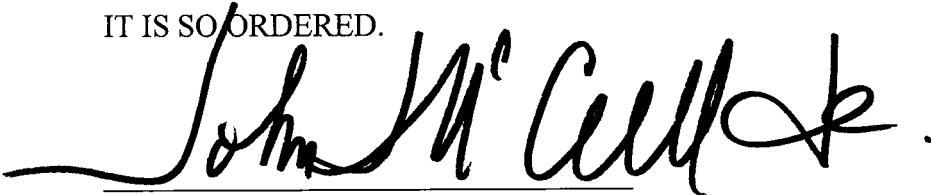


motion for summary judgment. While the Court is “skeptical that discovery will produce evidence sufficient to survive a subsequent dispositive motion by [USDA],”¹ the Court believes that AEW should be allowed time to conduct some appropriate discovery to support its claims and defend against the USDA’s summary judgment motion before it decides this matter.

Therefore, the USDA’s Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 7) is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE pursuant to Rule 56(d). Fact and expert discovery in this matter will close January 8, 2016. Dispositive motions are due February 5, 2016. Final pretrial memos shall be due 30 days after the Court rules on the dispositive motion(s).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John J. McConnell, Jr.", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes a period at the end.

John J. McConnell, Jr.
United States District Judge

July 7, 2015

¹ *ANS Food Mkt. v. United States*, Civil No. JKB-14-2071, 2015 WL 1880155, at *4 (D. Md. Apr 22, 2015).