IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

In re Juniper Networks, Inc. Securities
NO. C 06-04327 JW
Litigation
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ORDER VACATING CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE;
SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR
CLASS CERTIFICATION; DENYING
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
AS PREMATURE

On February 9, 2009, the parties are scheduled to appear for a Case Management Conference. The parties timely filed a Joint Case Management Statement. (Docket Item No. 187.)

In their Joint Statement, the parties represent that Plaintiffs are prepared to file a Motion for Class Certification on or before March 2, 2009. The parties request that the Court allow for an extended briefing schedule, so that the parties may conduct discovery before filing opposition and reply briefs to Plaintiffs' anticipated motion. In the interest of advancing this litigation, however, the Court is not inclined to permit the type of open-ended schedule proposed by the parties.

Accordingly, the Court orders the parties to adhere to the following briefing schedule for Plaintiffs' anticipated Motion for Class Certification:

- (1) On or before **March 2, 2009**, Plaintiffs shall file their Motion for Class Certification.
- (2) On or before **May 1, 2009**, Defendants shall file their Opposition to class certification.
- (3) On or before **June 15, 2009**, Plaintiffs shall file their Reply in support of class certification.

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(4) On June 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., the parties shall appear for a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.

Following submission of the parties' Joint Statement, Plaintiffs submitted a Supplementary Case Management Statement (Docket Item No. 188), in which they object to the timeliness of a Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by Defendants on January 23, 2009, and noticed for hearing on March 16, 2009. (See Docket Item No. 183.) Defendants filed a Response to Plaintiffs' Supplementary Statement. (Docket Item No. 191.)

Upon consideration of the status of this action, in which the deadline for fact discovery is set for December 1, 2009, the Court finds that Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment is premature. If Defendants seek to defeat Plaintiffs' claims on the basis of loss causation, Defendants will have opportunities to advance such arguments after the completion of discovery. At the very least, Defendants must refrain from raising loss causation issues until the class certification stage, when they may seek to limit the scope of any class that the Court may certify. Accordingly, Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED as premature, without prejudice to be renewed following discovery.

In light of this Order, the Court finds that a Case Management Conference is unnecessary at this time. Accordingly, the Court VACATES the February 9, 2009 Case Management Conference.

Dated: February 4, 2009

United States District Judge

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