

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 11-cv-02033-MSK-KLM

CHARLES A. BALDWIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

MINUTE ORDER

ENTERED BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE KRISTEN L. MIX

This matter is before the Court on the parties' competing **Motions for Entry of a Protective Order** [Docket No. 18; Filed January 11, 2012] and [Docket No. 19; Filed January 13, 2012] (the "Motions"). Pursuant to the Scheduling Order [#16] governing this case, the Motions are premature. See [#16] at 9, ¶ 8(d). The applicable provision states:

No opposed discovery motions are to be filed with the Court until the parties comply with D.C.COLO.LCivR 7.1A. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on a discovery issue after conferring, they shall arrange a telephone hearing with Magistrate Judge Mix regarding this issue. **Both of these steps must be completed before any contested discovery motions are filed with the Court.**

Id. (emphasis added).

Neither party has arranged a conference call to set a hearing to resolve the instant discovery dispute. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY **ORDERED** that the Motions are **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

IT IS FURTHER **ORDERED** that neither party shall file a contested discovery motion until after (1) unsuccessfully conferring with the other party pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 7.1A., and (2) receiving leave from the Court to file the motion. To inquire about a hearing regarding a discovery dispute, the parties shall initiate a conference call and then, once all parties are on the line, dial the Court at **303-335-2770**.

Dated: January 17, 2012