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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF §
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF § GENERAL ORDER NO. 2012-7
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE §
JUDGE STEPHEN W. SMITH §

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

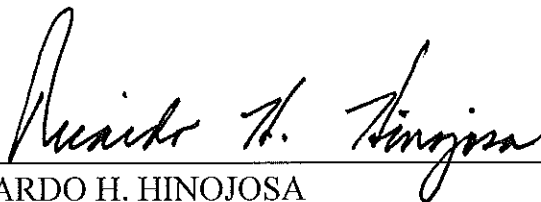
Under the authority of 28 U.S.C. §631 et seq., with the approval of the Court, and after compliance with the requirements established by the Judicial Conference of the United States, it is

ORDERED that Stephen W. Smith be, and he is hereby appointed as United States Magistrate Judge with official station at Houston, Texas, at the salary fixed by law. Magistrate Judge Smith shall enter upon the performance of his duties on July 22, 2012, provided that, prior to the commencement of such duties, he shall take the oath or affirmation as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. §§453 and 631(g).

Magistrate Judge Smith is to hold the office for a term of eight (8) years from the date he assumes office, unless sooner removed pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §631(I).

The Clerk of Court will furnish certified copies of this Order to the several divisions of this court, to United States Magistrate Judge Stephen W. Smith, and to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States District Court, as provided by 28 U.S.C. §631(h).

ORDERED this 6th day of July, 2012.



RICARDO H. HINOJOSA
CHIEF JUDGE