UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

SCOTT MUELLER,

Plaintiff(s),

Vs.

TOUCH LLC, et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:17-cv-00999-APG-NJK

ORDER

(Docket Nos. 35, 41)

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to stay, to which notices of non-opposition have been filed. Docket Nos. 41, 44-45. Also pending before the Court is a motion to consolidate, to which the responsive deadline had been extended and to which Plaintiff has not yet responded. *See* Docket No. 35 (motion); *see also* (Docket No. 39-40) (order granting stipulations to extend time).

The Court hereby **GRANTS** the motion to stay this case (Docket No. 41) to afford Plaintiff an opportunity to retain new counsel. Unless Plaintiff earlier files a notice of intent to proceed *pro se* or has an attorney file a notice of appearance, the case is hereby **STAYED** until September 25, 2017. At that date, Plaintiff shall file (1) a notice of intent to proceed *pro se*, (2) a notice of an attorney's appearance, or (3) a motion or stipulation to extend the stay. Within 14 days of the lifting of the stay, the parties shall file a joint statement as to whether the scheduling order should be modified.

As the case is being stayed and as Plaintiff did not have a sufficient opportunity to respond to the motion to consolidate, that motion to consolidate (Docket No. 35) is hereby **DENIED** without prejudice. Once Plaintiff files a notice of intent to proceed *pro se* or a notice of an attorney's

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appearance, Touch LLC shall meet-and-confer with Plaintiff or his attorney, respectively, regarding consolidation. Any renewed motion to consolidate shall be filed within 14 days of the lifting of the stay.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**DATED:** August 25, 2017

NANCY J. KOPPE United States Magistrate Judge