

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKUSDC SDNY  
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GENE RUSSO, :  
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: Plaintiff, : **ORDER**  
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: -v- : 22-CV-1751 (VEC) (JLC)  
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: NJ Transit Rail Operations, Inc., :  
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: Defendant. :  
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**JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.**

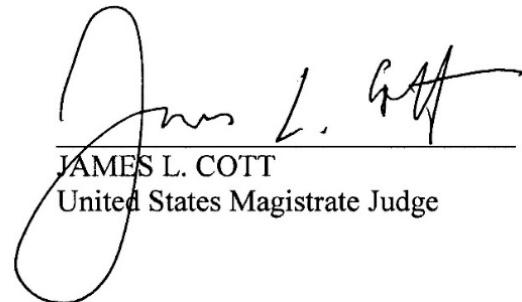
By Order of Reference dated November 18, 2022 (Dkt. No. 20), Judge Caproni referred this case to me for settlement. The parties are directed to advise the Court within 30 days when they wish to schedule the settlement conference. The parties should do so by filing a letter-motion on the docket that indicates at least three dates that are mutually convenient for the parties. Alternatively, counsel are free to e-mail [cottnysdchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:cottnysdchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov) to find a mutually convenient date for the parties and the Court.

The settlement conference can be conducted either via video conferencing or in-person. When advising the Court as to their preferred scheduling dates, the parties should indicate which format they prefer. If video conference is requested, the Court will provide additional information about the logistics in advance of the conference. An in-person conference will be permitted only if all participants in the conference (attorneys, clients, and any interpreters) comply with the Court's most

recent COVID-19 Protocol (available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>). For avoidance of doubt, all parties must agree to proceeding by video conference or an in-person conference and make a joint application for the method that is preferred.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 21, 2022  
New York, New York



JAMES L. COTT  
United States Magistrate Judge