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parties in their Joint Case Management Statement. (*See* Docket No. 110 at 2:12-13.) In their Joint Case Management Statement, the parties in the Berry Action did not state any agreement regarding how many depositions each side may take. Defendant Berry indicated she needed 15 depositions. However, because the parties did not set forth an agreed number of depositions per side in the discovery plan that was adopted by District Judge Ware, the presumptive limit of ten depositions per side applies. *See* FED.R.CIV.PRO. 30(a)(2)(A)(i).

Having reviewed the papers submitted by the parties in connection with Lead Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the November 17, 2008 Stipulated Discovery Plan, the court finds it appropriate to issue this interim order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lead Plaintiff's Motion to Amend the November 17, 2008 Stipulated Discovery Plan is GRANTED IN PART. The court is inclined to amend the November 17, 2008 Stipulated Discovery Plan to cover the number of depositions and/or deposition hours allotted to the parties in both the Juniper Action and the Berry Action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than November 6, 2009, the parties in both the Juniper Action and the Berry Action shall meet and confer regarding the number of depositions and/or deposition hours Lead Plaintiff and Defendant Berry shall have (as well as any other parties seeking additional depositions). The court is *not* inclined to grant Lead Plaintiff's request for 15 more full 7 hour depositions, but it is willing to grant either a smaller number of depositions, or a reasonable amount of additional deposition time to be divided between up to 15 deponents (assuming each such deposition is short). Lead Plaintiff has made an adequate showing that some additional deposition time is warranted. And in the Berry Action Lead Plaintiff is presumptively entitled to ten depositions. However, the parties are seeking consolidation of the two cases, and in light of the 30 depositions Lead Plaintiff is already taking, the court expects that only brief questioning will be necessary for the depositions Lead Plaintiff now seeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than November 10, 2009, the parties shall submit either a joint stipulation regarding the number of depositions and/or deposition hours<sup>1</sup> allotted to the

In the event the parties opt to use hours of deposition rather than a number of depositions, the parties shall include a percentage of time to be allocated for cross-examination by other parties.

parties in both the Juniper Action and the Berry Action, or else their respective proposals. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing currently scheduled for November 3, 2009, is VACATED. The court will issue a further order after receipt of the parties joint or respective submissions. Dated: 11/2/09 United States Magistrate Judge