

No. 142, Original

**In the
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 5

February 23, 2015

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For purposes of the proceedings before the Special Master, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The United States has submitted a letter, dated February 20, 2015, which, while recognizing that Case Management Order No. 3 only provides parties the right to respond to motions filed pursuant to that order, requests that it be permitted to file by March 11, 2015, an *amicus curiae* brief concerning Georgia's motion to dismiss *Florida v. Georgia*, No. 142 Orig., for failure to join the United States as a required party. The motion to dismiss was filed by Georgia on February 16, 2015. Georgia has not objected to the United States' request to file an *amicus curiae* brief. Florida objects only to the proposed timing of the *amicus curiae* brief. Because of the importance of the issues raised by Georgia's motion, the interests of the United States, and Florida's limited objection, the briefing schedule previously established in Case Management Order No. 3 is modified as follows.

The United States may file an *amicus curiae* brief on or before March 11, 2015, stating its position regarding Georgia's Rule 12(b)(7) motion to dismiss for failure to join the United States as a necessary party. Florida shall file its opposition to Georgia's motion to dismiss within ten (10) days of service of the United States' *amicus curiae* brief, in no event later than March 23, 2015. Georgia may file a reply to Florida's opposition within ten (10) days of service of Florida's opposition, in no event later than April 2, 2015.

Dated: February 23, 2015

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Special Master

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