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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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 11 NEW ENGLAND LIFE INSURANCE)
 COMPANY,)
 12)
 Plaintiff,)
 13)
 vs.)
 14)
 DIANE G. GEIGER, an individual,)
 15 RHONDA KAY EINCK, an individual,)
 THE ESTATE OF KENNETH M.)
 16 GEIGER, and DOES 1 through 10,)
 inclusive,)
 17)
 Defendants.)
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CASE NO.: 14-CV-01785-TLN-CMK
**STIPULATION OF COUNSEL FOR
 AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR
 NEW ENGLAND LIFE
 INSURANCE COMPANY MAY
 RESPOND TO DIANE G.
 GEIGER’S COUNTER-CLAIM;
 ORDER**

[Pursuant to Local Rule 144]

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1 Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant New England Life Insurance Company
2 (“New England”) and Defendant and Counterclaimant Diane G. Geiger (“Geiger”),
3 by and through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate to extend the time within
4 which New England may answer or otherwise respond to the Counterclaim filed by
5 Geiger on September 29, 2014.

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7 Specifically, Geiger and New England stipulate that New England shall have
8 until December 19, 2014 to file its responsive pleading to Geiger’s Counterclaim.
9 Good cause exists for this extension, as the parties are cautiously optimistic regarding
10 the prospects of settling the entirety of the case. The parties are presently discussing
11 settlement and are arranging to a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge,
12 which should be completed in November or early-December. The parties would like
13 to save the time, effort and costs of motion practice with regard to Geiger’s
14 Counterclaim and focus those resources toward their settlement prospects.

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16 Dated: November 3, 2014

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18 By: */s/ James C. Castle* _____
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22 Defendant New England Life
23 Insurance Company

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25 Dated: November 3, 2014

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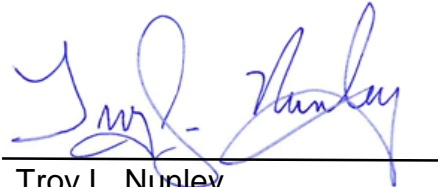
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Having reviewed the parties' stipulation,

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 6, 2014



Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge