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Via ECF

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24 June 2009

Hon. Joanna Seybert
United States District Judge
United States District Court
For the Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, NY 11722

Re: People of the State of New York v. Gerrod T. Smith, Case No. CV 08 4422, EDNY

Dear Judge Seybert:

This firm represents Gerrod T. Smith, the Defendant in the above action, and is in response to Plaintiff's motion to remand and memorandum filed on the  $19^{\text{th}}$  of June, 2009. (docs. 6-7).

In its Order, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2009, the Court stated:

This case has already been removed to this Court. To the extent that Plaintiff intended its filing to be a motion to remand [doc. 3 filed on the  $2^{\rm nd}$  of December, 2008], the Court directs Plaintiff to file a memorandum of law in support of its motion.

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Subsequently, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, Plaintiff filed two documents, a "Motion to remand to State Court memorandum of law" (doc. 6) and a "Memorandum in Support re Order" (doc. 7).

As the Defendant previously pointed out in his letter dated the  $3^{\rm rd}$  of December, 2008, (doc. 4), the Plaintiff waived its statutory right to motion for remand under 28 U.S.C. § 1447(c) by failing to file within the statutory thirty (30) day window, which expired on the  $1^{\rm st}$  of December, 2008. The Plaintiff fails to respond to this point of law.

Plaintiff's motion filed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, (doc. 6), is plainly filed as a motion, and styled as a motion in the docket text, and is accompanied by the separate filing of a memorandum in support, (doc. 7), even though the text of the two documents appears identical. The document is a memorandum titled "Petitioner's Memorandum of Law in Support of its Cross-Motion to Remand." However, there is no cross-motion on the docket.

Assuming, arguendo, Plaintiff intended its filing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2008, and/or on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, to be a motion to remand, Plaintiff's memorandum fails to cite any statutory authority under which it is entitled to bring a motion to remand. Any such motion was waived and is foreclosed, since the thirty (30) day window under § 1447(c) expired on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2008.

Therefore, to the extent either of Plaintiff's filings may be construed as a motion to remand, it must be denied.

Very Truly Yours,

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