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 22 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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25 THE APPLE IPOD ITUNES ANTI-TRUST)	25 Lead Case No. C-05-00037-JW
26 LITIGATION)	26
27)	27 <u>CLASS ACTION</u>
28 This Document Relates To:)	28 PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
29 ALL ACTIONS.)	29 ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF PURSUANT
30)	30 TO CIVIL LOCAL RULE 7-11

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1 By this motion for administrative relief pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-11, Melanie Tucker,
2 Somtai Troy Charoensak and Mariana Rosen (collectively “Plaintiffs”) hereby request the Court to
3 clarify whether the discovery bifurcation provision of the case management order that governed one
4 of the two cases consolidated into *The Apple iPod iTunes Anti-Trust Litigation* now governs the
5 consolidated action. Plaintiffs oppose such bifurcation, for the reasons that follow:

6 **I. Procedural Background of *Slattery/Charoensak v. Apple***

7 The first of the two actions consolidated into *The Apple iPod iTunes Anti-Trust Litigation*
8 was filed on January 3, 2005, *Slattery v. Apple Computer, Inc.* (“*Slattery/Charoensak* action”). The
9 second action, *Tucker v. Apple Computer, Inc.* (“*Tucker* action”) was filed on July 21, 2006.
10 Between the two actions, Defendant Apple Computer, Inc. (“Defendant”) has filed a total of three
11 motions to dismiss, the most recent one rejected by this Court’s December 20, 2006 Order Denying
12 Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss in the *Tucker* action.

13 In the *Slattery/Charoensak* action, the parties filed their first joint case management
14 statement on October 31, 2005, with Defendant requesting and Plaintiffs opposing an order
15 bifurcating discovery into “class” and “merits” issues. The Court declined Defendant’s request
16 when it issued its case management order on November 15, 2005. On December 20, 2005, Plaintiffs
17 submitted documents responsive to Defendant’s first set of requests for production. On January 30,
18 2006, Defendant deposed named Plaintiff William Thomas Slattery, and on the same date Plaintiffs
19 served their first set of requests for production and first set of interrogatories upon Defendant. On
20 November 21, 2006, the Court entered a second case management order, this time agreeing to
21 Defendant’s request to bifurcate discovery.

22 **II. Procedural Background of *Tucker v. Apple***

23 On January 17, 2007, Plaintiff Melanie Tucker in the *Tucker* action served her first discovery
24 requests. While no bifurcation order had been issued in this second action, Plaintiffs, mindful that
25 discovery had been bifurcated in the *Slattery/Charoensak* action, sought to meet and confer with
26 Defendant to narrow the requests to issues bearing on class certification, and informally agreed
27 without prejudice to proceed as if discovery had been bifurcated.

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1 After the Court consolidated the two actions, Plaintiffs continued informally to proceed as if
2 discovery had been bifurcated in the consolidated action. However, after several months of delay by
3 Defendant, Plaintiffs have concluded that continuing to “meet and confer” with Defendant to
4 determine which requests relate to class certification and which do not is unfeasible. Defendant
5 objected to *all* of Tucker’s first set of requests for production of documents, first set of
6 interrogatories, and first set of requests for admission based on Defendant’s contention that “this
7 Court’s November 21, 2006 Order Following Further Case Management Conference in *Charoensak*,
8 *et al. v. Apple Computer, Inc.*, No. 05-00037 . . . applies to this related case” and that Plaintiffs’
9 requests “do not relate to class certification issues.”

10 Defendant has yet to produce *any* documents in response to the requests served on
11 January 17, 2007. As of today, nearly two and a half years after the first action was filed, and after
12 more than 20 meet and confer letters, calls, and e-mails, Defendant has only produced 66 pages of
13 documents in total, 58 pages of which were not even deemed “confidential” by Defendant because
14 they are simply print-outs from Defendant’s webpage.

15 Further, despite Plaintiffs’ willingness to agree to an informal limit on discovery, Defendant
16 did not similarly limit its own discovery requests to Plaintiffs. For example, Defendant demanded
17 Tucker provide to Defendant for inspection and copying her computer’s hard drive, which contains
18 many personal items such as private letters and photographs, all of her CDs and DVDs, and any
19 credit card statement that contains a purchase of a CD or DVD. Sweeney Decl., ¶6.

20 **III. Request for Clarification**

21 Plaintiffs no longer view it practical to proceed informally as if discovery has been
22 bifurcated, and are opposed to a formal bifurcation order. Plaintiffs therefore respectfully request
23 that the Court agree to the attached Proposed Order Governing Discovery clarifying that the
24 November 21, 2006 *Slattery/Charoensak* action case management order does not apply to *The Apple*
25 *iPod iTunes Anti-Trust Litigation*. In the alternative, if the Court desires that the discovery process
26 in the consolidated action be bifurcated, Plaintiffs have attached an Alternative Proposed Order
27 Governing Discovery which limits discovery to class certification issues; preliminary issues such as
28 Defendant’s organizational structure; and documents whose production would impose only a *de*

1 *minimis* burden on Plaintiffs or Defendant, such as all documents already produced in European
2 litigation and government investigations involving similar antitrust claims against Defendant, and
3 documents and deposition transcripts produced by Defendant as a third-party litigant in the *In re*
4 *Napster, Inc. Copyright Litigation*, No. MDL-00-1369 (MHP) (N.D. Cal.).

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