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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 GROCERY OUTLET, INC.,

No. C 06-2173 JSW (MEJ)

12 Plaintiff(s),

NOTICE OF REFERENCE

13 vs.

14 AMERICAN STORES CO., et al.,

15 Defendant(s).
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18 TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

19 The above-captioned case was referred to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for purposes
20 of discovery. Please be advised that if a specific motion was filed before the district court prior to
21 this referral, the noticed date will no longer be in effect. Rather, the parties shall comply with Judge
22 James' Standing Order Regarding Discovery and Dispute Procedures, a copy of which may be
23 obtained from the Northern District of California's website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/>
24 From the homepage, click on the "Judges" tab on the left margin, then choose Magistrate Judge
25 James.

26 Counsel are advised that in regard to any pending discovery disputes, including the October
27 23, 2008 letter referenced in Judge White's order, they must comply with Judge James' standing
28 order and meet and confer in person. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute after the meet

1 and confer session, they shall file a joint meet and confer letter. A separate letter should be filed for
2 each category of discovery and/or issue in dispute. Upon careful review of the parties' letter, the
3 Court will either order further briefing, oral argument, or deem the matter submitted on the papers.
4 Accordingly, any pending discovery motions are hereby DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to the
5 filing of a joint letter.

6 Further, when filing papers that require the Court to take any action (e.g. motions, meet and
7 confer letters, administrative requests), the parties shall, in addition to filing papers electronically,
8 lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers by noon of the next court day following the day
9 the papers are filed electronically. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall
10 be submitted to the Clerk's Office, in an envelope clearly marked with Judge James' name, case
11 number and "E-Filing Chambers Copy." Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with
12 the Clerk's Office that has already been filed electronically.

13 Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Brenda Tolbert, at (415) 522-4708 with any
14 questions.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 Dated: October 29, 2008



MARIA-ELENA JAMES
United States Magistrate Judge