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- 1. On January 4, 2008, plaintiff filed an action seeking renovations to defendant's hotel facility in Fresno, California to improve disabled access, as well as seeking damages and attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and costs.
- 2. On November 19, 2008, plaintiff conducted her Rule 34 inspection of the property. On December 24, 2008, plaintiff provided her expert's informal report to defendant to facilitate settlement discussions with defendant. Defendant has been working with its accessibility consultant in evaluating plaintiff's expert's informal report to which it will respond in the coming days.
- 3. Throughout this case, and even more so after plaintiff provided her expert's informal report, the parties have been working cooperatively and diligently to resolve this case in its entirety by reaching a final agreement on the substance of the items to be included in a final Consent Decree and Order.
- 4. While the parties have been cooperating in good faith to resolve this matter and appear to be close to doing so, pre-trial and trial deadlines loom, including the expert disclosure deadline on January 23, 2009. Obligating the parties to have their experts finalize their opinions and prepare reports at this time would significantly increase the cost of the case, without increasing the likelihood of settlement, which the parties are aggressively working towards while delaying more formal discovery procedures. The parties are also interested in continuing other subsequent deadlines to minimize the respective costs to the parties, and avoid the need for Court involvement in resolving this case.
- 5. The Court granted one previous stipulation by the parties on December 15, 2008. The extra time allowed by the Court has permitted the parties to work further toward resolving this case. The parties believe this second request for additional time will result in a resolution and dismissal of this case.

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6. The parties, therefore, jointly request that the Court grant the continuances set out below to allow the parties an opportunity to bring this case to a close without further discovery or the assistance of the Court. This additional time will, in all likelihood, obviate the need for further Court involvement, thereby saving the Court's time and resources.

7. Given the parties' optimism for settling this case if afforded more time to reach an agreement, the parties request the date of the pre-trial conference on June 1, 2009, and the start of trial on July 14, 2009, be continued as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties stipulate to the following and request that the Court make the following changes to dates in the case:

12	<u>Task</u>	Current Date	Requested Date
13	Last day to disclose experts	January 23, 2009	March 6, 2009
14	Last day to disclose rebuttal	February 12, 2009	March 27, 2009
15	or supplemental experts		
16	Last day to complete all	March 30, 2009	May 8, 2009
17	discovery		
18	Last day to submit	March 20, 2009	April 30, 2009
19	confidential settlement		
20	conference statements		
21	Settlement Conference	March 25, 2009	May 5, 2009
22	Last day to file non-	March 30, 2009	May 8, 2009
23	dispositive motions		·
24	Last day to file dispositive	April 13, 2009	May 19, 2009
25	motions	•	
26	Pre-trial Conference	June 1, 2009	July 13, 2009, or a date
27			suitable for the Court August 24, 2009, or a date
28	Trial	July 14, 2009	suitable for the Court

1	SO STIPULATED.	
2	DATED: January 15, 2009	LAW OFFICES OF ANTHONY E. GOLDSMITH
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ORDER

For good cause shown, the parties' stipulation is approved. The June 12, 2008 Amended Scheduling Conference Order, as amended by the Court's December 15, 2008 Order, is amended as follows with respect to dates in the action:

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Trial	July 14, 2009	August 25, 2009

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/15/2009 __/s/ OLIVER W. WANGER_

Honorable Oliver W. Wanger United States District Court Judge