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Defendants appear to have titled the present motion "ex parte" in an attempt to have the matter heard on an emergency or expedited basis. However, the latin phrase "ex parte" does not refer to the speed in which the Court considers a motion. Ex parte is a term that refers to a legal communication that is undertaken "without notice to or argument from the adverse party". Black's Law Dictionary (8th ed. 2004). The Certificate of Service attached to the present motion states that the motion was served on Plaintiffs. (#250 at 4). As a result, the motion is not ex parte.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' First *Ex Parte* Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Discovery, For Costs and Sanctions and for Appointment of Special Master (#250) is **granted**. Defendants will have until November 26, 2010 to file a response to Plaintiffs' motion.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2010.

GEORGE FOLEY, JR. United States Magistrate Judge