

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ORDER  
No. 02 MD 1484 (JFK)

**JOHN F. KEENAN, United States District Judge:**

Lead Plaintiffs by their counsel have moved for an order approving the distribution of the settlement proceeds in this case. In their memorandum of law in support of the motion, Lead Plaintiffs acknowledge that thirteen Authorized Claimants, with sixteen distinct claims, dispute the calculation of their Recognized Losses.<sup>1</sup> (Lead Pls.' Mem. in Supp. of Motion for Distribution of Settlement Proceeds 8.) Lead Plaintiffs further acknowledge that ten Claimants dispute their exclusion from participation in the settlement. (Id. at 9.)

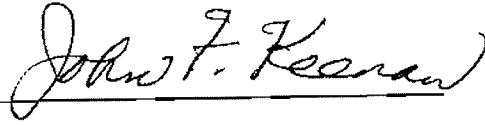
Lead Plaintiffs are instructed to explain why their determination of these disputed claims is correct. This order does not apply to the disputed claims of Robert J. Welch and Albert King, since Lead Plaintiffs have already addressed these in detail. (Id. at 8 n.4.)

<sup>1</sup> The capitalized terms in this order are used as defined in Lead Plaintiffs' memorandum of law.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

April 30, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John F. Keenan", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN F. KEENAN

United States District Judge