

- f. If a mediation previously has been held, the identity of the mediator, the date of the mediation, and their views as to whether another mediation at this time might be successful in resolving the dispute; and
- g. Whether the parties object to mediation and if so, what the objections are; and
- h. If the parties have not discussed mediation, what settlement efforts have been undertaken and what actions are planned for the future, together with the timing of such anticipated actions.

Counsel are reminded that if parties do not have the funds immediately available to pay a mediator's fees, the court's Plan for Administration of the Federal Practice Fund and the Mediation Plan (both available at www.ned.uscourts.gov) make the Federal Practice Fund available to advance such fees; if the case ends with any payment of money to that party, the Federal Practice Fund must be reimbursed.

3. **Mandatory Disclosures** . Although this is an action *in rem*, the parties shall serve the disclosures described in [Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(1\)\(I\)](#) and (ii) by **August 3, 2015**. The parties shall serve the disclosures described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) by **September 3, 2015**. The parties shall serve the disclosures described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) by **October 4, 2015**.

4. The filing of disclosures under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(1\)](#), and (2), as well as the filing of discovery documents, depositions, and disclosures required by this order shall be governed by [NECivR 26.1](#). The disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) shall be filed when served. Note: Disclosures that are filed should be redacted so no personal information (e.g., home addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, etc.) is made part of the public record.

5. **Withholding Documents from Disclosure or Discovery**. If any document is withheld from production or disclosure on the grounds of privilege or work product, the producing party shall disclose the following information about each such document withheld: a description of the document withheld with as much specificity as is practicable without disclosing its contents, including (a) the general nature of the document; (b) the identity and position of its author; (c) the date it was written; (d) the identity and position of its addressee; (e) the identities and positions of all persons who were given or have received copies of it and the dates copies were received by them; (f) the document's present location and the identity and position of its custodian; and (g) the specific reason or reasons why it has been withheld from production or disclosure.

6. **Limits on Discovery**. Each party is limited to serving twenty-five (25) interrogatories on any other party. The plaintiffs as a group, and the defendants as a group, are each limited to taking ten (10) depositions in this case, without leave of court.

7. Motions for Summary Judgment. All motions to dismiss or for summary judgment shall be filed not later than **September 3, 2015**. See [NECivR](#) 56.1 and 7.1.

8. Adding Parties; Amending Pleadings. Any motion to amend pleadings and/or add parties shall be filed not later than **August 3, 2015**.

9. In lieu of a final pretrial conference, counsel and any *pro se* parties shall prepare a proposed final pretrial conference order in accordance with [NECivR](#) 16.2 and submit it to the undersigned magistrate judge by **December 4, 2015**. In the event the court requires additional information or a conference with counsel and any *pro se* parties, the court will arrange a telephone conference after receipt of the proposed final pretrial conference order.

10. Trial is tentatively set for the month of **January 2016**, and is tentatively scheduled for two (2) trial days.

11. Motions to alter dates. All requests for changes of deadlines established by this order shall be directed to the magistrate judge by appropriate motion.

DATED: **May 6, 2015**.

BY THE COURT:

s/ F.A. Gossett, III
United States Magistrate Judge