2 parties and Special Master, and is consistent with and taken verbatim from the
3 language of the previously court approved Implementation Plan.

4 The Introduction to the Katie A. Implementation Plan, Phase Two, dated
5 November 21, 2012, and submitted to the Court as Exhibit 2 to the Special Master's
6 Report on Progress Toward Completion of the Katie A. Implementation Plan filed
7 November 29, 2012, states in relevant part:

8 Following the submission of the complete Implementation Plan
9 to the Court in December of 2012, the Negotiation Workgroup
10 will convene no less frequently than once every quarter for the
11 remainder of the jurisdictional period to *provide further*
12 *direction and guidance*, as necessary, to the Implementation
13 Plan activities.

14 (EFC No. 828-1, p. 10, lines 17-20, (emphasis added).)

15 Recommendation No. 3 of the Special Master's March 1, 2013 Supplemental
16 Progress Report states:

17 Direct the Special Master to Re-cast and Charter the
18 Negotiation Workgroup by April 19, 2013, to support and
19 monitor the State in it's the [sic] implementation of the Katie
20 A. Agreement and Plan.

21 (ECF No. 839, p.19, lines 5-7.)

22 As can be seen from the above different language, the term "monitoring"
23 is not equivalent to or consistent with the relevant language of the approved
24 Implementation Plan. If the parties and the Special Master wish to change the
25 language, State Defendants recommend the proposed changes should be made
26 through the process recommended by the Special Master and approved by the Court
27 in Recommendation 4 of the Special Master's Progress Report dated and filed
28 November 29, 2012. (ECF No. 828, p.31, lines 7-15.)

1 For the all of the above stated reasons, State Defendants request the Court
2 issue appropriate orders to approve the recommendations of the Special Master as
3 supplemented by comments herein.

4 Dated: March 11, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on March 11, 2013, I electronically filed the following documents with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system:

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SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRESS REPORT FILED MARCH 1, 2013**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 11, 2013, at Los Angeles, California.

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