Joint Stipulation and Order to File First Amended Complaint

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Plaintiff Landmark American Insurance Company ("Landmark") and defendant Liberty Surplus Insurance Corporation ("Liberty") submit the following Joint Stipulation and request that: the Court grant leave for Plaintiff to file a First Amended Complaint pursuant to FRCP 15(a) (2) and for Liberty to file a crossclaim pursuant to FRCP 13 (g):

- 1. Landmark filed its Complaint against Liberty on January 10, 2017.
- 2. Liberty filed and served its answer on 3/3/17.
- 3. Additional facts and documents have come to light which now implicate policies issued by QBE Specialty Insurance Company ("QBE") to River City Caulking, the mutual insured of Landmark, Liberty and QBE.
- 4. Landmark seeks to name QBE as a defendant in this matter, and seeks recovery under theories of contribution, equitable indemnity and declaratory relief.
- 5. Liberty seeks to file a crossclaim against QBE.
- Liberty and Landmark have met and conferred and have agreed regarding the addition
 of QBE as a party to this litigation and the requested continuation of the June 8, 2017
 Status Conference.
- 7. Liberty and Landmark agree and stipulate that Liberty's Answer filed on 3/3/17 is responsive to Landmark's First Amended Complaint and that Liberty will not be required to file a further responsive pleading.
- 8. Landmark and Liberty seek to continue the Status Conference set for June 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. Good cause exists because QBE as a new party will not have been served much less answered by that date.
- 9. The Parties request that the Status Conference currently scheduled for June 8, 2017 be continued until sometime at the court's convenience, after June 23, 2017 as counsel for Liberty will be out of the country and QBE will not have answered the First Amended Complaint or the crossclaim by June 23, 2017.

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NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby stipulate and request that the Court grant Plaintiff leave to file a First Amended Complaint in this action, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto, and for Liberty to promptly file its crossclaim against QBE after Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint has been filed.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Date: June 1, 2017 GILL & RHOADES LLP

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Date: June 1, 2017 BURNHAM BROWN

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Liberty Surplus Insurance Company

ORDER

Good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff is granted leave to file the First Amended Complaint, which attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HERBY FURTHER ORDERED that Liberty is granted leave to file a crossclaim against QBE promptly after Plaintiff files its First Amended Complaint.

Good cause appearing, Liberty's Answer to Landmark's Complaint is deemed responsive to Landmark's First Amended Complaint and therefore, Liberty is not required to file an Answer to Landmark's First Amended Complaint.

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It is further ordered that the Status Conference Scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 3 is continued until August 3, 2017 at 2:30p.m. in Courtroom 3. Dated: June 7, 2017.

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