UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA, et al., Plaintiffs, v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 02-2413 (RBW)**

ORDER

Currently the Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification is pending before the Court. On December 9, 2003, the Court issued a Memorandum Opinion granting in part and denying in part defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint. In the order accompanying its opinion, the Court also directed that limited discovery be conducted to determine the viability of plaintiff's remaining claims.[1] Because the Court will not address the pending class certification motion, which was filed on April 10, 2003, until after discovery has been completed and further briefing has been submitted to the Court, it will deny plaintiffs' motion for class certification at this time without prejudice. Plaintiffs will be able to file a pleading re-instating their motion for class certification after the Court has decided that this action may proceed.

SO ORDERED on this 22nd day of January, 2004.

REGGIE B. WALTON
United States District Judge

[1]On January 21, 2004, the Court granted the defendants' motion requesting an extension of time in which to respond to the plaintiffs' discovery requests.