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I. <u>BRETT HAMMOND</u>

Defendant XOS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "XOS") submits this Reply to PINNACLE SYSTEMS, INC.'s (hereinafter referred to as "Pinnacle") Opposition to Defendants' [sic] Motion to Compel Depositions.

Pinnacle states in its opposition that it agrees to produce Brett Hammond for deposition and therefore the motion to compel is moot. However, to date, Pinnacle has neither produced Hammond, nor has it provided XOS with a date that it will produce Hammond.

As discussed in the Motion to Compel Depositions dated June 9, 2003, in April 2003, XOS' counsel coordinated with Pinnacle's counsel and scheduled Mr. Hammond's deposition and Pinnacle agreed to produce Mr. Hammond in California. Less than three business days prior to the deposition (one day prior to XOS' counsel traveling from Florida to California), Pinnacle unilaterally cancelled the deposition.

In an attempt to resolve this matter without the need for the July 16, 2003 hearing, XOS' counsel spoke with Pinnacle's counsel after the June 20, 2003 case management conference with Judge Whyte. At that meeting, Pinnacle's counsel advised that Brett Hammond would be produced and volunteered to produce him the following week while XOS' counsel deposed various Pinnacle employees in Massachusetts. Pinnacle however, did not produce Hammond. Despite Pinnacle's representations that it will produce Hammond, XOS requests a Court order compelling Pinnacle to produce Mr. Hammond, so Pinnacle cannot simply cancel any subsequently scheduled deposition.

II. AJAY CHOPRA

As with Mr. Hammond, Pinnacle unilaterally cancelled the deposition of Ajay Chopra after Pinnacle agreed to produce him for deposition. Pinnacle has now taken the position that it will not produce Chopra at all because he is a "high level executive without first-hand knowledge of the facts at issue in this case." (Pinnacle's Opposition to Motion to Compel Depositions, p. 1). This is

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 simply untrue. The testimony of David Glover, Pinnacle's Vice President of Network News and Sports, revealed that Mr. Chopra does have knowledge of the facts relevant to this case.¹

David Glover was identified by Pinnacle as its corporate representative in the lawsuit and has filed numerous declarations in this case. The testimony of Mr. Glover, specifically at pages 27-30 and 35, establishes that Mr. Glover's supervisor is Ajay Chopra and Mr. Glover reports to him at regularly scheduled meetings. (A copy of these excerpts are attached to the Declaration of William H. Cantwell, II Filed Under Seal in Support of XOS Technologies, Inc.'s Reply to Pinnacle's Opposition to Defendants' [sic] Motion to Compel Depositions). Pinnacle cannot accuse the Defendants of the bad acts set forth in the First Amended Complaint and then refuse to allow Defendants to take the deposition of the Pinnacle employee who is supervising the direction of this lawsuit.

Pinnacle represents to this Court that "the parties are in the process of reaching an agreement as to Mr. Chopra." (Pinnacle's Opposition to Motion to Compel Depositions, p. 2). This statement is false. XOS fully intends to take the deposition of Chopra, and has never indicated anything to the contrary to Pinnacle. Pinnacle's attorneys have simply refused to produce him.

III. PINNACLE'S DELAYS HAVE PREJUDICED XOS

As discussed in the Motion to Compel Depositions, these depositions were scheduled back in April 2003. Three business days prior to the June 9 and 10 depositions, Pinnacle unilaterally cancelled them. To date, Pinnacle has provided no date for Brett Hammond's deposition and has now asserted that despite their previous agreement to produce Ajay Chopra, they will not produce him for deposition. As a result, once again, Pinnacle has stalled XOS' discovery efforts. These depositions should have been completed a month ago. Unfortunately, XOS has been required to move this Court for the relief of compelling production of witnesses that Pinnacle previously agreed to produce. XOS has been prejudiced and unable to properly develop a defense strategy or conduct discovery.

¹Pursuant to the Stipulated Protective Order, excerpts from David Glover's June 24, 2003 deposition have been filed contemporaneously with this Reply in compliance with Local Rule 79-5.

1 For the reasons stated above, XOS respectfully requests that this Court enter an order 2 compelling Pinnacle to provide the depositions of Ajay Chopra and Brett Hammond, and for such 3 further relief as the Court may deem proper. 4 **DATED:** July 7, 2003 O'BRIEN RIEMENSCHNEIDER, P.A. 5 6 7 By S/William H. Cantwell, II William H. Cantwell, II 8 Attorneys for Defendants XOS, ATON, ECCKER, CHRISTIANSON, 9 MILLER, & CARPENTER 10 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 11 12 I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has 13 been furnished via electronic filing and U.S. Mail to MICHAEL J. BETTINGER, ESQUIRE, 14 Attorney for Plaintiff, Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, 55 Second Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, 15 California 94105 and to THOMAS R. HOGAN, ESQUIRE, Co-Counsel for Defendants, 333 West 16 Santa Clara Street, Suite 800, California 95113 this 7th day of July, 2003. 17 18 S/William H. Cantwell, II 19 William H. Cantwell, II 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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