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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 THOMAS LINDLEY, individually and on
 13 behalf of others similarly situated,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 KAG WEST, LLC and KEENAN
 17 ADVANTAGE GROUP, LLC,

18 Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00825-MCE-DB

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS KAG
 WEST, LLC AND THE KENAN
 ADVANTAGE GROUP, INC.’S REQUEST
 FOR BIFURCATED DISCOVERY**

19 The Court having read and considered the moving and responding papers
 20 presented, and good cause appearing, hereby orders that Defendants’ Request For
 21 Bifurcated Discovery in the above-captioned case, ECF No. 17, is GRANTED.¹
 22 Because oral argument would not be of material assistance in rendering a decision,
 23 Defendants’ request for oral argument, ECF No. 20, is DENIED.

24 Accordingly, the parties shall proceed with individual discovery on
 25 Plaintiff’s claims, with class discovery as a second phase if deemed necessary and

26 ¹ “The decision to bifurcate discovery in putative class actions prior to certification is committed to the
 27 discretion of the trial court.” True Health Chiropractic Inc v. McKesson Corp., No. 13-cv-02219-JST, 2015 WL
 28 273188, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015), citing Del Campo v. Kennedy, 236 F.R.D. 454, 459 (N.D.Cal.2006)
 (citations omitted); see, e.g., Medlock v. Taco Bell Corp., No. 1:07-cv-01314-SAB, 2014 WL 2154437, at *1 (E.D.
 Cal. May 22, 2014) (noting bifurcation of discovery as to class-certification and merits issues).

1 appropriate by the Court. If necessary, the parties are ordered to file a Joint Status
2 Report within twenty (20) days of electronic filing of any order from the Court on
3 any dispositive motion addressing Plaintiff's individual claims.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: November 27, 2017

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7 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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