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THIS MATTER is before the court on plaintiffs' emergency motion (although not so denominated and not in accordance with the court's Local Rules), received via facsimile this morning, to extend the deadline *nunc pro tunc* by which they were to file their opposition to defendant Commonwealth's motion to dismiss the fifth amended complaint, set for hearing this Thursday, July 25, 2002. Plaintiffs also seek to designate a new place of service for use by the court and defendants.

For the following reasons, plaintiffs' motion to extend the deadline for filing is denied and they will not be allowed to file an opposition or to appear to argue the pending motion. Plaintiffs' motion to designate a new place of service is granted.

Plaintiffs' counsel is again before the court seeking an extension of a deadline. The instant motion continues a long, repeated pattern by plaintiffs' counsel of claiming not to have received filings. He has been cautioned in the past that it is *his* responsibility to monitor the progress of his lawsuit, that defendants have fulfilled their obligations to serve filings upon him by doing so

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2 at the location(s) he previously designated, and that the difficulties he claims to  
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4 encounter are the result of his failure to supervise his cases, presumably due to  
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6 his extensive travels. (Indeed, the court rarely knows with any certainty where  
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8 plaintiffs' counsel is currently located.) The court has accommodated plaintiffs'  
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10 counsel again and again, given the importance of the issues raised. However,  
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12 defendants, too, are entitled to prompt resolution of the claims levied against  
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14 them and the court can no longer accept claims such as this one. Pursuant to  
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16 Local Rules 7.1.a and 7.1.d, plaintiffs will not be allowed to argue in opposition  
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18 to the motion. Defendant Commonwealth may appear to argue the motion  
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20 unless defendant notifies the court by 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2002, that  
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22 it waives oral argument.

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24 Plaintiffs' motion to designate a new place of service is granted. Effective  
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26 immediately, the duty of the court and all defendants to serve plaintiffs will be  
satisfied by personal, mail, or facsimile service to:

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2002.

  
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ALEX R. MUNSON  
Judge