UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA OAKLAND DIVISION

3 INEZ FINLEY,

No. C 07-00664 SBA

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

[Docket Nos. 72-73]

WELLS FARGO BANK,

Defendant.

Before the Court are the parties' Stipulation to File Second Amended Complaint [Docket No. 72] and Stipulation to Extend Time for Hearing on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 73]. For the following reasons the Court GRANTS the first stipulation, vacates all pending dates in this matter, and DENIES the second one as moot.

On February 1, 2007, plaintiff, in propria persona, sued defendant for employment discrimination under California and federal law. *See* Docket No. 1. On May 11, 2007, the Court set a scheduling order, with discovery due by January 4, 2008, and set a trial for July 21, 2008. See Docket No. 11. The parties then proceeded through some rather convoluted discovery and procedural disputes which are well known to the parties and thus need not be repeated here. On December 11, 2007, the Court granted plaintiff's motion to amend her complaint, to which defendant filed a statement of non-opposition. *See* Docket Nos. 36, 38. Plaintiff filed her First Amended Complaint ("FAC") that same day. *See* Docket No. 40. The day prior, plaintiff had filed a motion to extend the discovery cut-off. *See* Docket No. 37.

Defendant answered the FAC on March 6, 2008. *See* Docket No. 46. On March 21, 2008, plaintiff filed a request for the Court to rule on her motion to extend discovery. *See* Docket No. 48. On April 8, 2008, defendant filed a motion for summary judgment ("MSJ"). *See* Docket No. 50. On April 25, 2008, after a telephonic conference with the parties, the Court granted the discovery extension and gave the parties until May 30, 2008 to determine and file a new discovery cutoff date

with the Court. *See* Docket No. 56 at 1. The Court also denied the MSJ without prejudice. *See id.* A settlement conference was set for June 2, 2008. *See* Docket No. 57.

On May 5, 2008, plaintiff associated in counsel. *See* Docket No. 58. On June 5, 2008, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to continue discovery through June 30, 2008. *See* Docket No. 63. On June 18, 2008, a case management conference was held. *See* Docket No. 65. The Court approved an expert discovery cutoff of September 12, 2008, a motion cutoff of September 16, 2008, and set a trial for November 17, 2008. *See id.* On July 24, 2008, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to continue their settlement conference to August 4, 2008. *See* Docket No. 68. On August 7, 2008, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to extend the deadline for a hearing on defendant's MSJ to October 7, 2008, the same day their pretrial pleadings are due. *See* Docket No. 71. In their stipulation, the parties indicated production was pending from plaintiff, and her deposition was set for August 11, 2008. *See id.* 

On August 21, 2008, the parties filed the two stipulations before the Court. *See* Docket Nos. 72-73. In the first stipulation, the parties agree plaintiff may file a Second Amended Complaint ("SAC"), the deadline for a hearing on defendant's MSJ will be October 14, 2008, defendant may file dispositive motions regarding the SAC, and all other dates will remain unchanged. Docket No. 72. In the second stipulation, the parties indicate further production is pending from plaintiff, and they wish to shorten by one week the pleading period for the MSJ, its opposition, and any reply. Docket No. 73.

Given the SAC appears to greatly streamline the claims in dispute, the parties have been conducting discovery and engaging in settlement discussions, and the time constraints imposed by the current scheduling order, the Court orders as follows:

(1) The Court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part the parties' Stipulation to File Second Amended Complaint [Docket No. 72]: Plaintiff shall file her Second Amended Complaint within five days of the date of the entry of this Order. Defendant shall file an answer or responsive pleading within twenty-five days of the date of the entry of this Order.

This is after the October 7, 2007 deadline for filing pretrial pleadings.