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- 1. That on December 7, 2012 the Court established a non-expert discovery cut-off date of September 20, 2013.
- 2. Since the initiation of this case the parties have engaged in extensive written discovery including exchanges of written special interrogatories and requests for production of documents. As a result, it is submitted that the parties have been diligent in regard to discovery in this matter.
- 3. That Plaintiff's counsel's office is located in Redwood City, California. Defendant's counsel's office is located in Sacramento, California. The majority of witnesses in this case (including the Plaintiff and percipient witnesses) are located in Twain Harte, California. As a result, each deposition entails a significant amount of travel for both counsel and the witnesses depending upon the location of the deposition. The parties have endeavored to take depositions in Stockton, California which is a central location but the depositions in this matter have entailed a significant amount of logistical wrangling.
- 4. The Plaintiff's deposition was started on July 16, 2013 in Sacramento, California. However, the Plaintiff's deposition was not completed and counsel for the parties agreed to finish the Plaintiff's deposition on another date due to defense counsel's inability to arrange for childcare in the evening.
- 5. Mr. Scot Moody's deposition (noticed by the Plaintiff) was started on July 24, 2013. However, Mr. Moody's deposition was not completed on that date due to the witnesses' inability to stay at the deposition into the evening. As a result, counsel for the parties agreed to continue his deposition to a mutually agreeable date. Mr. Moody is an important witness to this case because he is Defendant's former general manager and made the decision to terminate Plaintiff's employment.

6. The Plaintiff has noticed the deposition of Dennis Timoney for September 25, 2013. The parties agreed to a date outside the September 20, 2013 discovery cutoff in order to accommodate Mr. Timoney's (and his attorney's) schedule and availability. Mr. Timoney is not available for his deposition any earlier. Mr. Timoney is a chief risk officer for Special District Risk Management Authority which is the Defendant's Joint Powers Authority for insurance purposes. Mr. Timoney investigated certain aspects of Plaintiff's claim of gender discrimination prior to the initiation of this lawsuit. Given Mr. Timoney's importance to the case, the parties agreed to take his deposition outside the discovery cut-off in order to accommodate Mr. Timoney's schedule.

- 7. The parties have not completed the above-referenced depositions due to the press of business of counsel and witness availability. Furthermore, Plaintiff's counsel has just informed defense counsel that Plaintiff's counsel is about to undergo a major surgery which could complicate the process of completing the above-described depositions.
- 8. Richard Koss, co-counsel for Plaintiff, must undergo major surgery on October 2, 2013. He has been away from his office for the past several weeks due to testing related to the upcoming surgery and will be unavailable for the next several weeks.

Based upon the foregoing, the parties submit that good cause exists to continue the discovery cutoff to November 20, 2013 because the above-described witnesses are crucial to both parties' preparation of their case; because an amendment to the scheduling order will cause no prejudice to either party since both parties have agreed to the continuance; and because the adjustment of the discovery cutoff will not affect the other dates set by this Court and the trial date will not need to be continued.

DECLARATION OF RICHARD KOSS

- I, Richard Koss, do hereby declare and say the following:
- 1. I am one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I have prepared this Declaration as evidence in support of the parties' stipulation and request to this Court to continue the discovery cutoff date to November 20, 2013. The facts stated in the stipulation set forth above are true and correct and based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. On September 9, 2013, I was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in my kidney. Since that time, I have spent many hours in doctors' offices and undergoing testing to prepare for my surgery on October 2. I have been told that I will be unavailable for work until at least the middle of November. My co-counsel, Rand Stephens, will have to undertake our workload by himself during my absence.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the facts stated above in the stipulation of the parties is true and correct. This Declaration was executed on September 20, 2013 in Redwood City, California.

/s/ Richard Koss

ORDER

Based upon the stipulation of the parties and good cause appearing, the Court orders that the discovery cutoff of September 20, 2013 is hereby moved to November 20, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 23, 2013 /s/ SANDRA M. SNYDER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE