

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**SNYDER COMPUTER SYSTEMS,
INC. d.b.a. WILDFIRE MOTORS,
Plaintiff,**

**Case No. 2:12-cv-1140
JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Preston Deavers**

v.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION,
Defendant.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,**

**Case No. 2:13-cv-311
JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Preston Deavers**

v.

**SNYDER COMPUTER SYSTEMS,
INC. d.b.a. WILDFIRE MOTORS,
Defendant.**

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the Request for a Hearing of Snyder Computer Systems, Inc. d.b.a. Wildfire Motors (“Wildfire”) (ECF No. 50) and the United States of America’s Motion for an Order to Produce Documentation at Least Two Weeks Before Any Hearing (ECF No. 50). These motions regard the United States of America’s Motion for an Order to Show Cause Why Wildfire Motors and Douglas D. Snyder Should Not Be Held in Contempt of the Court’s Order Dated March 31, 2014, and to Assess Civil Penalties Under the Safety Act, which is another motion that is currently pending before this Court fully briefed and

supplemented (“Motion for Contempt and Penalties”). (ECF Nos. 41, 45, 48, 51, 53.) Wildfire requests a hearing on the Motion for Contempt and Penalties “for the presentation of evidence on the issues” because it “bears the burden of proof on significant factual issues.” (Wildfire’s Mot. at 1; ECF No. 50.)

The government does not oppose a hearing, but instead requests that the Court require Wildfire and its owner and Chief Executive Officer Douglas Don Snyder to produce financial documentation as well as the evidence upon which they are going to rely at the hearing. (United States’ Response/Mot. for Discovery; ECF No. 52.) In reply, Wildfire does not object to providing discovery, but rather contends that the government’s response “illustrates additional reasons why a hearing is necessary.” (Wildfire’s Reply at 1; ECF No. 54.) The Court notes that while Wildfire does not object to providing them, the Court finds that the documents the government requests are relevant to the inquiry the Court must make at the requested hearing.

Therefore, the Court **GRANTS** Wildfire’s Request for a Hearing and schedules that hearing for **October 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (ECF No. 50.) The Court also **GRANTS** the United States’ request for discovery and **ORDERS** Wildfire and its CEO Mr. Snyder to provide the discovery requested by the government in its motion on or before **September 30, 2014.** (United States’ Response/Mot. for Discovery at 2–3; ECF No. 52).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

8-28-2014
DATE


EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE