FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

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| : CONTEST PROCEEDINGS |
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| : Docket No. CENT 2002-313-RM |
| : Citation No. 6223229; 8/16/2002 |
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| : Docket No. CENT 2003-24-RM |
| : Citation No. 6223250; 9/13/2002 |
| : Docket No. CENT 2003-25-RM |
| : Citation No. 6223251; 9/13/2002 |
| : Sherwin Alumina Plant |
| : Mine ID 41-00906 |
| : CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDINGS |
| : Docket No. CENT 2003-226-M |
| A. C. No. 41-00906-05653 |
| Docket No. CENT 2003-325-M |
| :A. C. No. 41-00906-04829 |
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AMENDED STAY ORDER

Counsel for the parties request that, due to the need for additional preparation, trial of these cases be scheduled for the week of May 17, 2004. This request for such an extraordinary delay is contrary to the Commission's Strategic Plan adopted pursuant to the Government Performance and Requests Act of 1993, and therefore cannot be accommodated. Some of these cases have already been docketed for more than one year. Accordingly the parties are directed to hold the dates February 17, 2004 to February 19, 2004, open for trial of these cases. The Stay Order issued November 19, 2003, will remain in effect.

Gary Melick Administrative Law Judge (202) 434-9977 Distribution: (Facsimile and Certified Mail)

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