Magistrate Judge Cooke entered a further order (#20) extending the time for

Plaintiff to respond to the motion for summary judgment to Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Plaintiff still failed to respond to the motion for summary judgment within the extended time allowed by the Magistrate Judge's order (#20).

Months later on September 8, 2011, the Magistrate Judge filed her Report and Recommendation (#26), recommending that Defendants' motion for summary judgment (#13) be granted. Although Plaintiff never responded to the motion, the Magistrate Judge carefully reviewed the record and rendered her Report and Recommendation based on the merits of the action.

On September 15, 2011, Plaintiff filed motions (#27) and (#35) for enlargement of time to file his opposition to the Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Such motions were filed several months late, well beyond the time within which such enlargement might have been sought. Plaintiff was duly warned when his opposition to the motion was due and the time was extended in May for the filing of the opposition. Plaintiff is too late.

On September 16, 2011, Plaintiff filed a motion (#28) for summary judgment and motion to strike (#32). On September 19, 2011, Plaintiff filed a motion (#29) for judgment on the pleadings and motion (#30) for summary judgment. On September 20, 2011, Plaintiff filed a motion to dismiss (#33) counterclaim. On September 22, 2011, Defendants filed a motion for extension of time (#36) requesting that the Court grant them time to respond to these motions by Plaintiff, if necessary, until after the Court rules on the Report and Recommendation.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for enlargement of time (#27) and (#35) treated as such are DENIED.

However, the motions for enlargement of time (#27) and (#35) were filed within the 14 day period allowed by the Local Rules for filing objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. Defendants (#37) do not oppose the motions of Plaintiff (#27) and (#35) as motions for enlargement of

time to file objections to the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (#26). The Court will therefore treat the motions (#27) and (#35) for this purpose as motions for enlargement of time to file objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (#26) and on that basis,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff shall have **14 days** from the date of entry of this order within which to file objections to the Report and Recommendation (#26) of the Magistrate Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' motion to extend time (#36) is **GRANTED**. Therefore, pending the Court's decision on the Report and Recommendation (#26) of the Magistrate Judge, briefing on Plaintiff's motions (#28), (#29), (#30), (#32), and (#33) will be suspended, and Defendants need not respond to these motions filed by the Plaintiff. If the Court approves the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (#26), all of the foregoing listed motions will be rendered moot, and if the Court does not approve the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (#26), the Court will by order set a new briefing schedule with respect to the said motions.

Dated this 20th day of October 2011.

EDWARD C. REED, JR. United States District Judge