IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO Magistrate Judge Boyd N. Boland

Civil Action No. 09-cv-01632-CMA-BNB

MARK SMITH, individually and on behalf of other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

PIZZA HUT, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter arises on **Pizza Hut's Motion and Memorandum of Law for a Temporary Stay of Briefing on Conditional Certification Pursuant to the Scheduling Order and In the Interests of Economy and Fairness** [Doc. # 192, filed 4/21/2011] (the "Motion re Response"). The plaintiff opposes the motion arguing, among other things, that it is premature because the plaintiff has not moved for conditional certification. Plaintiffs' Response in Opposition [Doc. # 195, filed 5/2/2011] (the "Response").

A motion similar to the Motion re Response was filed in a companion case-- <u>Darrow v.</u>

<u>WKRP Management, LLC</u>, 09-cv-01613-CMA-BNB. I granted that motion. Significantly, however, the plaintiff in <u>Darrow</u> had filed a motion for conditional certification. No such motion has been filed here. I agree with the plaintiff that a ruling on the Motion re Response, prior to the plaintiff seeking conditional certification, is premature.

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion re Response [Doc. # 192] is DENIED as premature.
Dated May 2, 2011.
BY THE COURT:
s/ Boyd N. Boland United States Magistrate Judge