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WHEREAS, on May 29, 2008, the Court ordered that the parties file Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment of the issues in this case by October 1, 2008, and scheduled the hearing on the parties' Cross-Motions for November 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, on July 28, August 12 and August 27, 2008 the parties participated in a mediation of their claims with Court-appointed Early Neutral Evaluator Geoffrey V. White, in a diligent and extended effort to resolve their dispute;

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of counsel and the mediator the parties have not agreed to a settlement of this case;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff's counsel has informed Defendant's counsel informally of Plaintiff's intention to take two non-party depositions, including one deposition out-of-state and the deposition of a designated "person most knowledgeable" on several issues;

WHEREAS, Defendant has objected informally to Plaintiff's proposed notices of deposition;

WHEREAS, counsel for the parties have engaged in, and intend to continue to engage in, meet and confer efforts to limit discovery in this action; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the current cross-motion filing deadline would not provide sufficient time for the parties to both conclude their efforts to meet and confer as to any agreeable method(s) and scope of discovery, nor would the existing discovery deadline provide sufficient time for any remaining unresolved discovery dispute(s) to be resolved in a reasonable and sufficient time before the parties would be required to file their Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment on October 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Plaintiff CARL T. EDWARDS ("Plaintiff") and Defendant AT&T UMBRELLA BENEFIT PLAN NO. 1 (erroneously sued as AT&T DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, and hereinafter "Defendant"), by and through their respective undersigned attorneys of record, to continue the date set by the Court for hearing on the parties' Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment as well as all

1	associated deadlines, including the applic	cable deadlines for the filing of the parties'
2	opposition and reply briefs:	
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4 5	se	st day for Plaintiff and Defendant to file and rve opening briefs to Cross-Motions for mmary Judgment.
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7	February 4, 2009 La se Ju	st day for Plaintiff and Defendant to file and rve reply briefs to Cross-Motions for Summary dgment.
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11		aring on the parties' Cross-Motions for
12	9:00 a.m. Su	mmary Judgment
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14	Good cause exists for this continuance of the existing deadline for filing the	
15	Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment, and all associated deadlines, because it will allow	
16	the parties time to engage in further meet and confer efforts in an attempt to resolve their	
17	discovery disputes without judicial intervention, and provide the parties time to conduct any	
18	agreed-upon discovery in sufficient time to complete such discovery before filing any Cross-	
19	Motions for Summary Judgment.	
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IT IS SO STIPULATED. Dated: September 16, 2008 **ALTMAN & RAY** By: <u>/S/</u> Sara Smith Ray Attorneys for Plaintiff CARL T. EDWARDS Dated: September 16, 2008 MILLER LAW GROUP A Professional Corporation By: <u>/S/</u> Katherine L. Kettler Attorneys for Defendant AT&T UMBRELLA BENEFIT PLAN NO. 1 (erroneously sued as AT&T DISABILITY **INCOME PLAN)**

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Having reviewed the Stipulation executed by Plaintiff CARL T. EDWARDS and Defendant AT&T UMBRELLA BENEFIT PLAN NO. 1, and good cause appearing, the Court hereby orders that the November 5, 2008 hearing on the parties' Motions for Summary Judgment and associated dates are VACATED, and are rescheduled pursuant to the schedule set forth below.

January 21 ____, 2009

Last day for Plaintiff and Defendant to file and serve opening briefs to Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment.

February 4___, 2009

Last day for Plaintiff and Defendant to file and serve opposition briefs to Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment.

February 11 , 2009

Last day for Plaintiff and Defendant to file and serve reply briefs to Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment.

February _ 25 , 2009 9:00 a.m.

Hearing on the parties' Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment Date Subject to Change based on court's availability

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

