

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 15-cv-00245-RM-MJW

WESTROC TRUCKING, INC., and  
WESTROC OILFIELD SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FRONTIER DRILLING, LLC,

Defendant.

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MINUTE ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

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Entered by Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe

It is hereby ORDERED that a Settlement Conference is SET January 20, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom A-502, Fifth Floor, Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado.

FURTHER, IT IS ORDERED that counsel **shall have parties present** who shall have **full authority** to negotiate all terms and demands presented by the case, and **full authority** to enter into a settlement agreement, including an adjustor if an insurance company is involved. "Full authority" means that the person who attends the settlement conference has the complete and unfettered capacity and authority to meet or pay all terms or amounts which are demanded or sought by the other side of the case without consulting with some other person, committee, or agency. If any person has limits upon the extent or amount within which he or she is authorized to settle on behalf of a party, that person does not have "full authority." **No party shall be permitted to attend the settlement conference by phone unless that party has obtained leave of Court no later than ten (10) business days prior to the settlement conference date.**

In order that productive settlement discussions can be held, the parties shall prepare and submit **two** settlement documents: one to be sent to the other party or parties as well as the Magistrate Judge, and one to be submitted only to the Magistrate Judge.

- The documents which are presented to opposing parties shall contain an overview of the case from the presenter's point of view, shall summarize the evidence which supports that side's claims, and shall present a demand or offer. These documents should be intended to persuade the clients and counsel on the other side.

- The document to be submitted to the Magistrate Judge shall contain copies of the above materials, but additionally shall contain any confidential comments which counsel wishes to make, any comments with regard to perceived weaknesses in the case, and any comments which would be helpful to the Magistrate Judge in assisting the parties to negotiate a settlement.

Counsel shall e-mail their Confidential Settlement Statements to chambers with a **subject line “Confidential Settlement Statement” and their CASE NUMBER** to: [Watanabe Chambers@cod.uscourts.gov](mailto:Watanabe_Chambers@cod.uscourts.gov), on or before January 13, 2016. The Confidential Settlement Statement should be in PDF format and sent as an *attachment* to the e-mail. Statements shall be limited to fifteen (15) pages in length.

Date: November 10, 2015

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