

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
JONESBORO DIVISION

TRI-STATE ARMATURE  
& ELECTRICAL WORKS, INC.

PLAINTIFF

v.

No. 3:16-cv-134-DPM

TIMOTHY B. HOUSTON; ELECTRO DESIGN  
ENGINEERING, INC.; and CELETA STRIPLING

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Tri-State's report of discovery dispute, *No 49*, noted. The Court directs Tri-State to review the Scheduling Order about discovery disputes, *No 15 at 3*. Absent an emergency, these disputes should come to the Court in a joint report, giving each side's position and attaching all material documents. This process avoids the delays inherent in adversarial briefing, promotes cooperation, narrows disagreements to what's truly disputed, and provides the Court everything it needs in one bite.

Rather than ordering a do-over, though, to move things forward the Court directs EDE, Stripling, and Houston to respond to *No 49* in a joint paper by 17 May 2017, guided by the limitations in the Scheduling Order. After receiving that response, the Court will decide if a hearing is necessary.

Counsel should also inform chambers if they're available for a 10:30 a.m. hearing in Jonesboro on 24 May 2017, if one is needed. Motion, No 50, granted.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.  
D.P. Marshall Jr.  
United States District Judge

11 May 2017