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WHEREAS,

1. On or about October 6, 2017, this Court entered a Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order setting forth the discovery and other deadlines governing this case (Doc. 10). Thereafter, the parties actively and in good faith engaged and participated in the discovery process.

2. On January 9, 2018, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation and Proposed Order to Stay Case Pending Settlement Negotiations (Doc. 12). Specifically, the parties sought a stay of ninety (90) days, up to and including April 9, 2018, to undertake settlement negotiations to resolve this case in its entirety.

3. This Court granted the stay in an Order dated January 9, 2018 (Doc. 13).

4. Since then, the parties have actively and in good faith engaged in settlement negotiations and are close to reaching a desired resolution.

5. However, in light of the multiple layers of review required for a settlement as between Plaintiff and the IRS, both large institutions, the parties require additional time to consummate a final settlement.

6. The parties believe that their chances for case settlement are enhanced if they are permitted to continue their remaining discovery activities.

7. The parties believe that their chances for case settlement are further enhanced if they are able to devote some of the financial resources currently earmarked for litigation to funding a potential settlement.

8. The parties believe that a stay of this case for an additional sixty (60) days, up to and including June 8, 2018, is reasonable in light of the time necessary to obtain client approval of a settlement and prepare and finalize all attendant settlement documents.

9. In the event that their settlement efforts fail, the parties will require additional time to resume discovery activities and trial preparation.

WHEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that a continuance of the stay in this case for sixty (60) days, up to and including June 8, 2018, would help to accomplish the settlement objectives described herein.

1 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that if this case does not resolve by
2 June 8, 2018, the parties will submit a stipulation and proposed order to lift stay as well as an
3 updated, proposed Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order extending the case deadlines by the
4 corresponding period of stay for the Court's approval.

5 DATED this 9th day of April, 2018.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

27 Dated: April 10, 2018