

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEORGE SOULIOTES,	}	1:06-cv-00667 OWW MJS HC
Petitioner,	}	ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING FACILITIES
v.	}	
ANTHONY HEDGPETH, Warden,	}	
Respondent.	}	

On July 19, 2011, Respondent filed a request for authorization to use Court videoconferencing facilities to conduct the deposition of an out-of-state witness. (Req., ECF No. 65.) Petitioner filed a response to the request on July 20, 2011. (Resp., ECF No. 66.) Petitioner does not object to Respondent's use of the videoconferencing facilities, but expresses concerns about potential logistical issues relating to the use of exhibits and the date and time of the deposition.

The Court hereby grants Respondent authorization to use the videoconferencing facilities In the Training Room, Room No. 6342, on the sixth floor of the United States District Court in Fresno, California, for the conduct of the deposition of the specified out-of-state witness on a date and in a manner to be agreed between the parties.

The parties are directed to meet and confer to resolve logistical and other issues. If

1 Magistrate Judge assistance is required, it is to be sought via telephonic dispute resolution
2 conference arranged by contacting Career Clerk Jeremy Clar. Mr. Clar may be contacted at
3 559-499-5799 or by e-mail at: jclar@caed.uscourts.gov. Neither the videoconferencing or any
4 related dispute or conference may be scheduled or conducted in such a way as to delay the
5 scheduled evidentiary hearing.

6 It will be Respondent's responsibility to coordinate videoconferencing use with
7 Petitioner, the out-of-state facility and the witness and to ensure that the videoconferencing
8 equipment functions properly. Respondent is strongly advised to test the equipment prior to
9 use. The court will not be able to provide technical assistance.

10 Respondent shall notify all parties and the Court (via Career Clerk Jeremy Clar) of the
11 specific date and times when the videoconferencing equipment is to be used and coordinate
12 use of the facilities with Mr. Clar.

13 THEREFORE, for the reasons, in the manner and subject to the limitations discussed
14 above, Respondent's request to use the videoconferencing facilities of the United States
15 District Court is hereby GRANTED.

16
17
18
19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: July 22, 2011

/s/ Michael J. Seng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28