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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ROBERT J. WOODSFORD,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRIENDLY FORD,
Defendant.

2:10-cv-01996-MMD-VCF

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant’s Motion for Waiver of Attendance of Insurance Representative at Settlement Conference (#40). The settlement conference is scheduled for January 28, 2013.

Background:

Defendant seeks permission to excuse the physical presence of Gary Kopacz, insurance representative for HARCO insurance, at the settlement conference. *Id.* Defendant states that in order for Mr. Kopacz to appear at the settlement conference, he would have to travel on Sunday from Chicago to Las Vegas in inclement weather. *Id.* Mr. Kopacz is available by telephone as needed and, “representatives from Friendly Ford (which would be partially responsible for any payment) will be physically present.” *Id.*

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1 **Discussion:**

2 The only explanation for this request is to minimize travel burden and expense. The Court finds
3 that Defendant failed to demonstrate good cause for excusing Mr. Kopacz's physical attendance from
4 the settlement conference.

5 Accordingly,

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion for Waiver of Attendance of Insurance
7 Representative at Settlement Conference (#40) is DENIED.

8 DATED this 21st day of November, 2012.



9 CAM FERENBACH
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE