

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**JACQUELINE Y. JARVIS**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**VERSUS**

**13-825-JWD-RLB**

**CIRCLE K STORES, INC., ELYDIA  
POYDRAS, AND CRAIG STEVENS**

**ORDER**

Before the court is Plaintiff Jacqueline Y. Jarvis's "Motion for Reconsideration of Order Denying Request to Reply to Defendant's Answer and Affirmative Defenses" (R. Doc. 62). The motion is opposed. (R. Doc. 64).

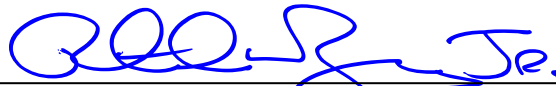
Plaintiff moves for reconsideration of an order dated March 10, 2015 (R. Doc. 61) denying Plaintiff's "Motion to Amend and Supplement Complaint" (R. Doc. 55) and "Motion to Amend Filing and Extension of Time in Which to Reply" (R. Doc. 56). Through those filings, Plaintiff purported to amend and supplement her complaint, but submitted a proposed pleading titled "Reply to Circle K Stores, Inc.'s Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiff's Amended and Supplemental Complaint" (R. Doc. 56-1). The court denied Plaintiff's motions regardless of whether they sought leave to amend the complaint (despite the expiration of the deadline to amend), or leave to file a reply to an answer. (R. Doc. 61 at 2).

In support of her instant motion, Plaintiff makes it clear that she is/was seeking leave to file a reply to Defendants' Answer pursuant to Rule 7(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff argues that she should be allowed file such a reply in light of the pleading standards in Rule 8(a)(2) as discussed in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662 (2009) and *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007).

The court disagrees. For the same reasons previously provided, the court finds no grounds for ordering, or otherwise allowing, Plaintiff to file a reply to Defendants' answer in this action. The court also finds no basis for reconsideration of that decision. Should the court determine at a later date that the action would benefit from the filing of a reply to Defendants' answer, it will issue the appropriate order pursuant to Rule 7(a)(7). Unless or until that occurs, the filing of a reply to an answer is not permitted.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (R. Doc. 62) is **DENIED**.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 14, 2015.



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**RICHARD L. BOURGEOIS, JR.**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**