

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,

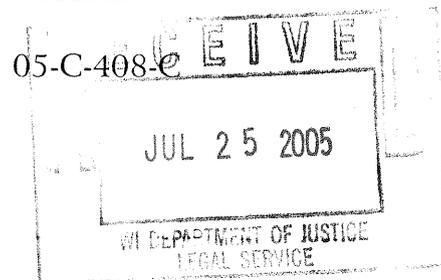
Plaintiff,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER



On July 13, 2005, defendants jointly removed this lawsuit to federal court for the second time under the aegis of *Grable & Sons Metal Prods., Inc. v. Darue Engineering & Mfg.*, 545 U.S. ___, 125 S. Ct. 2363, 2368 (June 13, 2005). Defendants have announced their intention to seek transfer to the multi-district litigation proceeding *In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation*, MDL No. 1456, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

To avoid potentially unnecessary work, the court will allow the parties approximately 60 days to obtain "tag-along" status in the AWP MDL. In the event this case still is pending in this court on September 19, 2005, the court will begin the process of scheduling it out through trial.

Entered this 20th day of July, 2005.

BY THE COURT:



STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge

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