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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11	JO ALICE WHITE, No. 2:02-cv-00225-MCE-EFB
12	Plaintiff,
13	v. <u>FINAL PRETRIAL ORDER</u>
14	MCI WORLDCOM, a California TRIAL DATE: October 25, 2010
15	corporation, et al., TIME: 9:00 a.m.
16	Defendants/
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18	Pursuant to Court Order, a Final Pretrial Conference was
19	held on August 26, 2010. Jesse Ortiz appeared as counsel for
20	Plaintiff. Arthur Smith appeared as counsel for Defendants.
21	After hearing, the Court makes the following findings and orders:
22	I. <u>JURISDICTION/VENUE</u>
23	Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(3).
24	Jurisdiction and venue are not contested.
25	II. <u>JURY</u>
26	Plaintiff timely demanded a jury trial pursuant to
27	Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
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III. UNDISPUTED FACTUAL ISSUES

Dynamic Technical Services and MCI Worldcom entered
 into a master services agreement for Dynamic to provide technical
 staffing when requested by MCI Worldcom for work at its
 facilities or on its projects.

6 2. One project MCI requested installation technicians on7 was in Sacramento, California.

3. Dynamic Technical Services hired Ms. White and assigned her to provide installation services to MCI Worldcom.

Ms. White began working on the project in or about
 January 2000.

12 5. On or about January 3, 2001, Ms. White was terminated13 by Dynamic Technical Services.

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IV. <u>DISPUTED FACTUAL ISSUES</u>

The remaining claims for trial are:

Whether during her employment with Dynamic Technical
 Services Plaintiff was subjected to sexual harassment and
 discrimination because of her gender;

Whether Ms. White was terminated from her employment
 with Dynamic Technical Services because she complained of sexual
 harassment and discrimination;

Whether Plaintiff ever complained of the alleged
 harassment and discrimination to Dynamic Technical Services;

4. Whether DTS had any control over MCI's ability ordecision to release Plaintiff; and

26 5. Whether there were any positions available for DTS to27 assign Plaintiff after she was released by MCI.

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All issues of fact remaining in dispute are subject to proof
 at the time of trial.

V. <u>WITNESSES</u>

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4 Plaintiff anticipates calling the witnesses listed on 5 Attachment "A".

6 Defendants anticipate calling the witnesses listed on 7 Attachment "B".

Each party may call a witness designated by the other.

A. No other witnesses will be permitted to testify unless:

10 (1) The party offering the witness demonstrates that 11 the witness is for the purpose of rebutting evidence which could 12 not be reasonably anticipated at the Final Pretrial Conference, 13 or

14 (2) The witness was discovered after the Final
15 Pretrial Conference and the proffering party makes the showing
16 required in "B" below.

B. Upon the post-pretrial discovery of witnesses, the attorney shall promptly inform the Court and opposing parties of the existence of the unlisted witnesses so that the Court may consider at trial whether the witnesses shall be permitted to testify. The evidence will not be permitted unless:

(1) The witnesses could not reasonably have beendiscovered prior to pretrial;

(2) The Court and opposing counsel were promptlynotified upon discovery of the witnesses;

26 (3) If time permitted, counsel proffered the witnesses27 for deposition;

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(4) If time did not permit, a reasonable summary of
 the witnesses' testimony was provided by opposing counsel.

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VI. <u>EXHIBITS - SCHEDULES AND SUMMARIES</u>

At present, Plaintiff contemplates by way of exhibits those5 listed on Attachment "C".

6 At present, Defendants contemplate by way of exhibits those 7 listed on Attachment "D".

Plaintiff's exhibits shall be listed numerically. 8 Defendants' exhibits shall be listed alphabetically. The parties 9 shall use the standard exhibit stickers provided by the Court 10 Clerk's Office: pink for Plaintiff and blue for Defendants. 11 After three letters, note the number of letters in parenthesis 12 (i.e., "AAAA(4)" to reduce confusion during the trial. 13 All multi-page exhibits shall be stapled or otherwise fastened 14 together and each page within the exhibit shall be numbered. 15 A11 photographs shall be marked individually. The list of exhibits 16 shall not include excerpts of depositions which may be used to 17 impeach witnesses. 18

19 Each party may use an exhibit designated by the other. In 20 the event that Plaintiff and Defendants offer the same exhibit during trial, that exhibit shall be referred to by the 21 designation the exhibit is first identified. The Court cautions 22 23 the parties to pay attention to this detail so that all concerned, including the jury, will not be confused by one 24 25 exhibit being identified with both a number and a letter. 111 26 27 111

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A. No other exhibits will be permitted to be introduced
 unless:

3 (1) The party proffering the exhibit demonstrates that 4 the exhibit is for the purpose of rebutting evidence which could 5 not be reasonably anticipated at the Pretrial Scheduling 6 Conference, or

7 (2) The exhibit was discovered after the Pretrial
8 Scheduling Conference and the proffering party makes the showing
9 required in paragraph "B", below.

B. Upon the post-pretrial discovery of exhibits, the attorneys shall promptly inform the Court and opposing counsel of the existence of such exhibits so that the Court may consider at trial their admissibility. The exhibits will not be received unless the proffering party demonstrates:

15 (1) The exhibits could not reasonably have been16 discovered prior to pretrial;

17 (2) The Court and counsel were promptly informed of18 their existence;

(3) Counsel forwarded a copy of the exhibit(s) (if physically possible) to opposing counsel. If the exhibit(s) may not be copied, the proffering counsel must show that he has made the exhibit(s) reasonably available for inspection by opposing counsel.

