CASE Nos. C07-5470, C07-5985, C07-6012 (CW)

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1 MEIJER, INC. & MEIJER DISTRIBUTION, Case No. C07-5985 (CW) INC., ROCHESTER DRUG CO-OPERATIVE,) 2 (Consolidated Cases) INC.,, AND LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC., ON BEHALF OF 3 Related per November 30, 2007 Order to THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHERS Case No. C04-1511 (CW) SIMILARLY SITUATED, 4 5 Plaintiffs, 6 v. 7 ABBOTT LABORATORIES, 8 Defendant. 9 10 Case No. 07-6120 (CW) RITE AID CORPORATION; RITE AID 11 HDQTRS CORP.; JCG (PJC) USA, LLC; 101 California Street San Francisco, CA 94111-5802 MAXI DRUG, INC D/B/A BROOKS Related per December 5, 2007 Order to Winston & Strawn LLP 12 PHARMACY; ECKERD CORPORATION; Case No. C04-1511 (CW) CVS PHARMACY, INC.; AND CAREMARK 13 LLC, 14 Plaintiffs, 15 v. 16 ABBOTT LABORATORIES, 17 Defendant. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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Whereas, the direct purchaser plaintiffs in the above-captioned actions (but not plaintiff GSK) have notified Abbott that they intend to notice the deposition of Abbott's Chairman and CEO, Miles White.

Whereas, Abbott has no intent to produce Mr. White for deposition absent a court order requiring the deposition to take place and has expressed its intent to move for a protective order to prevent that deposition from occurring.

Whereas, the direct purchaser plaintiffs dispute that sufficient grounds exist to support such a protective order.

Whereas, Abbott requested that the direct purchaser plaintiffs not formally notice the deposition of Mr. White until the end of fact discovery;

Whereas, the direct purchaser plaintiffs and Abbott previously stipulated and this Court Ordered that this dispute would be addressed following the close of fact discovery;

Whereas the direct purchaser plaintiffs and Abbott seek additional time to try to resolve this issue without the need for Court intervention;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED:

- Any notice of deposition for Mr. White must be served by the seventh calendar day following the date on which any party declares that further negotiations concerning Mr. White's deposition are futile.
- 2. Within two business days after service of the deposition notice for Mr. White, the parties will jointly contact Judge Zimmerman's chambers to request the earliest possible hearing date for Abbott's motion for protective order and will coordinate on an expedited schedule for letter briefs.
- 3. Abbott will not oppose the deposition of Mr. White based on the timing of the notice or on the ground that the fact discovery period has closed. But Abbott reserves its right to raise any other objection to the deposition. Abbott also will not seek to alter other deadlines in the case based on the pendency of this dispute or any scheduling of Mr. White's deposition.
- 4. If Abbott ultimately is ordered to produce Mr. White for deposition, the parties will cooperate in scheduling a deposition date convenient for the parties and witness,

SECOND STIPULATION REGARDING DEPOSITION OF MILES WHITE CASE Nos. C07-5470, C07-5985, C07-6012 (CW)

Winston & Strawn LLP