

1 The parties are to set forth in their Joint Notice of Trial Readiness the
2 appropriateness of special procedures, whether this case is related to any other case(s)
3 on file in the Eastern District of California, the prospect for settlement, their estimated
4 trial length, any request for a jury, and their availability for trial. The parties' Joint Notice
5 of Trial Readiness Statement shall also estimate how many court days each party will
6 require to present its case, including opening statements and closing arguments.
7 Plaintiff's estimate shall also include the time necessary for jury selection, and
8 Defendant's estimate shall include the time necessary to finalize jury instructions and
9 instruct the jury.

10 This Court is in session for jury selection, opening statements, presentation of
11 evidence, closing arguments, and instruction of the jury Monday through Wednesday,
12 only. Jury deliberations only are Monday through Friday if necessary.

13 After review of the parties' Joint Notice of Trial Readiness, the Court will issue an
14 order that sets forth dates for a final pretrial conference and trial. The parties should be
15 prepared to submit discovery documents and trial exhibits electronically in PDF format.

16 **III. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

17 If the parties agree to a settlement conference, a magistrate judge will be
18 randomly assigned to the case to preside over the settlement conference. If the parties
19 specifically request that the assigned District Judge or Magistrate Judge conduct the
20 settlement conference, the parties shall file the appropriate waiver of disqualification in
21 accordance with Local Rule 270(b). If the parties elect to participate in the Voluntary
22 Dispute Resolution Program (VDRP), a stipulation of election is required pursuant to
23 Local Rule 271. See Attachments 2-1 and 2-2 of this Order.

24 In accordance with Local Rule 160, counsel are to immediately file a notice of
25 settlement or other disposition of this case.

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1 **IV. MODIFICATION OF INITIAL PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

2 The parties are reminded that pursuant to Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil
3 Procedure, the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order shall not be modified except by leave of
4 court upon a showing of **good cause**. Agreement by the parties pursuant to stipulation
5 alone to modify the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order does not constitute good cause.
6 Except in extraordinary circumstances, unavailability of witnesses or counsel will not
7 constitute good cause.

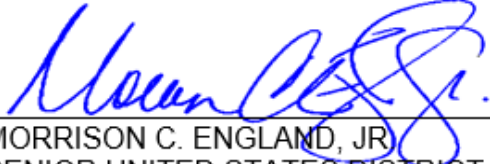
8 **V. COURTESY COPIES**

9 No party shall submit paper courtesy copies of pleadings or exhibits to the Court
10 unless expressly ordered to do so.

11 **VI. OBJECTIONS TO INITIAL PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

12 This Supplemental Pretrial Scheduling Order will become final without further
13 order of the Court unless objections are filed within seven (7) days of this Order.

14 Dated: November 16, 2020

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16 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
17 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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