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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MIDWEST TRANSPORT, INC.,	)	
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Plaintiff(s),	)	No. C07-4408 CW (BZ)
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v.	)	
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FCE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	)	<b>INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER</b>
INC.,	)	
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Defendant(s).	)	
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All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

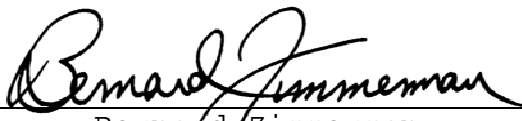
In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

1 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.  
2 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a  
3 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no  
4 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action  
5 and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall reply in  
6 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter  
7 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties  
8 to schedule the conference.

9 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is  
10 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the  
11 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**  
12 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A  
13 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette  
14 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:  
15 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

16 Dated: August 17, 2009

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