

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**  
(Northern Division)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
BALTIMORE

Plaintiff,

vs.

BP P.L.C.; *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case Number: 1:18-cv-2357

**OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR HEARING**

Plaintiff Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectfully responds to oppose Defendants' Request for Hearing, filed on February 20 (Dkt. 154). Defendants requested the Court calendar a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Remand to State, filed September 11, 2018 (Dkt. 111) ("Motion").

Between the Defendants' Notice of Removal (Dkt. 1), Plaintiff's Motion, Defendants' Opposition to the Motion (Dkt. 124), and Plaintiff's Reply (Dkt. 133), the parties have submitted 229 pages of argument to the Court concerning the propriety of Defendants' removal of this case from Maryland state court, along with hundreds of additional pages of supporting declarations and exhibits. Under this Court's local rules, counsel may request a hearing on any motion, but "[u]nless otherwise ordered by the Court . . . all motions shall be decided on the memoranda without a hearing." D. Md. Local R. 105.6 (Dec. 1, 2018). Here, the Court has been thoroughly apprised of the issues raised in the Motion, and Plaintiff believes oral argument would not benefit the parties or the Court.

Moreover, briefing on the Motion closed with the submission of Plaintiff's Reply on October 25, 2018. Defendants did not request a hearing in their Opposition to the Motion, and have waited nearly four months to submit their request. Calendaring a hearing at this late juncture would

likely only create further delay, without significantly aiding the Court's understanding. For these reasons, Plaintiff hereby withdraws the request for a hearing stated in its Motion, and requests that the Court rule based on the parties' submissions, so that the motion can be resolved as expediently as possible.

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I hereby certify that, on the 22nd of February, 2019, the foregoing document was filed through the ECF system and will be sent electronically to the registered participants identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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