Plaintiff has now filed a request for extended time to file an amended complaint. See ECF No. 5. Plaintiff states that he has been delayed in the preparation of an amended complaint due to closures of the prison law library. However, as a three strikes litigant, plaintiff cannot proceed in this action unless he first pays the filing fee. Absent such payment, or the rejection of the undersigned's findings and recommendations by the district judge, plaintiff cannot proceed on his

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original complaint or an amended complaint. Should either alternative occur, plaintiff may renew his request to proceed on an amended complaint. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for extended time to file an amended complaint, ECF No. 5, is DENIED without prejudice. DATED: November 13, 2017. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE