

1 of defendant Viasat shall meet in person, preferably outside
2 the presence of counsel, to discuss a resolution of this
3 dispute. The Court invites Comtech to attend. They shall meet
4 in **the Bay Area** or in any other place to which they all agree.
5 The principals are urged to explore a creative, business
6 resolution of their dispute. If the case settles, the parties
7 are to notify the Court immediately.

8 Each party shall provide the other informally,
9 expeditiously and pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 with
10 all information reasonably needed to further the progress of
11 the settlement negotiations. Confidential information may be
12 provided subject to a protective order.

13 If there is no settlement, it is **ORDERED** that a telephonic
14 conference is scheduled for **February 8, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.**, to
15 discuss the status of the negotiations. Counsel shall contact
16 **CourtCall**, telephonic court appearances at **1-888-882-6878**, and
17 make arrangements for the telephonic conference call. The
18 principals need not participate.

19 It is further **ORDERED** that a Settlement Conference is
20 scheduled for **Friday, March 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**, in Courtroom
21 G, 15th Floor, Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San
22 Francisco, California 94102. Counsel who will try the case
23 shall appear at the Settlement Conference with the party
24 principals who met earlier. An insured party shall appear with
25 a representative of the carrier with full authority to
26 negotiate up to the limits of coverage. The Court shall be
27 notified immediately if the carrier declines to attend. The
28 negotiations will be principally among the party principals in

1 my presence.

2 Each party shall prepare a Settlement Conference
3 Statement, which must be served on opposing counsel and lodged
4 (not faxed) with my chambers no later than seven calendar days
5 prior to the conference. The Statement shall **not** be filed with
6 the Clerk of the Court. The Statement **may** be submitted on CD-
7 ROM with hypertext links to exhibits. Otherwise, the portion
8 of exhibits on which the party relies **shall** be highlighted.
9 The Settlement Conference Statement shall not exceed ten pages
10 of text and twenty pages of exhibits and shall include the
11 following:

- 12 1. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
- 13 2. A brief statement of the claims and defenses
14 including, but not limited to, statutory or other grounds upon
15 which the claims are founded.
- 16 3. A summary of any related litigation.
- 17 4. A summary of the proceedings to date and any pending
18 motions.
- 19 5. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for
20 further discovery, pretrial and trial.
- 21 6. The relief sought, including an itemization of
22 damages.
- 23 7. The parties' position on settlement, including
24 present demands and offers and a history of past settlement
25 discussions. The Court's time can best be used to assist the
26 parties in completing their negotiations, not in starting them.
27 So there is no confusion about the parties' settlement
28 position, plaintiff must serve a demand in writing no later

1 than fourteen days before the conference and defendant must
2 respond in writing no later than eight days before the
3 conference. The parties are urged to carefully evaluate their
4 case before taking a settlement position since extreme
5 positions hinder the settlement process.

6 Along with the Statement each party shall lodge with the
7 court a document of no more than three pages containing a
8 **candid** evaluation of the parties' likelihood of prevailing on
9 the claims and defenses, and any other information that party
10 wishes not to share with opposing counsel. The more candid the
11 parties are, the more productive the conference will be. This
12 document shall not be served on opposing counsel.

13 It is not unusual for conferences to last three or more
14 hours. Parties are encouraged to participate and frankly
15 discuss their case. Statements they make during the conference
16 will not be admissible at trial in the event the case does not
17 settle. The parties should be prepared to discuss such issues
18 as:

- 19 1. Their settlement objectives.
- 20 2. Any impediments to settlement they perceive.
- 21 3. Whether they have enough information to discuss
22 settlement. If not, what additional information is needed.
- 23 4. The possibility of a creative resolution of the
24 dispute.

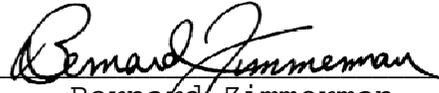
25 The parties shall notify chambers immediately if this case
26 settles prior to the date set for settlement conference.

27 Counsel shall provide a copy of this order to each party who

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1 will participate in the conference.

2 Dated: December 22, 2009



3 Bernard Zimmerman
4 United States Magistrate Judge

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