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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 GEOFFREY PECOVER, et al.,)
12 Plaintiff(s),) No. C08-2820 VRW (BZ)
13 v.)
14 ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.,) **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**
15 Defendant(s).)
16 _____)

17 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United
18 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

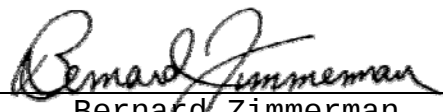
19 In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties
20 shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area,
21 by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their
22 dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the
23 dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent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

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

10 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
11 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
12 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
13 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6508)**. A
14 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
15 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:
16 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

17 Dated: October 31, 2011

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20 Bernard Zimmerman
21 United States Magistrate Judge

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