Mr. Sun flew to China during the pendency of his previous motion to appear telephonically. See Docket No. 46; see also Docket No. 46-2 (airline ticket dated August 14, 2016). Mr. Sun represents that he is

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in China to act as a mediator. *See* Docket No. 46-2 at 1.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Sun fails to explain why those mediation proceedings should take precedence over a show cause hearing in this case, and it appears plain that the hearing in this case was set first given that the date chosen was specifically requested by Mr. Sun. *See*, *e.g.*, Docket No. 35 (motion requesting August 18, 2016, hearing date). The fact that Mr. Sun has now chosen to fly to China without first obtaining permission to excuse his personal appearance in this case does not establish good cause to allow him to appear telephonically.

The renewed motion to appear telephonically is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**DATED:** August 16, 2016

NANCY J. KOPPE United States Magistrate Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These representations are submitted as a "statement," rather than through competent evidentiary form such as a declaration.