

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

Comes counsel for Plaintiffs, GW Equity, LLC, et al., and counsel for Defendants, PBS Global, Inc., et al., and hereby submits their Joint Status Report for the above-styled case.

## A. THE NATURE OF THE CASE AND THE CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES

Plaintiffs allege that Defendants have unlawfully taken and used Plaintiffs' proprietary and confidential information to compete against the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs also allege that the individual Defendants breached the non-competition clauses contained in their Independent Contractor agreements and that the Plaintiffs have committed "racketeering" and "wire fraud and mail fraud."

Defendants deny all of Plaintiffs' allegations.

## B. PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED MOTIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE JOINDER OF THE PARTIES

There are no motions pending at this time. Some individual defendants may be dismissed either by agreement or by motion.

## C. THE PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT AND WHETHER MEDIATION FACILITATES SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs are willing to discuss possible prospects for settlement. Plaintiffs believe Mediation would facilitate settlement.

At this time, there are no apparent prospects for settlement. As such, it is doubtful whether mediation would facilitate settlement.

D. WHETHER THE ATTORNEYS IN THIS CASE UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBLITIES UNDER - AND WILL CONDUCT THIS LITIGATION ACCORDING TO - THE STANDARDS OF Dondi, 121 F.R.D. 284 (N.D. Tex. 1988) (en banc) AND THIS COURT'S CIVIL JUSTICE EXPENSE & DELAY **REDUCTION PLAN** 

The attorneys understand their responsibilities under Dondi and will conduct this litigation according to the standards of Dondi and the Court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan.

E. WHETHER THE PARTIES WILL AGREE TO THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAPLAN. UNDER 28 U.S.C. §636 (1994)

The parties do not agree to the trial of this case before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kaplan.

F. WHETHER THERE ARE REQUESTED MODIFICATIONS OF THE SCHEDULING ORDER

There are no requested modifications of the Scheduling Order at this time.

G. ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TRIAL

Due to the number of parties in this case, the estimated length of trial is two (2) weeks.

H. WHETHER THE COURT WILL CONSENT TO THE CASE BEING HANDLED AS AN ELECTRONIC CASE FILE (ECF) CASE PURSUANT TO MISCELLANEOUS ORDER 61 AND THE ECF PROCEDURES MANUAL

DATE:

The parties consent to the case being handled as an ECF case.

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