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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 12 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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14 U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT)
 OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,)
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 16 Plaintiff,)
 17 vs.)
 18 ALORICA, INC., and DOES 1-10, inclusive,)
 19 Defendants.)
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Case No. 1:17-cv-01270-LJO-MJS
**UNOPPOSED EX PARTE MOTION TO
 STAY CASE PENDING SETTLEMENT
 DISCUSSIONS AND TO CONTINUE THE
 MANDATORY SCHEDULING
 CONFERENCE; DECLARATION OF
 SUPERVISORY TRIAL ATTORNEY
 RUMDUOL VUONG; AND PROPOSED
 ORDER**

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 24 Plaintiff U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”) submits the
 25 following unopposed ex parte motion to stay the case pending settlement discussions with
 26 Defendant Alorica, Inc. (“Defendant”) and to continue the mandatory scheduling conference,
 27 which is currently set for January 25, 2018, to late March 2018.
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1 On September 22, 2017, the EEOC filed the instant action against Defendant. (*See*
2 Docket No. 1.) On September 22, 2017, the Court issued an order setting the mandatory
3 scheduling conference for January 25, 2018. (Docket No. 3). Pursuant to that Order, the joint
4 scheduling report is due on January 18, 2018, and the parties must meet and confer pursuant to
5 Rule 26(f) by January 5, 2018. *Id.*

6 Prior to the EEOC incurring costs to serve Defendant and Defendant having to file a
7 responsive pleading, the parties have agreed to engage in settlement discussions. As a result, the
8 parties have scheduled a mediation for January 18, 2018.

9 Good cause exists to stay the case and continue the mandatory scheduling conference to
10 late March 2018. Staying the case would minimize costs and conserve judicial resources as the
11 parties could divert resource from responsive pleading/motion practice to concentrate on
12 settlement discussions.

13 Thus, the EEOC respectfully requests an ex parte motion to stay the case and continue the
14 mandatory scheduling conference, and the deadline for the Rule 26(f) conference and the joint
15 scheduling report. Furthermore, the requested continuance will not result in any undue delay or
16 prejudice to either party as the stay would permit the parties to participate in settlement
17 discussions and only push deadlines by two months.

18 Accordingly, the EEOC requests that this Court stay the case and continue the mandatory
19 scheduling conference, which is currently set for January 25, 2018, at least sixty (60) days
20 following the January 25, 2018 date.
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23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Date: October 12, 2017

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OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

ORDER

1 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWING**, the scheduling conference in this case number
2 1:17-cv-01270-LJO-MJS is continued from January 25, 2018, to March 29, 2018
3 at 10:00 a.m. All other provisions of ECF No. 3 remain in full force and effect.
4 Additionally, except as the parties may agree amongst themselves, discovery and all
5 pleading and dispositive motions shall be held in abeyance pending the scheduling
6 conference.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 Dated: October 15, 2017

/s/ Michael J. Seng
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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