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NOT FOR CITATION
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

TESSERA, INC.,

No. C11-04399 EJD (HRL)

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT SONY'S
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME ON
ITS MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

SONY, CORP.,

Defendant.

[Re: Docket No. 43]

On June 26, 2012, Sony Corp. ("Sony") filed a Motion for a Protective Order to limit depositions scheduled to take place beginning July 9, 2012 in Osaka, Japan. Dkt. Nos. 44, 45. The motion is currently set for hearing on July 31, 2012. Dkt. No. 45. Sony simultaneously filed a Motion to shorten time on the motion for a protective order, requesting an extremely accelerated briefing schedule and a hearing on July 3, 2012. Dkt. No. 43. As a preliminary matter, the court notes that Sony has failed to comply with the undersigned's Standing Order re: Civil Discovery Disputes. The Standing Order requires parties to resolve *all* discovery disputes by first having lead counsel for the parties meet and confer in person, and, if such conference fails to resolve the issue, filing a Joint Discovery Dispute Joint Report in which each party proposes its resolution and the legal authority supporting its proposal. Normally, this court will not hear any noticed discovery motion, and will instead order the parties to comply with the undersigned's Standing Order. However, in light of the pressing nature of this dispute, and the fact that Sony has left extremely

1 little time for its resolution, it appears that the court must hear the motion in as expeditious a fashion
2 as possible. Accordingly, the court ORDERS the following:

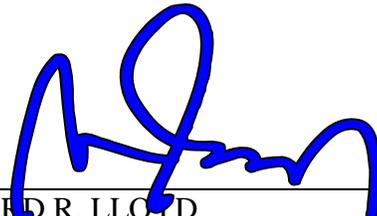
3 All parties shall comply with the undersigned's Standing Order re: Civil Discovery Disputes
4 for *any and all* future discovery disputes. It is the responsibility of the parties not to let disputes go
5 unresolved until the last possible moment.

6 The motion for a protective order is deemed suitable for determination without oral
7 argument. See Civil L.R. 7-1(b). Accordingly, the July 31, 2012 hearing is VACATED. In addition,
8 Sony's request for a hearing to take place on July 3, 2012 is DENIED.

9 The following expedited briefing schedule shall apply: Tessera shall file its opposition brief
10 no later than July 3, 2012. Sony shall file any reply no later than July 5, 2012. The court will issue a
11 written order.

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

13 Dated: June 28, 2012

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16 HOWARD R. LLOYD
17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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