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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 BRENDA DAVIS, )  
11 Plaintiff(s), ) No. C08-4481 SBA (BZ)  
12 v. ) **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**  
13 DAVID ROY, )  
14 Defendant(s). )  
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16 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United  
17 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

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

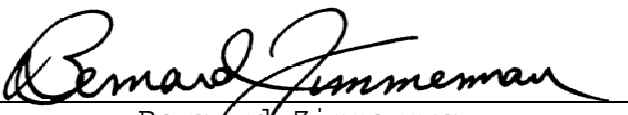
26 In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the  
27 parties must participate in a telephone conference with the  
28 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

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

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

14 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

15 Dated: August 25, 2009

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18 Bernard Zimmerman  
United States Magistrate Judge

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