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Re:

United States v. Jeffrey K. Skilling, Cr. H-04-025-SS

United States v. Joseph Hirko, Cr. H-03-093-04 United States v. Kevin Howard, Cr. H-03-93-03

Dear Mr. Howes:

At this time we want to inform you of several recent developments in the abovecaptioned cases, including the postponement of defendant Skilling's resentencing hearing.

On April 29, 2009, Judge Sim Lake issued an order postponing defendant Skilling's resentencing hearing. No new date has been set. Separately, on April 14, 2009, Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore issued an order resetting defendant Joseph Hirko's sentencing from April 27, 2009 to September 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Finally, jury selection and trial for defendant Kevin Howard has been re-set for June 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., and the final pre-trial conference has been rescheduled for May 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Both proceedings will be before Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore in Courtroom 9A, United States Courthouse, located at 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas.

We appreciate your continued assistance in providing notice of case events to members of the shareholders' class action lawsuit captioned Newby et al. v. Enron Corp., et al., No. H-01-3624.

Sincerely.

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