excusable neglect for their delay in filing the Proposed Discovery Plan with the Court. LR 26-4.

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Next, requests to extend discovery deadlines must be filed at least 21 days before the expiration of the subject deadline sought to be extended. The pending proposed discovery plan fails to address Local Rule 26-4, or any other relevant Local Rule, entirely.

Finally, the Court is not inclined to approve the requested 294 days for non-expert and 445 day expert witness discovery deadlines. The revised discovery plan must either provide sufficient justification for why such an expansive discovery period is necessary, or request a substantially smaller amount of time. Although the parties may have agreed to the requested discovery, stipulations are not effective until approved by the Court. LR 7-1. The Court expects counsel to comply with the deadlines set out in Local Rule 26-1(d) unless a stay of discovery is approved by the Court.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 9, 2013

ANCY J. KOPPE United States Magistrate Judge