

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CESAR TLATELPA,
Plaintiff,
v.
AMAZON.COM SERVICES, LLC,
Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00605-KES-CDB

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED
REQUEST TO CONTINUE PRE-TRIAL
DEADLINES AND AMENDING
SCHEDULING ORDER AS MODIFIED

(Doc. 13)

Background

Pending before the Court is the parties' stipulated request to continue pre-trial deadlines. (Doc. 13).

In support of the request, the parties represent that, to reduce costs, they agreed to delay formal discovery pending their participation in private mediation, which they engaged in on February 6, 2025, but did not reach a settlement. Thereafter, Defendant retained new counsel (Docs. 7-9). Defendant's new counsel requires additional time to familiarize themselves with the case. After the private mediation, the parties began engaging in formal written discovery and anticipate beginning depositions at the end of April 2025. *Id.* at 2.

The parties, therefore, stipulate to modify the scheduling order and assert that these facts present good cause to do so. *Id.* at 3.

Discussion

The parties propose the following extended deadlines (*id.* at 3):

Event	Current Date	New Date
Non-Expert Discovery Deadline	05/06/2025	08/04/2025
Expert Disclosure Deadline	05/20/2025	
Rebuttal Disclosure Deadline	06/17/2025	
Expert Discovery Deadline	07/17/2025	10/15/2025
Mid-Discovery Status Conference	04/02/2025	07/02/2025
Non-Dispositive Motion Filing Deadline	07/31/2025	10/01/2025
Non-Dispositive Motion Hearing	09/08/2025	12/08/2025
Dispositive Motion Filing Deadline	09/22/2025	12/22/2025
Dispositive Motion Hearing	011/03/2025	02/02/2026
Pre-Trial Conference	03/09/2026	
Trial	05/05/2026	

For good cause shown, the parties' stipulated request to continue case management dates (Doc. 13) will be granted, as modified below.

Given the extension of all pretrial deadlines, it is impractical to grant the parties' request while maintaining the current expert disclosure and rebuttal expert disclosure deadlines, as well as the pre-trial conference and trial dates. As such, and to comport with the assigned district judge's scheduling protocols, all related deadlines as well as the pre-trial conference and trial dates will be extended.

In light of the significant extensions of time granted herein, the Court admonishes the parties that it is unlikely to grant further extensions of time. As the Court of Appeals has observed:

In these days of heavy caseloads, trial courts in both the federal and state systems routinely set schedules and establish deadlines to foster efficient treatment and resolution of cases. Those efforts will be successful only if the deadlines are taken seriously by the parties, and the best way to encourage that is to enforce the deadlines. Parties must understand that they will pay a price for failure to comply strictly with scheduling and other orders . . .

Wong v. Regents of Univ. of Cal., 410 F.3d 1052, 1060 (9th Cir. 2005).

The Court admonishes the parties that any further extensions of case management deadlines to accommodate possible settlement discussions (which the Court expects to be undertaken in parallel with the extended case management dates below) will not be granted absent extraordinary circumstances.

Conclusion and Order

In light of the parties' representations and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the scheduling order (Doc. 6) be amended as follows:

Event	Prior Date	Amended Date
1. Non-Expert Discovery Deadline	05/06/2025	08/04/2025
2. Expert Disclosure Deadline	05/20/2025	08/18/2025
3. Rebuttal Disclosure Deadline	06/17/2025	09/08/2025
4. Expert Discovery Deadline	07/17/2025	10/15/2025
5. Mid-Discovery Status Conference	04/02/2025	07/02/2025
6. Non-Dispositive Motion Filing Deadline	07/31/2025	10/01/2025
7. Non-Dispositive Motion Hearing	09/08/2025	12/08/2025
8. Dispositive Motion Filing Deadline	09/22/2025	12/22/2025
9. Dispositive Motion Hearing	01/03/2026	02/02/2026
10. Pre-Trial Conference	03/09/2026	06/08/2026
11. Trial	05/05/2026	09/04/2026

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 5, 2025


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE