

BEAUFORT COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
14 CvS 327

PCS PHOSPHATE COMPANY, INC. )
Plaintiff )

v. )
DEFENDANY

ESSIE MOORE LONG, MARCELLUS BLOUNT, AND BERNARD MOORE, each individually and as a Representative of the Class of All Heirs of ELIZA ANN MOORE DIAMOND,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING

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Please take notice that the Defendants hereby file the following in support of the Notice of Proposed Class Certification, representation by the Defendants of the Class and in support of the undersigned's representation of the Class as Counsel:

- 1. Affidavit of Essie Moore long
- 2. Affidavit of Marcellus Blount
- 3. Affidavit of Bernard Moore
- 4. Affidavit of Matthew Sullivan

This 27th day of August, 2014.

WHITE & ALLEN, P.A.

Attorneys for Defendants

Bv:

Matzhew S. Sullivan

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This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this Notice of Filing in the above entitled action upon all other parties to this cause by hand delivering a copy hereof to the said parties or attorneys for said parties to:

William P.H. Cary BROOKS, PIERCE, MCLENDON, HUMPHREY & LEONARD, L.L.P. Suite 2000, 230 N. Elm Street Greensboro, North Carolina 27401

This 27 day of August, 2014.

Matthew S. Sullivan Attorney for Defendants WHITE & ALLEN, P.A.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 CvS 327
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AFFIDAVIT OF
) MATTHEW SULLIVAN ) ) ) ) )

The undersigned, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Defendants.

- 1. That I am a citizen and resident of Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina and a shareholder in the law firm of White & Allen, P.A.
- 2. That I received my Juris Doctor in 1995. I am in good standing and licensed to practice before all North Carolina State Courts, the Federal District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. I am a member of the North Carolina and American Bar Associations, the Eighth Judicial District Bar Association, the Lenoir County Bar Association (president 1997-1998), the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (member of Board of Governors), and The Eastern North Carolina Inn of Court.
- 3. My primary area of practice is civil litigation and personal injury. I have litigated complex personal injury and business cases throughout my 19 years including serving as Co-lead Counsel representing 30 plaintiffs consisting of families and workers that were injured or killed in an industrial plant explosion that occurred at the West Pharmaceutical Services plant in 2003.
- 3. That I have been selected to The Best Lawyers in America in the specialty of Product Liability Litigation since 2010 and was recently selected for North Carolina Business Magazine Legal Elite for Litigation for 2013.

Further, your affiant sayeth not.

This **20**<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Matthew S. Sullivan

# NORTH CAROLINA

# LENOIR COUNTY

Personally appeared before me this day MATTHEW S. SULLIVAN, being personally known to me or identified by satisfactory evidence and acknowledged to me his due voluntary execution of the foregoing instrument for the terms and purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the day of August, 2014.

ristie G. Parker, Notary Public

My commission expires: October 1, 2017

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BEAUFORT COUNTY	SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 CvS 327
PCS PHOSPHATE COMPANY, INC.	
Plaintiff	
v.	) AFFIDAVIT OF ) BERNARD MOORE
ESSIE MOORE LONG, MARCELLUS	)
BLOUNT, AND BERNARD MOORE, each	)
individually and as a Representative of the	)
Class of All Heirs of ELIZA ANN MOORE	)
DIAMOND,	)

Defendants.

STATE OF MODELL CAROLINA

The undersigned, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That I am a resident of Beaufort County and am over the age of eighteen (18).
- 2. That I am a relative of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond, who previously owned tract 1 & 2 that are referenced in the Complaint.
- 3. That the Referee Report that is attached to the Complaint filed in this action references my father, Ivy Moore, who was identified as owner of a 1/315 individual interest in Tract 2.
- 4. That I graduated from both high school and Pamlico Technical Institute, where I earned a degree in Light Construction, after which I also earned Airframe and Power Plant Licenses from the Mid-Continent Aviation School in Kansas City in 1975. In 1977, I began work for Texas Gulf at its Aurora, NC facility, now owned by PCS. I am presently a Lead Man in Fertilizer Maintenance and serves on the HAZMAT team as well as the fire and rescue team. I have no responsibilities related to land management or acquisition. I serve as the President of the Bonnerton Community Club and as Chairman of the Deacon Board and Trustee of Moore's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.
- 5. That I generally am familiar with the property and the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond and I am willing to serve as a Class Representative for the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond.

Further, your affiant sayeth not.

