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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**STANDING ORDER FOR EARLY NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS  
IN FEDERAL SECURITIES CASES  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ALSUP**

In publishing any early notice to class members under 15 U.S.C. 78u-4(a)(3), plaintiff(s) shall make clear that any member of the purported class may move the Court to serve as lead plaintiff through counsel of their choice (and need not necessarily do so through plaintiff's counsel) and that, at the early-notice stage, returning a form to counsel or communicating with counsel is unnecessary to participate in any recovery.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: April 10, 2001.

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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE