



1 Plaintiff's objection is well-taken. While the court's local rules require that  
2 discovery motions be noticed for hearing before the assigned Magistrate Judge, see E. Dist. Cal.  
3 Local Rule 302(c)(1), defendant noticed its motion to compel and motion for expenses for hearing  
4 at the courthouse "located at 501 I Street, Sacramento, California. . .," see Docs. 20 and 21  
5 (defendant's notices of motion), even though the assigned Magistrate Judge in this case is located  
6 in Redding, California. Given defendant's error in noticing its motions for hearing in Sacramento  
7 instead of Redding, the expense associated with counsel's travel to and from Sacramento for a  
8 hearing on July 11, 2018, are more reasonably attributable to defendant's error rather than  
9 plaintiff's conduct necessitating the motion to compel. The amount requested will, therefore, be  
10 reduced by \$1,458.00 (5.4 hours at \$270 per hour).

11 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's counsel shall pay to  
12 defendant's counsel reasonable expenses pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(5) in the amount of  
13 \$6,230.00 within 15 days of the date of this order.

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16 Dated: October 24, 2018



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18 DENNIS M. COTA  
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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