

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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PDB LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

-against-

PETRÓLEOS DE VENEZUELA  
S.A. and PDVSA PETRÓLEO, S.A.,

Defendants.  
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**INITIAL CASE  
MANAGEMENT ORDER**

**23-CV-10843 (AT) (JW)**

**JENNIFER E. WILLIS, United States Magistrate Judge:**

**Rule 26(f) Conference.** Counsel for the parties are directed to confer at least 21 days before **March 3, 2025** to discuss the matters set forth in Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties shall comply with their Rule 26(a) initial disclosure obligations no later than 14 days after the parties' Rule 26(f) conference.

**Rule 16(b) Conference.** The parties will be required to discuss at the Rule 26(f) conference the subjects set forth in Rule 16(b) and (c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

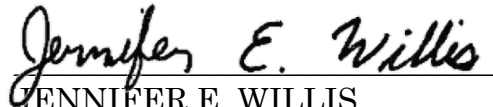
**Proposed Scheduling Order.** Parties are directed to complete the Proposed Case Management Plan and Report of Rule 26(f) Meeting, at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jennifer-e-willis>, and file it on ECF by **March 3, 2025**.

Counsel who disagree about the dates or other terms of the proposed schedule shall submit a joint letter briefly explaining the dispute. Such letter, if any, must be submitted one week before March 3, 2025. The letter shall be filed via ECF.

**Consent to Proceed Before the Magistrate Judge.** The parties shall discuss whether they consent to conduct all proceedings, including a trial, before the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If all parties consent, they shall complete the Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jennifer-e-willis> and file such form with the Court. This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to have dispositive motions and/or a trial before a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York  
January 27, 2025

  
JENNIFER E. WILLIS  
United States Magistrate Judge