

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 15-5294**September Term, 2015****1:14-cv-01993-RBW****Filed On: March 29, 2016**

Western Organization of Resource Councils
and Friends of the Earth,

Appellants

v.

Sally Jewell, In her capacity as Secretary of
the Interior, et al.,

Appellees

ORDER

Upon consideration of the joint proposed briefing format and schedule, it is

ORDERED that the following format and schedule apply:

Brief for appellants (not to exceed 14,000 words)	May 9, 2016
Brief for appellees (not to exceed 14,000 words)	June 30, 2016
Joint brief for appellee-intervenors (not to exceed 8,750 words)	July 28, 2016
Reply brief for appellants (not to exceed 7,000 words)	August 11, 2016
Deferred appendix	August 18, 2016
Final briefs	August 25, 2016

All issues and arguments must be raised by appellants in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of

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abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 41 (2016); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

FOR THE COURT:

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/
Robert J. Cavello
Deputy Clerk

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(202) 216-7000**NOTICE TO COUNSEL:
SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT**

The court has entered an order setting a briefing schedule in a case in which you are counsel of record. Once a briefing order has been entered, the case may be set for oral argument. Typically, the argument date will be a minimum of 45 days after briefing is completed.

You will be notified by separate order of the date and time of oral argument. Once a case has been calendared, the Clerk's Office cannot change the argument date, and the court will not ordinarily reschedule it. Any request to reschedule must be made by motion, which will be presented to a panel of the court for disposition. The court disfavors motions to postpone oral argument and will grant such a motion only upon a showing of "extraordinary cause." See D.C. Cir. Rule 34(g).

If you are the arguing counsel and you know you will be unavailable to appear for oral argument on a date in the future, so advise the Clerk's Office by letter, filed electronically, with a copy to opposing counsel. The notification should be filed as soon as possible and updated if a potential scheduling conflict later arises or if there is any change in availability. To the extent possible, the Clerk's Office will endeavor to schedule oral argument to avoid conflicts that have been brought to the court's attention in advance.

Counsel must notify the Clerk as soon as settlement negotiations begin, when settlement of the case becomes likely, and when settlement is reached. This notice allows for more efficient allocation of judicial resources. Additionally, counsel should promptly notify the Clerk if settlement negotiations are terminated. Notice must be given in an appropriate motion or by letter to the Clerk at the earliest possible moment.