

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CHRISTOPHER SHAYS &
MARTIN MEEHAN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 02-1984 (CKK)

MEMORANDUM ORDER

Plaintiffs filed the above-captioned case on October 8, 2002, challenging various rules promulgated by Defendant to implement the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (“BCRA”). Plaintiffs have moved to have Defendant file the administrative record in this case by September 30, 2003. Defendant opposes the request and asks that the Court stay proceedings in this case until 30 days after the Supreme Court issues its decision in *McConnell v. FEC*, the consolidated cases challenging the constitutionality of BCRA. Plaintiffs oppose Defendant’s Motion for a Stay.

After reviewing the parties’ briefing and the relevant law, the Court determines that it will exercise its power “to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants,” *Bledsoe v. Crowley*, 849 F.2d 639, 645 (D.C. Cir. 1988) (quoting *Landis v. North American Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936)), and grant Defendant’s Motion for a Stay. However, the stay will not last until 30 days after the Supreme Court’s decision in *McConnell v. FEC* as Defendant requests, but will expire on the date of that decision. Moreover, the Court will order the parties to file a joint status report within fourteen

calendar days of the Supreme Court's decision in *McConnell v. FEC*, explaining the impact of that decision on this case and proposing how this case should proceed.

Accordingly, it is this 29th day of September, 2003, hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion *Re* Filing of Administrative Record and Further Scheduling [#9] is DENIED; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Stay Proceedings [#10] is GRANTED-IN-PART. This case is STAYED until the Supreme Court issues its opinion in *McConnell v. FEC*. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of that decision, the parties in this case shall file a joint-status report as described *supra*.

/s/
COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
United States District Judge