## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

Lenny M. Chapman and	)
Tracy M. Chapman,	)
Plaintiffs,	ORDER ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY DISPUTE PROCEDURE
vs.	)
Hiland Operating, LLC, a Foreign Company, Hiland Partners GP Holdings, LLC, a Foreign Company, and Hiland Partners LP, a Foreign Partnership,	) ) ) )
Defendants and Third-Party Plaintiff (Hiland Operating, LLC)	) Case No. 1:13-cv-052 )
vs.	)
Missouri Basin Well Service, Inc., and B&B Heavy Haul, LLC,	) ) )
Third-Party Defendants.	)

On January 23, 2014, the court held a telephonic status conference in the above-captioned case. Attorneys Robert P. Schuster and James R. Hoy appeared on plaintiffs' behalf. Attorneys Margaret M. Clarke and Patrick W. Durick appeared on defendants' behalf. Attorneys Gordon H. Hansmeier and Christopher A. Wills appeared on behalf of third-party defendant B&B Heavy Haul, LLC. Attorney Joel A. Flom appeared on behalf of third-party defendant Missouri Basin Well Service, Inc.

During the status conference, the court modified the procedure to be followed if future discovery disputes arise because of the number of discovery disputes that have arisen and the

inability of the parties to agree on discovery matters. The parties are no longer to required to

comply with the D.N.D. Civ. L.R. 37.1(B) requirement that a telephonic conference be conducted

by the magistrate judge before a discovery motion is filed. Rather, the parties shall proceed as

follows:

1. The party requesting resolution of a dispute shall file an appropriate motion.

2. Any party wishing to file a response shall do so within five (5) business day of the

filing of the motion.

3. No replies shall be filed.

4. The court will hold a hearing to address the motion.

The parties shall follow the procedure outlined above unless immediate court intervention

is required, for example, if a dispute arises during an inspection or a deposition. In such a case, the

parties may contact chambers by telephone when the dispute arises.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Charles S. Miller, Jr.

Charles S. Miller, Jr., Magistrate Judge

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