



United States of America
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION
1120 20th Street, N.W., Ninth Floor
Washington, DC 20036-3457

SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Complainant,

v.

Q3 CONTRACTING, INC.,

Respondent.

OSHRC Docket No. 11-1788

BRIEFING NOTICE

The Commission requests that the parties brief the issues presented in the Respondent's Petition for Discretionary Review. The parties are also asked to specifically address the following issue:

Are the alleged violations of 29 C.F.R. § 1926.200(g)(2) (traffic signs) and 29 C.F.R. § 1926.202 (barricades) based on mandatory provisions of either Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD"), 1988 Edition, Revision 3, September 3, 1993, or Part VI of the MUTCD Millennium Edition, December 2000? *See Ruhlin Co.*, 21 BNA OSHC 1779, 1784 (No. 04-2049, 2006) (holding that only mandatory provisions of the MUTCD are incorporated as OSHA standards); 29 C.F.R. § 1926.6(a).

The parties are advised that when the merits or characterization of an item are before the Commission for review, the appropriateness of the penalty is also subject to review. Accordingly, the parties may address the amount of the penalty if they so choose.

All briefs are to be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 93.¹ The first brief is to be filed within 40 days of this notice. A party who does not intend to file a brief must notify the Commission in writing setting forth the reason therefor within the applicable time for filing

¹ The Commission requests that all briefs include an alphabetical table of authorities with references to the pages on which they are cited, and that an asterisk be placed in the left-hand margin of the table to indicate those authorities on which the brief principally relies. The Commission also requests that copies of cited authority, other than statutes, case law, law journal articles and legal treatises, be provided to the Commission and to the opposing party. Parties should be cautioned that these materials will be considered only if appropriate.

briefs, and shall serve a copy on all other parties. The time for filing briefs (or similar notices of intent) of opposing parties shall commence on the date of service.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Dated: September 17, 2012

/s/

Ray H. Darling, Jr.
Executive Secretary