order to show cause. Therein, plaintiff stated that a "settlement" had been reached "between

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defendants and plaintiff." (Doc. No. 51 at 1.) Plaintiff stated that pursuant to that settlement he had "executed a release as well as the request for dismissal of the entire case . . ." (<u>Id.</u>)

According to plaintiff, "Defendants were responsible to file the dismissal" and it was "beyond Plaintiff's control if defendants' counsel failed to file the dismissal." (<u>Id.</u>)

Thereafter, on October 29, 2012, plaintiff filed a notice of voluntary dismissal with prejudice of his action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a) against defendants Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Homesteps, the only defendants remaining in this action who have appeared. (Doc. No. 52.)

The court finds that plaintiff has filed a notice of voluntary dismissal in which he seeks to dismiss this entire action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a). No defendant has filed an answer or a motion for summary judgment in this court, and it does not appear that any defendant filed an answer or a motion for summary judgment in the state court prior to removal. Therefore, plaintiff's voluntary dismissal of this action is proper pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:

- Defendant Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and defendant
 Homesteps are dismissed from this action with prejudice pursuant to plaintiff's October 29, 2012
 notice of voluntary dismissal with prejudice (Doc. No. 52);
- 2. The July 27, 2012 motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 47) filed on behalf of defendant Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and defendant Homesteps, having been rendered moot by plaintiff's voluntary dismissal, is denied and dropped from the court's November 30, 2012 calendar; and
 - 3. This action is closed.

DATED: November 13, 2012.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE