

Defendant Citibank reports that Plaintiff and Defendant Best Buy Stores, LP “do not object to the requests made in this motion.” (Document No. 6, p. 2). It is not clear to the undersigned whether the parties properly conferred pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(b) regarding the motions to compel arbitration (Document Nos. 4 and 8).

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned will allow a stay of this matter pending a decision on Defendants' motions to compel arbitration. At this time, the undersigned will decline to hold a hearing. Instead, the Court will direct counsel for the parties to confer in good faith regarding the requests to compel arbitration.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that "Citibank, N.A.'s Motion To Stay Of Filing An Answer Or Conducting A Rule 26(f) Conference And Request For A Preliminary Hearing" (Document No. 6) is **GRANTED in part** and this matter is **STAYED** pending a decision on Arbitration; the request to conduct a hearing on the motions to compel arbitration is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for the parties shall confer in person, via telephone conference, Zoom, Teams, or other means of live communication to discuss their positions on the remaining pending motions by **July 23, 2021**. The parties shall file a brief Status Report, jointly if possible, on or before **July 27, 2021**.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: July 14, 2021



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

