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EXC, Inc., a Nevada corporation, d/b/a Express Charters and D.I.A. Express, Inc.; Conlon Garage, Inc., a Colorado corporation; Go Ahead Vacations, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation; Russell J. Conlon, and; National Interstate Insurance Company,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Jamien Rae Jensen, individually, and as parent and next friend of D. J. J., and as Personal Representative of the Wrongful Death Estate of Corey Johnson; Chavis Johnson, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Wrongful Death Estate of Butch Corey Johnson; Margaret Johnson and Frank Johnson, individually, and as parents and next friends of H. J. and D. J.; Francesca Johnson, individually; Justin Johnson, individually; Raymond Jensen, Sr., individually; Louise R. Jensen, individually; Nicole Jensen, individually; Ryan Jensen, individually; Justin Jensen, individually; Katrina Jensen, individually; Raymond Jensen, Jr., individually, and; Murphy Jensen, individually; the Navajo Nation; the Kayenta District Court; the Navajo Nation Supreme Court; and Judge Jennifer Benally, a judge of the Kayenta District Court,

Defendants.

NO. CV 3:10-cv-08197-PCT-JAT

JENSEN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Oral Argument Requested

COME NOW Defendants Jamien Rae Jensen et al. (hereinafter Jensen Defendants), by and through their attorneys of record and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7, and hereby submit their Motion to Dismiss Without Prejudice for the failure of Plaintiffs EXC, Inc., d/b/a Express Charters, et al. (hereinafter EXC Plaintiffs) to exhaust tribal court remedies as required under federal law.

This matter should be dismissed because EXC Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust tribal court remedies where (1) facts bearing on jurisdiction that are as yet unresolved and are as yet in dispute must be determined in the first instance by the Navajo Nation courts and (2) other remedies are available to EXC Plaintiffs under Navajo law and procedure by which they may yet challenge the Navajo Nation courts' jurisdiction. The orderly administration of justice will be best served by allowing the Navajo Nation courts to develop a full record of facts bearing on jurisdiction and affording them a full opportunity to evaluate the factual and legal bases for the challenge to their jurisdiction.

The instant action is prematurely filed and should be dismissed without prejudice rather than stayed. *See National Farmers Union Ins. Cos. v. Crow Tribe of Indians*, 471 U.S. 845, 857 (1985) ("Whether the federal action should be dismissed, or merely held in abeyance pending the development of further Tribal Court proceedings, is a question that should be addressed in the first instance by the District Court."). Dismissal better serves the interests of judicial economy than a stay of this matter because extensive tribal court remedies must yet be exhausted and because this matter, if not dismissed, will remain stayed and pending on this Court's docket for an inordinate period of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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