This 24 th day of August, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA

BEAUFORT LENOIR COUNTY
Personally appeared before me this day MONE, being personally known to me or identified by satisfactory evidence and acknowledged to me his due voluntary execution of the foregoing instrument for the terms and purposes therein set forth.
Witness my hand and notarial seal, this $260^{\text{th}}$ day of August, 2014.
Patricia a. John John
Notary Public OIT80d
My commission expires: 11-22-206

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this AFFIDAVIT in the above entitled action by First Class Mail upon the parties as follows:

William P.H. Cary Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard P.O. Box 26000 Greensboro, NC 27420

This **27** day of August, 2014.

Matthews. Sullivan
Attorney for Defendants

WHITE & ALLEN, P.A. Attorneys at Law

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BEAUFORT COUNTY	IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 CvS 327
PCS PHOSPHATE COMPANY, INC.	)
Plaintiff	)
ν.	) AFFIDAVIT OF ) MARCELLUS BLOUNT
ESSIE MOORE LONG, MARCELLUS	) MARCELLOS BLOOM
BLOUNT, AND BERNARD MOORE, each	)
individually and as a Representative of the	)
Class of All Heirs of ELIZA ANN MOORE	· )
DIAMOND,	)

#### Defendants.

The undersigned, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That I am a resident of Craven County and am over the age of eighteen (18).
- 2. That I am a relative of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond, who previously owned Tract 1 & 2 that are referenced in the Complaint.
- 3. That the Referee Report that is attached to the Complaint filed in this action references my father John E. Blount, who was identified as owner of a 1/189<sup>th</sup> individual interest in both Tracts 1 & 2.
- 4. That I am a graduate of both high school and Brooklyn College where (after also having attended North Carolina A&T) I earned his BA degree in Industrial Technology in 1963. I then worked in New York, Alaska, Canada and Germany in the construction industry until I retired in 1980 (while working on the NY Trade Center). I continue to serve as a member of the Aurora Fire Department and the Aurora Rescue Squad.
- 5. That I generally am familiar with the property and the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond and I am willing to serve as a Class Representative for the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond.

Further, your affiant sayeth not.

This 16 th day of August, 2014.

Marcellus Blount

NORTH CAROLINA

LENOIR COUNTY

Personally appeared before me this day <u>Rherent</u>, being personally known to me or identified by satisfactory evidence and acknowledged to me his due voluntary execution of the foregoing instrument for the terms and purposes therein set forth.

My commission expires: 1/-22-5016

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this AFFIDAVIT in the above entitled action by First Class Mail upon the parties as follows:

William P.H. Cary Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard P.O. Box 26000 Greensboro, NC 27420

This 27th day of August, 2014.

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Attorney for Defendants

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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY

# IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 14 CvS 327

PCS PHOSPHATE COMPANY, INC.	)	
Plaintiff	)	•
v.	)	AFFIDAVIT OF ESSIE MOORE LONG
ESSIE MOORE LONG, MARCELLUS	)	ESSIE MOOKE LONG
BLOUNT, AND BERNARD MOORE, each	)	
individually and as a Representative of the Class of All Heirs of ELIZA ANN MOORE	)	
DIAMOND,	)	

Defendants.

The undersigned, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That I am a resident of Beaufort County and am over the age of eighteen (18).
- 2. That I am a relative of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond, who previously owned Tract 1 & 2 and are referenced in the Complaint.
- 3. That the Referee Report that is attached to the Complaint filed in this action references my father, Raymond Moore who was identified as owner of a 1/315th individual interest in Tract 1.
- 4. That I am a graduate of both high school and Elizabeth City College, where she earned her teaching degree. Thereafter, she had a distinguished career of over 50 years as a teacher in the Beaufort County public schools prior to her retirement in 1984. Since 1996, she was worked part-time with the Beaufort County Board of Education as a community schools coordinator. In the early 1980s, she was a chairperson of the Bonnerton Community Club and was instrumental in the establishment of a Head Start Program.
- 5. That I generally am familiar with the property and the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond and I am willing to serve as a Class Representative for the heirs of Eliza Ann Moore Diamond.

Further, your affiant sayeth not.

This th day of August, 2014.

Essie Mae Maare Z Essie Mae Moore Long

NORTH CAROLINA

LENOIR COUNTY

Personally appeared before me this day Mexic LONG, being personally known to forescine instrument for the torse and acknowledged to me his due voluntary execution of the foregoing instrument for the terms and purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 6 th day of August, 2014.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 12

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this AFFIDAVIT in the above entitled action by First Class Mail upon the parties as follows:

William P.H. Cary Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard P.O. Box 26000 Greensboro, NC 27420

This 27th day of August, 2014.

Matthew S. Sullivan

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