1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 IN AND FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 **DONNA L. MURRAY** Case No. 09-cv-03480 MCE JFM 12 Plaintiff, STIPULATION RE: MODIFICATION OF PRETRIAL 13 SCHEDULING ORDER: ORDER VS. 14 PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY 15 OF AMERICA Defendants. 16 17 The court, having reviewed the STIPULATION EXTENDING DATES FOR 18 CLOSE OF DISCOVERY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPERT WITNESSES submitted by 19 the parties on April 11, 2011, HEREBY finds as follows: 20 Although a stipulation by the parties, without more, may not constitute "good 21 cause" to modify a Pretrial Scheduling Order pursuant to Rule 16(b) of the Federal 22 Rules of Civil Procedure, the court finds that the parties herein have shown "good 23 cause" herein on the grounds that: 24 they have properly and diligently participated in pretrial discovery; A) 25 B) they have engaged in settlement discussions; and 26 C) they desire additional time to engage in an alternate dispute 27 resolution process which may resolve the matter without trial. 28

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Although the Court notes that the parties have suggested retaining the currently scheduled Final Pretrial Conference and trial dates, the Court finds the extensions being proposed impinge too closely on the February 12, 2012 trial date now set in this matter. Accordingly, the Court continues that trial date to April 2, 2012. An amended Pretrial Scheduling Order will be issued setting forth other applicable deadlines in conjunction with that new trial date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 19, 2011

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE