IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

TANYA MURPH,)	8:13CV11
Plaintiff,)	
V.)	MEMORANDUM
SILVER MEMORIES, Inc.,) AND ORDER	
Defendant.)	

This matter is before the court on its own motion. On May 16, 2013, the court entered a Memorandum and Order allowing Plaintiff to amend her Complaint to allege that she has exhausted her administrative remedies with respect to her allegations of retaliation against Defendant. (Filing No. <u>6</u>.) Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint on June 13, 2013. (Filing No. <u>7</u>.) After reviewing the Amended Complaint, the court finds that Plaintiff has complied with its May 16, 2013, Memorandum and Order and that service on Defendant is now warranted. Although the court finds that Plaintiff's claims may proceed against Defendant, the court cautions Plaintiff that this is only a preliminary determination based only on the allegations of the Amended Complaint and is not a determination of the merits of Plaintiff's claims or potential defenses thereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. To obtain service of process on Defendant, Plaintiff must complete and return the summons form that the Clerk of the court will provide. The Clerk of the court shall send one summons forms and one USM-285 form to Plaintiff, together with a copy of this Memorandum and Order. Plaintiff shall, as soon as possible, complete the forms and send the completed forms back to the Clerk of the court. In the absence of the forms, service of process cannot occur.

2. Upon receipt of the completed forms, the Clerk of the court will sign the summons forms, to be forwarded with a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint to the U.S. Marshal for service of process. The Marshal shall serve the summons and the

Complaint and Amended Complaint without payment of costs or fees. Service may be by certified mail pursuant to <u>Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4</u> and Nebraska law in the discretion of the Marshal. The Clerk of the court will copy the Complaint and Amended Complaint, and Plaintiff does not need to do so.

3. <u>Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4</u> requires service of the complaint on a defendant within 120 days of filing the complaint. However, because in this order Plaintiff is informed for the first time of these requirements, Plaintiff is granted, on the court's own motion, an extension of time until 120 days from the date of this order to complete service of process.

4. Plaintiff is hereby notified that failure to obtain service of process on a defendant within 120 days of the date of this order may result in dismissal of this matter without further notice as to such defendant. A defendant has 21 days after receipt of the summons to answer or otherwise respond to a complaint.

5. The Clerk of Court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case with the following text: "October 17, 2013: Check for completion of service of summons."

6. The parties are bound by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by the Local Rules of this court. Plaintiff shall keep the court informed of her current address at all times while this case is pending. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon United States District Judge

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