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1 As to each exhibit, each party is ordered to exchange a С. 2 copy identical to the Court's copy, or other reproduction of the exhibit(s) in a three-ring binder(s) by October 12, 2010. 3 The attorney or representative for each party is directed to present 4 the original and two (2) copies of the exhibit (s) and exhibit 5 list to the Court Clerk's Office, no later than 3:00 p.m., 6 October 12, 2010, or at such earlier time as may be ordered by 7 the Court. NO EXCEPTIONS. 8

D. The Court shall be presented with a copy of the
exhibit(s) in a 3-ring binder(s) with a side tab identifying each
exhibit by number or letter. Each binder shall be no larger than
three inches in width and have an identification label on the
front and side panel.

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VII. <u>DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS</u>

Filing Depositions. It is the duty of counsel to 15 Α. ensure that any deposition which is to be used at trial has been 16 17 lodged with the Clerk of the Court. In addition, two unmarked 18 copies of the transcripts must be delivered to the Court Clerk's 19 Office. Counsel are cautioned that a failure to discharge this 20 duty may result in the Court precluding use of the deposition or 21 imposition of such other sanctions as the Court deems 22 appropriate.

B. <u>Use of Depositions</u>. The parties are ordered to file with the Court and exchange between themselves by **October 12**, **2010** a statement designating portions of depositions intended to be offered or read into evidence (except for portions to be used only for impeachment or rebuttal).

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C. <u>Interrogatories</u>. The parties are ordered to file with the Court and exchange between themselves by **October 12, 2010** the portions of Answers to Interrogatories which the respective parties intend to offer or read into evidence at the trial (except portions to be used only for impeachment or rebuttal).

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VIII. FURTHER DISCOVERY OR MOTIONS

Pursuant to the Court's Pretrial Scheduling Order, all discovery and law and motion was to have been conducted so as to be completed as of the date of the Final Pretrial Conference. That Order is confirmed. The parties are free to engage in informal agreements regarding discovery and law and motion matters. However, any such agreements will not be enforceable in this Court.

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IX. AGREED STATEMENTS - JOINT STATEMENT OF CASE

15 It is mandatory the parties shall file a short, jointlyprepared statement concerning the nature of this case that will 16 17 be read to the jury at the commencement of trial (NO EXCEPTIONS). 18 The joint statement of the case shall include in plain concise 19 language the claims of Plaintiff and claims of other parties, if 20 any, and the corresponding defenses to the claims. The purpose 21 of the joint statement of the case is to inform the jury at the 22 outset, what the case is about. The statement must be filed with 23 the Court by October 12, 2010.

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Х. PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS, VOIR DIRE, VERDICT FORM

Jury Instructions Α.

3 Counsel are directed to meet and confer and to attempt to agree upon a joint set of jury instructions. Counsel shall use the Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions and any revisions. 5 Alternate instruction or authority may only be used if a Ninth 6 Circuit Model Jury Instruction is unavailable. The joint set of instructions must be filed by **October 12, 2010** and shall be identified as the "Jury Instructions Without Objection."

All instructions shall be, to the extent possible, concise, 10 understandable, and free from argument. See Local Rule 163(c). 11 Parties shall also note that any modifications of instructions 12 13 from statutory authority, case law or from any form of pattern instructions must specifically state the modification by 14 underlining additions and bracketing deletions. 15

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Β. Verdict Form

17 The parties must file a joint verdict form(s) concurrently with proposed jury instructions by October 12, 2010. If 18 19 necessary, a special verdict or interrogatories shall be included 20 for all factual disputes submitted to the jury that must be 21 resolved before questions of law can be decided, and for any 22 other issue on which specific responses are desired. See Local 23 Rule 163(e).

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C. <u>Voir Dire</u>

The parties shall submit proposed voir dire questions to the Court. The Court reserves the right to conduct all examination of prospective jurors. Notwithstanding this reservation, the Court will permit each side up to ten (10) minutes to conduct voir dire, if desired. The voir dire questions shall be filed with the Court by **October 12, 2010**.

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D. <u>Submission of Documents to the Court</u>

9 At the time of filing their respective proposed jury 10 instructions, verdict form(s), and voir dire questions, counsel 11 shall also electronically mail to the Court in digital format and 12 compatible with Microsoft Word or WordPerfect, the proposed jury 13 instructions and verdict form(s). These documents should be sent 14 to mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

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XI. <u>AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT</u>

The parties are required to **file electronically** a joint request to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Deutsch, by **October 4, 2010** if they wish to reserve and arrange for orientation with all parties on the Court's mobile audio/visual equipment for presentation of evidence. There will be one date and time for such orientation.

XII. DATE AND LENGTH OF TRIAL

A trial is scheduled for October 25, 2010. The estimated length of trial is two (2) days. The trial will consist of seven (7) jurors. Counsel are to email Stephanie Deutsch, Courtroom Deputy Clerk, at mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov, or call at (916) 930-4207, by October 12, 2010 to ascertain the status of the trial date.

XIII. OBJECTIONS TO PRETRIAL ORDER

Each party is granted five (5) court days from the date of this Final Pretrial Order to object to any part of the order or to request augmentation to it. A Final Pretrial Order will be modified only upon a showing of manifest injustice. If no objection or modifications are made, this Order will become final without further order of the Court and shall control the subsequent course of the action, pursuant to Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 2, 2010

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, (R.) UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE