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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**IN RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL R. MERZ
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

ORDER

Upon advice that the current term of United States Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz will expire on November 19, 2008, and upon determination that such Magistrate Judge be reappointed for a term of eight (8) years, the court does determine to proceed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, and the regulations of the Judicial Conference promulgated under authority of 28 U.S.C. § 631 (b) (5).

Accordingly, in accordance with such statute and regulations, an advisory panel composed of the following persons was appointed:

Charles Faruki, Chairperson
Vipal Patel
Cheryll Bennett
Aaron Durden
Gary Blumenthal
Dr. Laurel Mayer
Joey D. Williams
Kimberly C. Shumate

Such panel reviewed Magistrate Judge Merz's performance in office as a Magistrate Judge and considered all comments received from members of the bar and public. Such panel reported to this court and recommended that Magistrate Judge Merz be reappointed.

Accordingly, United States Magistrate Judge Merz is hereby reappointed as a full-time United States Magistrate Judge at the salary fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States with his official duty station being designated in Dayton, Ohio.

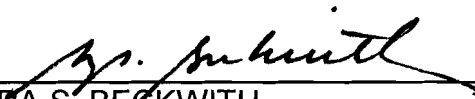
Said United States Magistrate Judge shall enter upon the performance of his duties at 12:01 a.m., on November 20, 2008, but prior to the commencement of such duties, he shall take the oath of affirmation prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 453 and § 631(g).

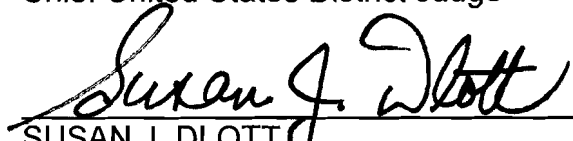
Michael R. Merz, United States Magistrate Judge, is to hold and discharge the duties of his office for a term of eight (8) years from the date of his appointment subject to the provisions of 28 U.S.C.A. § 631 (c), unless sooner removed.


The Clerk of this Court is directed to file certified copies of this Order in the records of each division of this Court and shall likewise forward a certified copy of this Order to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.


IT IS SO ORDERED.


DATE: May 16th, 2008


SANDRA S. BECKWITH
Chief United States District Judge

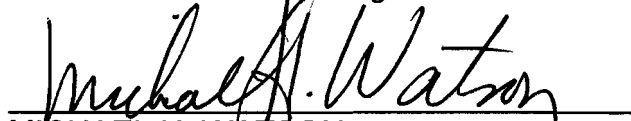

SUSAN J. DLOTT
United States District Judge


EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
United States District Judge

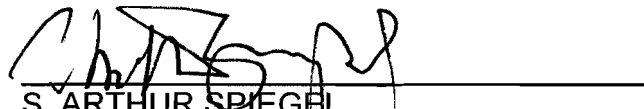

ALGENON L. MARBLEY
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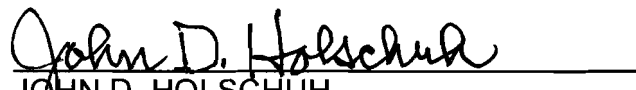

THOMAS M. ROSE
United States District Judge

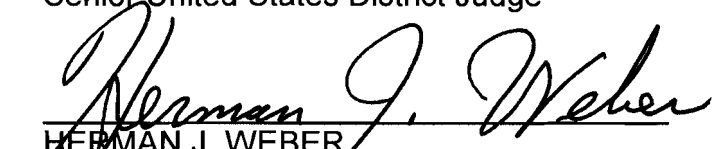

GREGORY L. FROST
United States District Judge


MICHAEL H. WATSON
United States District Judge

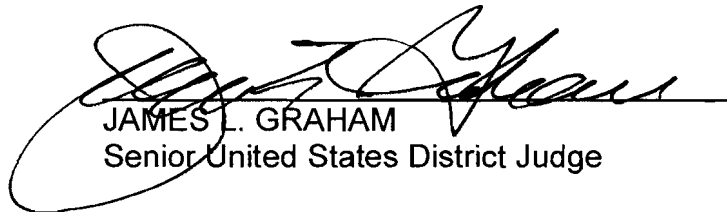

MICHAEL R. BARRETT
United States District Judge


S. ARTHUR SPIEGEL
Senior United States District Judge


JOHN D. HOLSCHUH
Senior United States District Judge


HERMAN J. WEBER
Senior United States District Judge


GEORGE C. SMITH
Senior United States District Judge



JAMES L. GRAHAM
Senior United States District Judge



WALTER HERBERT RICE
Senior United States District Judge