in the process of approval of any settlement offers or agreements. To the extent possible the representative shall have

the authority, if he or she deems it appropriate, to settle the action on terms consistent with the opposing party's most

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1 **filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on any other party**, although the parties may file a 2 Notice of Lodging of Settlement Conference Statement. Each statement shall be clearly marked 3 "confidential" with the date and time of the Settlement Conference indicated prominently thereon. 4 The Confidential Settlement Conference Statement shall include the following: 5 A brief statement of the facts of the case. A. B. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other 6 7 grounds upon which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the 8 parties' likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a 9 description of the major issues in dispute. 10 C. A summary of the proceedings to date. 11 An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, D. 12 pretrial and trial. E. 13 The relief sought. 14 F. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers 15 and a history of past settlement discussions, offers and demands. 16 The Court will vacate the settlement conference if the Court finds the settlement 17 conference will be neither productive nor meaningful to attempt to resolve all or part of this case. 18 As far in advance of the settlement conference as possible, a party shall inform the Court and 19 other parties that it believes the case is not in a settlement posture so the Court may vacate or 20 reset the settlement conference. Otherwise the parties shall proceed with the settlement 21 conference in good faith to attempt to resolve all or part of the case. 22 IT IS SO ORDERED. 23 Dated: **February 27, 2017** 24

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE