## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Civil Action No: 3:17-CV-00652-RJC-DSC

SNYDER'S-LANCE, INC. and PRINCETON VANGUARD, LLC,

Plaintiffs, ORDER

v.

FRITO-LAY NORTH AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on Defendant's "Motion to Compel Production of Documents" (document #53) and the parties' briefs and exhibits.

In its Reply brief, Defendant states that the parties have reached agreement regarding Requests for Production Nos. 15 and 16. The only unresolved issue is whether Plaintiffs must respond to Request for Production No. 7. Defendant seeks production of communications arising after the close of discovery in the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board proceedings where Plaintiffs' own consumers use "pretzel crisps" and related terms in lower case letters.

For the reasons stated in Defendant's briefs, the Court concludes that Defendant is entitled to complete responses to Request for Production No. 7.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Defendant's "Motion to Compel Production of Documents" (document #53) is **GRANTED** as to Request for Production No. 7. Within fifteen days of this Order, Plaintiffs shall produce all documents responsive to Request for Production No. 7. in the format as they are kept in the ordinary course of business, along with accompanying

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metadata. Plaintiffs shall identify all responsive documents that were not retained during the course of litigation.

- 2. The parties shall bear their own costs at this time.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties' counsel <u>and to the Honorable Robert J. Conrad, Jr.</u>

SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 26, 2019

David S. Cayer

United States Magistrate Judge