

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

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| THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, <i>et al.</i> , |) | |
| |) | Case No. 3:22-cv-257 |
| <i>Plaintiffs,</i> |) | |
| |) | Judge Travis R. McDonough |
| v. |) | |
| |) | Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin |
| UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF |) | |
| AGRICULTURE, <i>et al.</i> , |) | |
| |) | |
| <i>Defendants.</i> |) | |
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ORDER

Before the Court are Plaintiff States'¹ unopposed motion to set a briefing schedule on their motion for preliminary injunction (Doc. 48) and Defendants' unopposed motion for leave to file excess pages in their response to Plaintiff States' motion for preliminary injunction (Doc. 51). The Court **GRANTS** the parties' motion to set a briefing schedule (Doc. 48) and **ORDERS** that Defendants deadline to respond to Plaintiff States' motion is **September 9, 2022**, and Plaintiffs States' deadline to file a reply in support of their motion is **September 23, 2022**. In support of their motion for excess pages, Defendants represent that this matter is sufficiently complex as to require excess pages because the Plaintiff States' complaint is lengthy, stating seventeen claims for relief. (Doc. 51, at 1.) Further, this Court has granted requests for excess pages in challenges to similar rules issued by other agencies due to the complexity of these regulatory challenges. For good cause shown, Defendants' motion for leave to file excess pages

¹ Plaintiff States are Tennessee, Indiana, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia. (Doc. 1, at 1.)

(Doc. 51) is **GRANTED**. Defendants **SHALL** limit their brief in response to Plaintiff States' motion for preliminary injunction to **forty pages**.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Travis R. McDonough

TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE