1 WILLIAM A. JENKINS (SBN 137611) ERICKSEN ARBUTHNOT 2 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 110 South 3 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 483-5181 4 (916) 483-7558 Facsimile 5 Attorneys for Defendant Clopay Building Products Company, Inc. 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 ESTHER S. LONG and RONALD LONG, Case No. 1:14-cv-01737-DAD-JLT 11 12 Plaintiffs, ORDER GRANTING IN PART EX PARTE APPLICATION TO MODIFY THE CASE 13 SCHEDULING ORDER v. (Doc. 35) 14 15 THE HOME DEPOT, U.S.A., INC.; CLOPAY ORDER TO PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR BUILDING PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC.: COUNSEL OF RECORD TO SHOW CAUSE 16 CLOPAY; CLOPAY GARAGE DOORS and WHY SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, IMPOSED FOR THEIR FAILURE TO 17 COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER 18 Defendant 19 20 Clopay reports that at some point after the Court issued the case schedule, Ms. Long reported 21 additional injuries she claims resulted from the incident that gave rise to the complaint. (Doc. 36 at 2) 22 Clopay does not report what efforts it undertook to discover these new injuries once it learned of them 23 and reports only that discovery efforts have been "difficult" because Ms. Long has not been 24 forthcoming. Id. 25 Defendant fails to set forth what discovery it needs to conduct—other than subpoening 26 documents and possibly seeking an IME—or why it believes it needs four extra months of discovery

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time to conduct this discovery. (Doc. 36 at 2)

Because Clopay has failed to demonstrate good cause to amend the case schedule, the Court will permit only a very limited extension of discovery time.

On the other hand, on June 7, 2016, the Court ordered Plaintiffs to file a response to the request for the amendment to the case schedule within five days. (Doc. 37) Plaintiffs and their counsel completely ignored the Court's order and have not responded in any fashion. Thus, the Court **ORDERS**:

- 1. The request to modify the case schedule (Doc. 35) is **GRANTED IN PART**. All non-expert discovery **SHALL** be completed <u>no later than August 12, 2016</u>;
- 2. <u>Within 7 days</u>, Plaintiffs and their counsel, John Bell, **SHALL** show cause in writing why sanctions, up to and including terminating sanctions, should not be imposed for their failure to comply with the Court's order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 15, 2016 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The Court is aware that counsel has very recently taken over defense of this case. However, this is not grounds for a modification of the case schedule. Defendant should have considered the minimal discovery time when decided to change counsel so late in this case.