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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 DENNLY R. BECKER,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., et al.,

15 Defendants.
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No. 2:10-cv-2799 TLN KJN PS

ORDER

17 On January 29, 2014, plaintiff Dennly R. Becker (“plaintiff”) contacted the undersigned’s
18 courtroom deputy to schedule an informal discovery teleconference and provided the
19 undersigned’s courtroom deputy with a copy of the parties’ joint two-page summary of the issues
20 pursuant to orders issued on September 25, 2013, October 3, 2013, and November 13, 2013. (ECF
21 Nos. 163 at 4 (requiring the parties to request telephonic conferences before completing any
22 further discovery filings and to provide the court with a joint two-page letter explaining what
23 meet and confer efforts they have undertaken and summarizing the dispute at issue.); 164 at 3-4
24 (same); 170 at 1-2 (further clarifying the procedures the parties must undertake prior to seeking a
25 telephonic discovery conference).)

26 Plaintiff informed the undersigned’s courtroom deputy that the parties have met and
27 conferred in good faith about their discovery dispute and have been unable to resolve it. Plaintiff
28 also informed the undersigned’s courtroom deputy that both parties can be available for a

1 teleconference with the undersigned on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

2 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

3 1. Pursuant to the undersigned's prior orders (ECF Nos. 163-64, 170), an informal
4 discovery teleconference will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014. The
5 undersigned's courtroom deputy will telephone both parties and connect the teleconference at that
6 time.

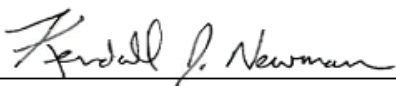
7 2. If the undersigned learns that this particular teleconference was scheduled in bad faith
8 or prior to completion of genuine meet and confer efforts, sanctions will issue. As prior orders
9 have emphasized,

10 [t]he informal telephonic discovery conferences described above will not
11 necessarily be on the record; however, the court will maintain the power to issue
12 monetary and other sanctions during such conferences, including for failures to
13 meet and confer in good faith or abuses of the discovery process. Implementation
14 of these telephonic conferences will under no circumstances give the parties a
15 "free pass" to gain the court's audience on every single minor discovery
16 disagreement that may arise. If the telephonic conferences are abused, sanctions
17 will issue.

18 (ECF No. 163 at 4.) Likewise, if the undersigned learns that either party needlessly
19 perpetuated this particular discovery dispute, sanctions will issue.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: February 3, 2014

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE