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15 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN FRANCISCO**

17 GUADALUPE SALAZAR, *et al.*,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 MCDONALD'S CORP., *et al.*,

21 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:14-cv-02096-RS

22 **STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~
 23 ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY
 24 OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED
 25 INFORMATION**

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1 The Parties to the above-captioned action HEREBY STIPULATE AND AGREE, by and
2 through their undersigned counsel, that the following specifications shall govern discovery of all
3 documents, electronically stored information (“ESI”), and any other materials and information
4 produced by the Parties during discovery in the above-captioned action.

5 **I. General**

6 A. The Parties shall take reasonable steps to comply with the procedures set forth in
7 this Stipulation.

8 B. To the extent reasonably possible, the production of documents shall be conducted
9 to maximize efficient and quick access to documents and minimize related discovery costs. The
10 terms of this Stipulation shall be construed so as to ensure the prompt, efficient, and cost-effective
11 exchange of information consistent with applicable law, the local rules of court, the Parties’
12 previous meet and confer discussions and/or agreements, and any orders by this Court.

13 1. Except as specifically limited herein, this Stipulation governs the
14 production of discoverable documents by the Parties during the litigation. In the event of transfer
15 to other courts, this Stipulation will remain in effect in all respects, until adopted by the transferee
16 court or replaced by a successor agreement.

17 2. This Stipulation shall not enlarge, reduce, or otherwise affect the scope of
18 discovery in this litigation as governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the local rules of
19 court, the Parties’ previous meet and confer discussions and/or agreements, and the Court’s orders
20 (other than any default rules governing electronic discovery which this Stipulation explicitly
21 replaces), nor imply that discovery produced under the terms of this Stipulation is properly
22 discoverable, relevant, or admissible in this or in any other litigation.

23 3. Subject to this Stipulation, the Parties’ objections and responses to requests
24 for production of documents, and subject to any Protective Order signed by the parties and
25 entered by the Court, all documents that are responsive to discovery requests and not designated
26 as “privileged” shall be produced in the manner provided herein. Nothing in this Stipulation shall
27 be interpreted to require disclosure of materials that a Party contends are not discoverable or are
28 protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, or

1 any other privilege that may be applicable. Additionally, nothing in this Stipulation shall be
2 deemed to waive or limit any Party's right to object to the production of certain electronically
3 stored information, or to move to compel, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the
4 ground that the sources are not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost, or on the
5 ground that there is good cause for the documents' production, respectively.

6 4. The Parties agree to promptly alert all other Parties concerning any
7 technical problems associated with complying with this Stipulation. To the extent compliance
8 with this Stipulation imposes an undue burden with respect to any protocol, source, or search term
9 listed herein, the Parties shall promptly confer in an effort to resolve the issue.

10 5. Consistent with the Northern District of California's Guidelines for the
11 Discovery of Electronically Stored Information, and the Parties' obligations under applicable
12 provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Parties will attempt to resolve, in person,
13 in writing (including e-mail), or by telephone, disputes regarding the issues set forth herein prior
14 to filing a motion with the Court, or otherwise seeking relief. If the Parties are unable to resolve
15 the dispute after a good faith effort, the Parties may seek Court intervention in accordance with
16 the Court's procedures.

17 **II. Production Format**

18 A. Hard Copy Documents: To the extent the producing Party (including its counsel)
19 has already scanned or imaged documents kept in hard copy form into an electronic format or
20 scans such documents into electronic format for its own review and purposes, such documents
21 shall be produced in electronic format to the receiving Party. If the producing Party maintains
22 such documents in TIFF format (as described below), it shall produce in that format to any
23 receiving Party that so requests, and Plaintiffs and the McDonald's Defendants do so request. For
24 any hard copy documents not already scanned or for which the producing Party (including its
25 counsel) does not scan the documents into electronic format for its own review and purposes,
26 such documents shall be scanned and produced in TIFF image or .pdf format with legible, unique
27 identifiers ("Bates numbers") and OCR text, at the receiving Party's request, and the Parties shall
28 confer as to the feasibility of splitting the cost of converting documents into such format.

1 Scanned TIFF and .pdf images shall be produced with a delimited load file that includes the page-
2 document relationship, beginning and ending Bates numbers and page count except that Bobby O.
3 Haynes Sr. and Carol R. Haynes Family Limited Partnership (“Haynes” or “Haynes
4 Organization”) shall not be required to bear the expense of creating TIFF format or of creating a
5 load file for TIFF and .pdf images but will produce hard copy documents individually as
6 delineated .pdf files. Nothing in this Stipulation shall preclude a Party, when appropriate under
7 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, from making hard copy documents available for inspection
8 if they are not already imaged or in electronic form.

9 B. Electronically Stored Information (ESI): Except as otherwise noted herein, ESI
10 will generally be produced in single page, 300 DPI, black and white, Group IV TIFF format or
11 .pdf format, depending on the preference of the receiving Party. As Plaintiffs have requested the
12 TIFF format, productions to Plaintiffs will be made in such format except as otherwise indicated
13 herein or agreed by the Parties. Each page image file shall be named with the unique Bates
14 number of the page of document, followed by the extension “.TIF”. The TIFF or .pdf files shall
15 be produced with a delimited load-file that identifies page-document relationships, the Bates
16 number, extracted full text (in the case where a document is being produced in redacted form,
17 OCR for the redacted image will be included to avoid disclosure of the redacted text and so that
18 the redacted text will not be produced), and an image link for images. Haynes shall inform
19 Plaintiffs if production of some or all of its ESI in TIFF format is not practicable, and if it is not
20 practicable, Haynes shall not be required to incur the expense of producing documents in TIFF
21 format with delimited load-files and the parties will discuss reasonable alternatives, including
22 production in native format. The Parties will discuss reasonable requests for production in native
23 format beyond those types of documents discussed below in Part E, as well as production of color
24 or oversized documents, on a document-by-document or category-by-category basis.

25 C. Bates Numbering: Each page of a produced document will have a Bates number
26 electronically “burned” onto the image that includes an alpha prefix along with a fixed number,
27 i.e., ABC000001. This format must remain consistent across all production numbers and be
28 placed on the lower right corner of all images so as not to unreasonably obliterate or obscure any

1 information. No other legend or stamp will be placed on a document image other than
2 confidentiality legends (where applicable) or redactions.

3 D. Associated Delimited Text File and Metadata Fields: A database shall be provided
4 in a “.dat” file format that extracts metadata into fields in a delimited text load file. For the
5 Concordance .dat, the Parties should use Concordance standard delimiters (ASCII 020
6 corresponding to a comma, ASCII 254 corresponding to a double quote, ASCII 174
7 corresponding to a new line, and a semicolon used to separate values). Haynes shall not be
8 required to incur the cost of providing a database for any production of documents maintained in
9 hard copy, but shall provide .dat files for ESI unless the parties agree that doing so would be
10 impracticable and agree upon a reasonable alternative. Reasonably accessible fielded data should
11 be captured at the time of the collection, to the extent possible, and the fielded data should include
12 all the metadata fields listed below for a file/document in addition to the unitization (including the
13 production number of the first and last page of each document) and attachments (including
14 information sufficient to identify the parent and child relationships of all documents that are or
15 have attachments). The first line of the data load file should contain the field headers indicating
16 the contents of each field, and each subsequent line should contain the fielded data for each
17 document. Load files shall include the metadata fields listed below, or substantially identical
18 metadata fields, to the extent already in existence and reasonably accessible. To the extent that
19 metadata does not exist or is not reasonably accessible or available for any documents produced,
20 nothing in this Stipulation shall require any Party to extract, capture, collect or produce such data.

21 **Hard Copy**

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ENDBATES	Ending production number or Bates number for a given file/document

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FIELD NAME	FIELD DESCRIPTION
PAGECOUNT	Number of pages for the document
TEXT	Relative path to OCR (if agreed to be produced)

ESI

FIELD NAME	SAMPLE DATA	FIELD DESCRIPTION	APPLICABLE FILE TYPE(S)
BEBATES	ABC000001	Beginning production number or Bates number for a given file/document	E-mail and E-Doc
ENDBATES	ABC000002	Ending production number or Bates number for a given file/document	E-mail and E-Doc
BEGATTACH	ABC000001	Beginning production number or Bates number for the attachment range	E-mail and E-Doc
ENDATTACH	ABC000015	Ending production number or Bates number for the attachment range	E-mail and E-Doc
ATTACHRANGE	ABC000001 – ABC000015	Production number of first page of attachment range through last page of attachment range All electronic documents attached to an e-mail will be produced contemporaneously and sequentially immediately after the parent e-mail.	E-mail and E-Doc
CUSTODIAN	Smith, John	Person, shared file, or other source from whom/which files were collected	E-mail and E-Doc
DUPLICATE CUSTODIAN	Brown, Julie	To identify other custodians whose files contained a particular document that was eliminated through de-duplication to the	E-mail and E-Doc

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SUBJECT	Meeting Minutes	Subject line extracted from e-mail message	E-mail
FROM	Thompson, Frank	Sender	E-mail
TO	Coffman, Janice; Lee, William	Recipient	E-mail
CC	Cain, John	Coppyee	E-mail
BCC	Stevens, Hunter	Blind Coppyee	E-mail
DATESENT	10/12/2012	Sent date of an email message in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY	E-mail
TIMESENT	07:05 PM	Time the email was sent	E-mail
DATERCVD	10/12/2012	Date an email message was received in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY	E-mail
TIMERCVD	07:05 PM	Time the email was received	E-mail
AUTHOR*	Smith, John	Name of person who created document or email Parties acknowledge that the Author field may not actually be the Author of the document.	E-Doc
TITLE	McDonald's Employee Handbook 2010	Electronic title of document, to the extent it exists in metadata and is different than the FILENAME field	E-Doc

FIELD NAME	SAMPLE DATA	FIELD DESCRIPTION	APPLICABLE FILE TYPE(S)
FILENAME	October Agenda.doc	Original file name of native document	E-Doc
PATH	C:\My Documents\Agenda	Original path for documents (if this information has been captured)	E-mail and E-Doc
DATECREATED*	10/1/2011	Date document was created Parties acknowledge that the Date Created field may not actually be the Date Created due to the ease of change to that field and the technical definition of the field (e.g., the created date reflects the date when the file was created in that particular location on the computer or on the other storage device location)	E-Doc
TIMECREATED*	9:18 AM	Time document was created Parties acknowledge that the Time Created field may not actually be the Time Created due to the ease of change to that field and the technical definition of the field (e.g., the created time reflects the time when the file was created in that particular location on the computer or on the other storage device location)	E-Doc
DATELASTMOD	10/15/2011	Date the document was last modified in MM/DD/YYYY format	E-Doc
TIMELASTMOD	11:07 AM	Time file was last modified	E-Doc
FILEEXT	Msg	File extension of native document	E-mail and E-Doc
PAGECOUNT	16	Number of pages for the document	E-mail and E-Doc

FIELD NAME	SAMPLE DATA	FIELD DESCRIPTION	APPLICABLE FILE TYPE(S)
HASH	d131dd02c5e6eec5694 d0698aff85c2fsch5876 217eab40045733b8fb7 89	MD5 or SHA1 Hash Value	E-mail and E-Doc
NATIVEFILE PATH	D:\001\ABC000005.xls	Path or hyperlink to documents being produced in native file format	Native
TEXT	Relative path to extracted text or OCR for the document	OCR or extracted text file	E-mail and E-Doc

E. Files to be Produced in Native File Format: Non-redacted Microsoft Access databases, Excel files, .CSV files, other similar databases and spreadsheet files, and audio or video media files, shall be produced in the format in which the electronically stored information was originally created (the “Native File”) if the files are available in such format. To the extent practicable, native Files will be produced together with a placeholder TIFF image; each TIFF placeholder will be produced with a legend stating “Document Produced Natively” or similar language and a relative file path to the Native File shall be provided in the metadata load file. The extractable metadata and text shall be produced in the same manner as other documents that originated in electronic form to the extent that metadata exists or is reasonably accessible or available for any files produced. If a Producing Party wishes to designate a Native File “Confidential,” it shall do so by producing the Native File on media that is labeled “Confidential” or by branding the placeholder TIFF image “Confidential.”

F. Databases: The McDonald’s and Haynes Defendants agree to identify and describe to Plaintiffs those databases that contain ESI responsive to document requests, as well as provide a summary of the type of responsive ESI in each database, within a timeframe agreed upon by the Parties. The Parties shall cooperate to produce responsive ESI from any such database in a reasonably useable production format.

1 G. Social Media: ESI from social media websites (e.g., LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter)
2 may be produced by capturing information through “screen shots” or “screen captures” and
3 converting same into images along with corresponding extracted text or OCR unless the Parties
4 agree to perform bulk exports of accounts, such as by exporting out a profile from LinkedIn or
5 downloading a copy of an individual’s Facebook data or archive.

6 H. Media: Documents shall be exchanged on DVD-ROMs, CD-ROMs, USB drives,
7 portable hard drives, or through secure file transfer protocols (e.g., FTP) or similar secure
8 electronic transmission. The production media shall be labeled with the Volume Number and
9 Production Date along with the Bates Number range(s) of the materials, and where not practicable
10 to do so, may be provided in an accompanying letter. Any document production that contains
11 “non-public personal information” (as defined in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) shall be produced
12 in encrypted form. If a Producing Party encrypts or “locks” the production, the Producing Party
13 shall send, under separate cover, an explanation of how to decrypt the files.

14 **III. Deduplication**

15 A. Global or Horizontal Deduplication: A Party is only required to produce a single
16 copy of a responsive document and a Party may de-duplicate responsive ESI (based on MD5 or
17 SHA-1 hash values at the document level) across custodians. For e-mails with attachments, the
18 hash value shall be generated based on the parent-child document grouping. However, metadata
19 identifying all custodians in possession of each document that is removed as a duplicate must be
20 produced in the “CUSTODIAN” or “DUPLICATE CUSTODIAN” field in the production load
21 file subject to any exceptions provided in the paragraph entitled “Associated Delimited Text File
22 and Metadata Fields.”

23 B. Threading: Each Party may also deduplicate e-mails in such a way as to eliminate
24 earlier or incomplete chains of e-mails, and produce only the most complete iteration of an e-mail
25 chain. Any deduplication tool used by a Party must ensure that an e-mail will be suppressed only
26 if its recipients (including cc and bcc recipients), subject, body text (excluding specified
27 automatic footers and normalized to consolidate white space) and attachments are wholly

1 included in another more complete e-mail. The Parties agree to meet and confer regarding the use
2 of other deduplication methods.

3 **IV. Foreign Language Documents**

4 To the extent that documents or ESI are produced that contain languages other than
5 English, in whole or in part, the producing party shall produce all foreign language documents
6 and ESI in the original language. The producing party has no obligation to provide a translation
7 of the document or ESI or any portion thereof.

8 **V. Identification and Collection of Documents**

9 A. Except as otherwise agreed upon in this Stipulation, the Parties will continue to
10 meet and confer in an effort to agree upon the following:

- 11 1. List of custodians;
12 2. Search methodology and search terms to be applied;
13 3. Location of relevant data sources including custodial, non-custodial and
14 third-Party; and
15 4. Applicable timeframe for collection and review of documents.

16 B. Custodians: To the extent a Party intends to collect responsive ESI for production
17 by identifying particular ESI custodians, the Producing Party will provide the Requesting Party a
18 list of proposed custodians, along with information related to why those specific custodians were
19 chosen, including the dates the custodians held roles relevant to this matter. The Producing and
20 Requesting Party will meet and confer in an effort to agree upon a list of custodians within an
21 agreed upon timeframe.
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23 C. Search Methodology and Search Terms:

24 1. Email: To the extent a Party intends to collect responsive ESI from its
25 email using search terms, the Producing Party will provide a list of proposed search terms to the
26 Requesting Party within a timeframe agreed upon by the Parties. The Requesting Party will then
27 provide any requested changes within two weeks. The Producing and Requesting Parties agree to
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1 meet and confer within one week of the Requesting Party's requested changes to discuss
2 additions, revisions, or deletions of any search term that the Producing Party identifies as being
3 too burdensome. The Parties will meet and confer should they believe that search terms are
4 needed for any subsequent requests for production. The Parties further agree that the fact that a
5 document is hit or captured by the application of any agreed upon search terms does not mean
6 that such document is necessarily responsive to any propounded discovery request or is otherwise
7 relevant to this litigation. Determinations of discoverability, responsiveness, and privilege may
8 be made, in the first instance, by the Producing Party.

9 2. Non-Email: The Producing Party agrees to conduct a reasonable inquiry
10 into potential sources for unique and discoverable non-email ESI within the Producing Party's
11 possession, custody, or control, and to produce any responsive records identified from such
12 sources. To the extent a Party intends to collect responsive ESI from non-email using search
13 terms, it will follow the procedures described in Section V.C.1. immediately above.

14 D. Location of ESI: ESI will be collected from custodians agreed upon by the Parties
15 by searching those custodians' local hard drives, network drives or active server directories (i.e.,
16 shared drives), reasonably accessible email accounts, and removable or portable media (including
17 thumb or flash drives, external hard drives, CDs, or DVDs) to the extent that these sources
18 contain potentially relevant information. Non-custodial sources, such as databases, shared email
19 accounts, AccessMCD, and SharePoint, will further be searched to the extent the Producing Party
20 determines such locations are reasonably likely to have relevant information and are within the
21 Producing Party's possession, custody, or control.

22 E. Timeframe for Collection and Review of Documents: The Parties agree that
23 Plaintiffs have contended that the applicable claims period in this case extends from March 12,
24 2010 through the present, and much of the relevant discovery will therefore be focused on that
25 time period, including payroll and time records. However, the Parties also recognize that
26 documents that are relevant to the Parties' claims and defenses and responsive to the Parties'
27 discovery requests may be discoverable even if they were created, received, or generated prior to
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1 the limitations period. As a matter of compromise, the Parties will therefore search for
2 documents and ESI generated, received or created from December 12, 2009 through the present,
3 except as otherwise agreed among the Parties or upon order of the Court for good cause show.
4 Plaintiffs maintain that because of the nature of the relationship between the McDonald's
5 Defendants and Haynes alleged by Plaintiffs, including but not limited to Plaintiffs' allegations
6 that the McDonald's Defendants exercise extensive control over franchisees like Haynes and are
7 joint employers of Plaintiffs, any extant responsive documents relating to such topics are
8 discoverable and should be produced even if they were created, received, or generated prior to the
9 limitations period. Although the McDonald's and Haynes Defendants disagree, in the interest of
10 compromise, Defendants agree to produce McDonald's franchise agreements with the Haynes
11 Organization, as well as any re-writes or denials of franchise agreements with the Haynes
12 Organization, rental/lease agreements, or amendments to any such agreements or contracts with
13 the Haynes Organization regardless of the date of such documents or whether they were in effect
14 during the class period. Additionally, the parties will meet and confer regarding production of
15 marketing agreements or other contracts in effect prior to the class period.

16 **VI. Preservation**

17 A. The Parties acknowledge that they have an obligation to take reasonable and
18 proportional steps to preserve discoverable information in the Party's possession, custody, or
19 control.

20 B. Unless otherwise provided in this Order, paper and electronic records that may
21 contain non-duplicative information potentially relevant to the claims alleged in the Complaint, or
22 any defenses thereto, or that may be reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible
23 evidence, are subject to preservation.

24 C. The Parties agree that the circumstances of this case do not warrant the
25 preservation, collection, review, or production of ESI that is not reasonably accessible because
26 they anticipate that enough relevant information can be yielded from reasonably accessible
27 sources and, as necessary and appropriate, supplemented with deposition discovery. Moreover,
28 the remote possibility of additional relevant information existing in not reasonably accessible

1 sources is substantially outweighed by the burden and cost of preservation, collection, review,
2 and production of ESI from sources that are not reasonably accessible. The Parties agree that the
3 following ESI is not reasonably accessible:

4 1. Deleted, shadowed, damaged, residual, slack, fragmented, or other data
5 only accessible by forensics.

6 2. Random access memory (RAM), temporary files, or other ephemeral data
7 that are difficult to preserve without disabling the operating system.

8 3. On-line access data such as temporary Internet files, history, cache,
9 cookies, and the like.

10 4. Data stored on photocopiers, scanners, and fax machines.

11 5. Data in metadata fields that are frequently updated automatically, such as
12 last-opened dates.

13 6. Data maintained or duplicated in any electronic backup system for the
14 purpose of system recovery or information restoration, including but not limited to, system
15 recovery backup tapes or other media, continuity of operations systems, and data or system
16 mirrors or shadows, if such data are routinely purged, overwritten, or otherwise made not
17 reasonably accessible in accordance with an established routine system maintenance policy.

18 7. Server, system, or network logs.

19 8. Voicemail messages.

20 9. Data remaining from systems possessed by Plaintiffs or the McDonald's
21 Defendants that is no longer in use that is unintelligible on the systems in use.

22 10. Logs of calls made from land-line phones.

23 11. Instant messages, such as messages sent on Lync Online, Microsoft
24 Communicator or any other instant message platform, possessed by Plaintiffs or the McDonald's
25 Defendants.

26 D. However, nothing herein shall prevent a Party from subsequently requesting that
27 ESI or other Documents identified in VI.C above be preserved and produced if specific facts
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1 demonstrate a particular need for such evidence that justifies the burden of preservation and
2 retrieval.

3 E. The Parties agree that the circumstances of this case do not warrant the
4 preservation, collection, review, or production of the following types of data:

5 1. Electronic data (e.g., email, calendars, contact data, text messages,
6 voicemails, logs and notes) on cellular phones and mobile devices (e.g., iPhone, iPad, Android,
7 and Blackberry devices).

8 2. Video surveillance data.

9 The Parties further agree that they will not seek to use data from these sources as evidence in the
10 litigation.

11 **VII. Privilege and Privilege Logs**

12 A. The Parties agree that they need not exchange the text of litigation hold/retention
13 instructions/preservation letters issued in this litigation as such instructions are presumed to be
14 subject to withholding on the basis of the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine, but
15 the Parties reserve the right to request production of such documents.

16 B. The Parties agree that a Party need not include on a privilege log any document or
17 communication that is dated on or after September 12, 2012 that is covered by the attorney-client
18 privilege, attorney work product protection, and/or any other applicable privilege or protection.

19 C. A Party need only include one entry on the privilege log to identify withheld e-
20 mails that constitute an uninterrupted dialogue between or among individuals (often referred to as
21 an "e-mail thread"). E-mail threads may only be withheld in their entirety if all responsive
22 portions are privileged; otherwise, threads should be produced with privileged portions redacted.
23 Duplicative emails suppressed using email thread suppression need not be reflected on a Party's
24 privilege log.

25 D. The Parties may agree to produce a privilege log containing categorical entries or a
26 representative sample of the privileged documents being withheld, grouping privileged
27 information by category or type; if a Party proposes this, it shall provide its best estimation of the
28 number of privileged items that would otherwise appear in each category of withheld documents.

1 **IX. Third Party Documents**

2 A Party that issues a non-Party subpoena (“Issuing Party”) shall include a copy of this
3 Stipulation with the subpoena and state that the Parties to the litigation have requested that third
4 parties produce documents in accordance with the specifications set forth herein. The Issuing
5 Party shall produce any documents obtained pursuant to a non-Party subpoena to the opposing
6 Party. Nothing in this Stipulation is intended or may be interpreted to narrow, expand, or
7 otherwise affect the rights of the Parties or third parties to object to a subpoena.

8 **X. Good Faith**

9 The Parties shall make their best efforts to comply with and resolve any differences
10 concerning compliance with this Stipulation. If a Producing Party cannot comply with any
11 material aspect of this Stipulation, such Party shall inform the Requesting Party in writing at or
12 before the time of production as to why compliance with the Stipulation was unreasonable or not
13 possible. No Party may seek relief from the Court concerning compliance with the Stipulation
14 unless it has conferred with other affected Parties to the action.

15 **XI. No Effect on Discovery or Admissibility**

16 This Stipulation does not address, limit, or determine the relevance, discoverability,
17 agreement to produce, or admissibility of ESI. Nothing in this Stipulation shall be construed to
18 affect the admissibility of any document or data. All objections to the admissibility of any
19 document or data, except as to the authenticity of the documents produced by a Party as to which
20 that Party stipulates, are preserved and may be asserted at any time.


21 **XII. Costs and Burden**

22 Defendants believe that the burdens placed on them during this litigation, including during
23 discovery, must be proportional to the litigation itself, including the natures of the claims and the
24 amount in controversy. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (b)(2)(C). Defendants reserve
25 the right to seek shifting or sharing of certain discovery costs, including vendor and attorney fees,
26 in appropriate circumstances. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (b)(2)(B), (C). Plaintiffs believe that each
27 side is best positioned to control and bear its own cost, as is standard, in the absence of legal
28 authority providing an exception to that normal rule and a basis for fee and cost-shifting.

1 Nothing in this Stipulation shall be deemed to limit, modify, or override any provision of
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1 Plaintiffs do not foresee any basis for Defendants to impose their discovery costs or attorney's
2 fees on Plaintiffs.

3 **XIII. Protective Order**

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GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Court hereby approves this Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/10/2015



THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD SEEBORG