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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARQUEZ BROTHERS
INTERNATIONAL, INC., *et al.*

Defendant.

Case No. 1:17-cv-00044-AWI-EPG

**ORDER FOLLOWING STATUS
CONFERENCE REGARDING
DISCOVERY AND SCHEDULE**

On October 25, 2018, the Court held a status conference regarding discovery and the appropriate schedule for this case moving forward. During the conference, the Court heard from the parties regarding discovery, proceeding with discovery using a phased approach, and bifurcating the case into phases under *Int'l Bhd. of Teamsters v. United States*, 431 U.S. 324 (1977).

At this time, the parties are directed to proceed with discovery only as to the following issues: (1) EEOC's investigation and notice to defendants, including the relationship between Marquez Brothers International, Inc. ("MBI") and other Defendants to the extent relevant to these issues, and (2) all merits discovery regarding MBI's Hanford facility. The parties shall begin discovery regarding these issues, including any necessary meet and confer regarding the scope, without delay.

