## FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f) DISCOVERY PLAN

1. Rule 26(a)(1) Disclosures. The parties will exchange initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) on or before **June 30, 2009**.

- 2. Scope of Discovery and Discovery Dates. Discovery will be conducted on claims contained within the Complaint and the denials and defenses within the answers to that pleading. The parties agree that discovery will not be conducted in phases and will not be limited or focused upon particular issues involved in this action. The parties also agree that discovery shall be completed by May 14, 2010. The defendant reserves the right to move the Court (under the normal procedures set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable Local Rules) for an extension of the discovery period for the purpose of securing compliance with foreign discovery.
- 3. <u>Electronically Stored Information</u>. The parties have met and discussed electronically stored information. The parties agree to use their best efforts to produce electronically stored information in the format preferred by the requesting party. The parties have further agreed to a Stipulation Regarding Preservation and Discovery of Certain Electronically Stored Information, Draft Documents, and Privileged Materials, which they submitted to the Court on <u>May</u> <u>22, 2009</u>.
- 4. <u>Claims of Privilege and/or Protection.</u> Discovery and production of potentially confidential and/or privileged information shall be governed by the Stipulated Protective Order, which the parties agree to submit to the Court on or before <u>June 1, 2009</u>.
  - 5. <u>Discovery Limitations.</u>
- a. *Depositions*. Absent good cause shown, all depositions shall occur on or before the discovery cutoff date. A deposition that was started on or before the discovery cutoff date may continue beyond the cutoff date if necessary for completion. Absent good cause shown, depositions shall be limited to no more

1	than 25 per side (excluding experts) plus depositions of the other side's designated
2	witnesses as set forth in Paragraph 6(a) below. A deposition for up to seven hours
3	of a party or non-party, taken pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6), shall count as
4	one deposition regardless of the number of witnesses produced to testify. Each
5	deposition is limited to one day of seven hours; however, each party shall have up
6	to two seven-hour days for the deposition of the other party's expert. Depositions
7	taken for the sole purpose of establishing the foundation for admissibility of
8	documents produced by any party or non-party do not count toward the limit on
9	depositions. Such depositions shall be designated at the time that the deposition is
10	noticed and shall be noticed only after the party taking the deposition has taken
11	reasonable steps to establish the authenticity through other means.

- b. Written Discovery. Absent good cause shown, all written discovery shall be served no later than **March 30, 2010**. Interrogatories shall be limited to 25 per side, including sub-parts. There will not be a limit on the number of requests for production of documents, requests for admissions, or Rule 45 subpoenas for documents that may be served by the parties.
- *Nationwide Service of Trial Subpoenas.* Due to the c. geographic dispersion of potential witnesses in this action, the parties request permission, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 23, to issue trial subpoenas that may run into any other federal district.

## 6. Pre-Trial Disclosures.

Witness Lists. The parties shall exchange initial trial live a. witness lists no later than **December 4, 2009**. Each party may amend its initial witness list by no later than March 23, 2010. Despite the limitation on the number of depositions (excluding experts) that each party may take, each party shall have the right to depose any witness on the opposing party's witness list, even if the limitation is exceeded.

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b. Exhibit Lists. No later than **July 2, 2010**, the parties shall exchange lists of exhibits that each party anticipates introducing at trial during its case-in-chief, as well as a marked set of these exhibits. Such lists will be compiled in an agreed-upon electronic format listed by Bates number. The parties will also endeavor to agree upon reasonable limits on the number of trial exhibits that may be designated by each side. All documents contained on a party's exhibit list must have been previously produced during discovery in this case. The parties will exchange objections to the exhibits to be offered by the other party no later than **July 19, 2010**. Objections to such documents must be made within 3 business days after the date upon which they are added to the opposing party's exhibit list. Documents identified on or added to any party's exhibit list that are not timely objected to pursuant to this Paragraph shall be presumed to be authentic and admissible. Exhibit lists need not include exhibits used solely for purposes of cross-examination or rebuttal.

The parties will endeavor to resolve any objections regarding the authenticity or admissibility of all exhibits (including demonstratives and those used during the case-in-chief, cross-examination, or rebuttal) in advance of their use. Any objections to exhibits that are not resolved by the parties after they have conferred will be resolved by the Court.

- Deposition Designations. The parties shall exchange c. (page and line number) designations of deposition testimony to be offered at trial no later than **June 4, 2010**. Each party must provide objections to deposition testimony no later than **June 18, 2010**. Each party must provide counter designations to deposition testimony no later than **June 25, 2010**. Objections to any counter designations shall be exchanged no later than **July 2, 2010**.
- 7. Pre-Trial Conference. The pre-trial conference will be held on **August 19, 2010**, unless otherwise directed by the Court.

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c.	Defendant's case-in-chief expert report(s) will be
	delivered to Plaintiffs by February 19, 2010.

- d. Plaintiff will depose defendant's expert no later than <a href="March 12">March 12</a>, <a href="2010">2010</a>.
- e. Plaintiff's expert rebuttal report(s) will be delivered to Defendant by **March 26, 2010**.

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8	Relevant Events	s/Dates	
9	Submit Stipulated Protective Order	June 1, 2009 or earlier	
10	Exchange Initial Disclosures	June 30, 2009	
11	Deadline to Join Parties or Amend Pleadings	July 31, 2009	
12	Exchange Preliminary Witness Lists	December 4, 2009	
13	Settlement Conference	December 10, 2009	
14	Plaintiff Expert Report Due	January 15, 2010	
15	Deadline for Deposition of Plaintiff's Expert	February 5, 2010	
16	Defendant Expert Report Due	February 19, 2010	
17	Deadline for Deposition of Defendant's	M 1 12 2010	
18	Expert	March 12, 2010	
19	Deadline to Supplement Witness Lists	March 23, 2010	
20	Plaintiff Rebuttal Expert Report Due	March 26, 2010	
21	Written Discovery Cutoff	March 30, 2010	
22	Discovery Cutoff	May 14, 2010	
23	Dispositive Motion Cutoff	June 2, 2010	
24	Deposition Designations Due	June 4, 2010	
25	Objections to Deposition Designations Due	June 18, 2010	
26	Oppositions to Dispositive Motions Due	June 23, 2010	
27	Counter Designations Due	June 25, 2010	

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1	Objections to Counter Designations I	Due	July 2, 2010
2	Motions in Limine/Daubert Motions	Due	June 28, 2010
3	Reply Briefs for Dispositive Motions Due		June 30, 2010
4	Exchange Exhibit Lists		July 2, 2010
5	Stipulations of Fact Due		July 7, 2010
6	Hearing on Dispositive Motions		July 16, 2010
7	Objections to Exhibits Due		July 19, 2010
9	Oppositions to Motions in Limine/Daubert Motions Due		July 19, 2010
10	Joint Exhibit List Due		July 23, 2010
11	Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law Due		July 26, 2010
12 13	Reply Briefs for Motions in Limine/Daubert Motions Due		August 2, 2010
14	Hearing on Motions in Limine/Daubert Motions		August 19, 2010
15	Pre-Trial Conference		August 19, 2010
16	Demonstrative Exhibits Due		August 19, 2010
17	Trial Briefs Due		August 23, 2010
18	Trial Begins		August 30, 2010
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