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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

<p>MARTHA CASTRO,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>LINCOLN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	<p>No. 1:15-CV-00331 KJM GSA</p> <p><u>STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING)</u></p> <p><u>ORDER</u></p>
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An initial scheduling conference was held in this case on August 13, 2015. Robert Williams and Marla Garcia appeared for plaintiff; Wade Hansard appeared for defendant.

Having reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report filed on June 25, 2015, and discussed a schedule for the case with counsel at the hearing, the court makes the following orders:

I. SERVICE OF PROCESS

All named defendants have been served and no further service is permitted without leave of court, good cause having been shown.

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1 II. ADDITIONAL PARTIES/AMENDMENTS/PLEADINGS

2 No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is permitted without  
3 leave of court, good cause having been shown. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b); *Johnson v. Mammoth*  
4 *Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604 (9th Cir. 1992).

5 III. JURISDICTION/VENUE

6 Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Jurisdiction and venue are not  
7 disputed.

8 IV. INITIAL DISCOVERY

9 Initial disclosures as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) have been  
10 completed.

11 V. DECLARATORY RELIEF

12 The parties confirmed that the only issue proceeding in litigation at this time is that  
13 of declaratory relief as to the timeliness of plaintiff's demand for arbitration. The parties will file  
14 cross-motions for summary judgment and such motions shall be heard no later than March 25,  
15 **2016.**

16 The court will set a new status conference date, if needed, after ruling on the  
17 parties' cross-motions for summary judgment.

18 VI. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

19 The parties have agreed to mediation of the case by Judge Howard R. Broadman,  
20 Ret., set for **October 15, 2015.**

21 VII. OBJECTIONS TO STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

22 This Status Order will become final without further order of the court unless  
23 objections are filed within fourteen (14) *calendar* days of service of this Order.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 DATED: August 21, 2015.

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28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE