UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Leo Howe, et al.

v. Civil No. 10-cv-00586-JL

Rocky's Hardware, Inc., et al.

ORDER

The Preliminary Pretrial Conference currently scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. will include a substantive, meaningful discussion of the parties' claims and defenses. Counsel are expected to be prepared to engage in an open, cooperative discussion in good faith. Counsel are reminded of the obligations imposed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b)(3) and (4), and should be prepared to explain the factual basis underlying any claims or defenses they have pleaded.

Each party shall be represented at the Preliminary Pretrial Conference by counsel authorized to bind the party on all matters.

To the extent that the substance of this order constitutes a departure from the customary Preliminary Pretrial practice to

which counsel are accustomed, the court apologizes for the short notice, and will bear this in mind at the conference.

SO ORDERED.

Joseph N. Laplante

Unated States District Judge

Dated: February 22, 2011

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