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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Jose Gaddis,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
Defender Security Company,  
  
Defendant.

No. 1:14-cv-1206-TLN-MJS  
  
**ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY  
DISPUTES**

No discovery motion may be noticed or set for hearing before Magistrate Judge Michael J. Seng without his prior approval obtained in accordance with the following **Telephonic Discovery Dispute Conference** procedures:

1. Requesting a Conference.  
A party with a discovery dispute shall confer with the opposing party in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute without court action. If such effort fails, the moving party shall, prior to filling a notice of motion, contact Courtroom Deputy, Laurie Yu at [lyu@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:lyu@caed.uscourts.gov) to request a pre-motion telephone conference with Magistrate Judge Seng. The request shall be deemed to include a professional representation by the requesting lawyer that

a good faith effort to resolve the dispute took place but failed, and it shall advise the Court of dates and times in the next ten day period when all concerned parties can be available to confer regarding the dispute.

2. Scheduling

The Court will issue a Minute Order advising counsel of the time, date and contact information for connecting to the telephone conference.

3. Briefing

Not later than four business hours before the scheduled conference, each party shall submit to [mjsorders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:mjsorders@caed.uscourts.gov), a **one page** brief **objectively and factually** outlining the dispute, the party's position on it, and the reasons therefor. The one page shall be in at least twelve point type and include the name of the party and the date of submission. It shall contain nothing more. There shall be no attachments. There shall be no editorializing. Inclusion therein of adjectives or adverbs or any characterization of an opponent's motives, methods, character, past practices, or the like shall subject the author to sanctions.

4. The Conference.

At the conference, the Court will discuss the issues raised and announce its anticipated ruling on the dispute. If a party is dissatisfied with that ruling, it may seek permission to file a formal motion.

5. Further Proceedings.

If it is determined that motion papers and supporting memoranda are needed to satisfactorily resolve the dispute, Magistrate Judge Seng shall approve the filing of a written motion filed in conformity with Local Rule 251 (a). (The provisions of Local Rule 251 (b) through (f) will not apply unless the Magistrate Judge so Orders.) Such motion shall without limitation, (1) quote in full each interrogatory, deposition question, request for admission, or request for production in dispute and (2) the response or objection and grounds therefor

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as stated by the opposing party. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court,  
deposition transcripts or discovery papers shall not be lodged or filed with the  
Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 10, 2014

/s/ Michael J. Seng  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE