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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO DIVISION**

THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE
ORDER OF PATRONS OF
HUSBANDRY, a District of Columbia
nonprofit corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, a
California corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:14-cv-00676-WBS-DAD

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
REQUEST FOR TO APPEAR
TELEPHONICALLY**

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, a
California corporation,

Counter-Claimant,

v.

THE GRANGE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA'S ORDER OF
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY,
CHARTERED,

Counter-Defendant.

The court has received defendant California State Grange's request to allow

1 counsel Jenifer C. Wallis to appear telephonically at the August 17, 2015 Final Pretrial
2 Conference and Status Conference. Because the Final Pretrial Conference is
3 tantamount to the first day of trial, it is not the practice of this court to permit
4 telephonic appearance at such conference. See Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil
5 Procedure, which provides that the conference “must be attended by at least one
6 attorney who will conduct the trial for each party . . .” There has been no showing that
7 a personal appearance in this case would cause such hardship as to justify an exception
8 to that practice.

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10 The request to appear telephonically at the Final Pretrial Conference is therefore
11 DENIED.

12 Dated: August 14, 2015



13 WILLIAM B. SHUBB
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE