## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Pursuant to Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a Final Pretrial Conference shall be held on **Select Date of Conf.**, at **Enter Time**, in Courtroom 305, Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse, 401 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85003. In preparation for this Final Pretrial Conference,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The attorneys who will be responsible for the trial of the case shall attend the Final Pretrial Conference.
- 2. The parties jointly shall prepare a Proposed Final Pretrial Order and shall lodge it with the Court no later than **4:00 p.m. on Date 20 days b/f PTC**. Preparation and lodging of the Proposed Final Pretrial Order in accordance with the requirements of this Order shall be deemed to satisfy the disclosure requirements of Rule 26(a)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties shall submit a copy of the Proposed Final Pretrial Order to the Court in Microsoft Word 2010 (.doc) format (or higher) by email to

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- 3. The Proposed Final Pretrial Order shall include the information prescribed in the Joint Proposed Final Pretrial Order form found at <a href="www.azd.uscourts.gov">www.azd.uscourts.gov</a> under Judge's Information/Orders, Forms & Procedures/ Magistrate Judge Willett. Information shall not be set forth in the form of a question, but shall be presented in concise narrative statements.
- 4. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(c), the Court will not allow the parties to offer any exhibit, witness, or other evidence that was not disclosed in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and listed in the Proposed Final Pretrial Order, except to prevent manifest injustice.
- 5. The parties shall exchange drafts of the Proposed Final Pretrial Order no later than **14 days** before the submission deadline. The Plaintiff(s) shall have the burden of initiating communications concerning the Proposed Final Pretrial Order.
- 6. The parties shall (a) meet in person and exchange copies of all exhibits to be used at trial no later than **14 days** before the submission deadline for the Proposed Final Pretrial Order (any exhibit not exchanged at this meeting shall be precluded at trial); and (b) eliminate any duplicate exhibits while meeting to exchange exhibits.
- 7. The parties shall file and serve all motions in limine no later than 30 days before the Final Pretrial Conference. Each motion in limine shall include proposed language for the order in limine being sought from the Court, and the proposed language shall state with precision the evidence that is subject to the proposed order and the limitation or exclusion placed on the evidence. **Unless prior leave of Court is obtained for good cause shown, no party shall file more than five motions in limine, including all subparts**. Responses to motions in limine shall be filed no later than 10 days after the motions in limine are filed. No replies will be permitted. The motions and responses shall not exceed three (3) pages in length. Counsel shall be prepared to argue the merits of such motions at the Final Pretrial Conference.
  - 8. If this case will be tried to a jury, the parties shall complete the following

tasks by the time of the lodging of the Proposed Final Pretrial Order:

- (a) The parties shall file a stipulated description of the case to be read to the jury.
- (b) The parties shall jointly file a proposed set of voir dire questions. The Court's standard civil voir dire questions are located on the Court's website at <a href="https://www.azd.uscourts.gov">www.azd.uscourts.gov</a> under Judges Information/Orders, Forms & Procedures/Magistrate Judge Willett. Any additional requested voir dire questions shall be drafted in a neutral manner. To the extent possible, the parties shall stipulate to the proposed questions. If the parties have any disagreement about a particular question, they shall state the reason for their objection below the question. The parties shall also provide, for the purposes of voir dire, a joint master list of the names of every witness who may be called at trial.
- (c) The parties shall file proposed jury instructions in accordance with "Guidelines for Jury Instructions in Civil Cases" found at <a href="www.azd.uscourts.gov">www.azd.uscourts.gov</a> under Judges' Information/Orders, Forms & Procedures/ Magistrate Judge Willett.
- (d) Each party shall file a proposed form of verdict, including any proposed special verdict forms or juror interrogatories.
- (e) The joint statement of the case, proposed voir dire questions, proposed jury instructions, and forms of verdict shall be submitted in Microsoft Word 2010 (.doc) format (or higher) by email to Willett Chambers@azd.uscourts.gov.
- 9. If the case will be tried to the Court, each party shall lodge proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with the Proposed Final Pretrial Order. The proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall also be submitted in Microsoft Word 2010 (.doc) format (or higher) by email to <a href="www.willett\_Chambers@azd.uscourts.gov"><u>Willett\_Chambers@azd.uscourts.gov</u></a>.
- 10. The parties shall be prepared to advise the Court at the Final Pretrial Conference of the status of the settlement discussions. Should settlement be reached at any time, the parties promptly shall file a Notice of Settlement with the Clerk of the Court.
  - 11. Counsel shall review Magistrate Judge Willett's statement of Trial Conduct

and Decorum before the Final Pretrial Conference. A copy can be found on the Court's website at <a href="www.azd.uscourts.gov">www.azd.uscourts.gov</a> under Judges' Information/Orders, Forms & Procedures/ Magistrate Judge Willett.