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STATE OF OHIO EX REL.)
ROBERT MERRILL, TRUSTEE, *et al.*,)

Plaintiffs-Relators)

vs.)

STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT)
OF NATURAL RESOURCES, *et al.*,)

Defendants-Respondents)

CASE NO. 04CV001080

STATE OF OHIO EX REL.)
HOMER S. TAFT, *et al.*,)

Plaintiffs-Relators)

vs.)

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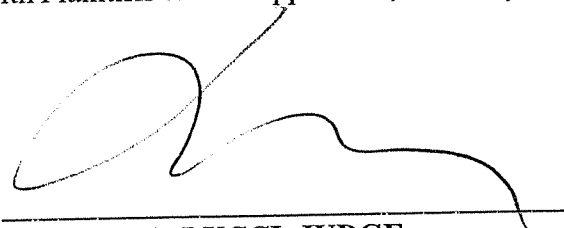
Defendants-Respondents)

CASE NO. 04CV001081

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE

{¶1} The court has considered the motion of the State of Ohio for transfer to proper venue, filed in Case No. 04CV001081 on July 6, 2004, together with Plaintiffs brief in opposition, filed July 19, 2004. The motion to transfer venue is denied.

{¶2} **IT IS SO ORDERED.**



EUGENE A. LUCCI, JUDGE

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