

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:11-CV-244-Y
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TRAVELPORT LIMITED, et al.	§	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY AND EXTEND

Before the Court is the Joint Motion to Stay the Case and Extend Current Deadlines Pending Mediation (doc. 394) filed by plaintiff American Airlines, Inc. ("American"); defendants Travelport Limited and Travelport, L.P. (collectively, "Travelport"); and defendant Orbitz Worldwide, LLC ("Orbitz"). The movants seek an order staying this case pending their upcoming mediation, which is scheduled for December 12-13, 2012. Such a stay is necessary, the movants contend, so that they "can focus their efforts on mediation and potential resolution of this case." (Mot. 1.) Defendants Sabre Inc., Sabre Holdings Corporation, and Sabre Travel International Limited ("Sabre") oppose this motion and insist that they will suffer prejudice if the movants' requested stay is granted.

After review, the Court concludes that a brief stay is appropriate. As an initial matter, the Court notes that two of the three sets of defendants in this case are in favor of American's proposed stay. In addition, the Court notes that the stay may

prevent American, Travelport, and Orbitz from having to conduct further depositions of their executives.¹

Lastly, the Court observes that no unfair prejudice will befall Sabre as a result of the parties' proposed stay. Sabre contends that it is entitled to efficient resolution of its counterclaims. And the Court is sympathetic to this right. At the same time, however, Sabre only recently filed its counterclaims despite having received the bankruptcy court's permission to do so some time ago. In light of this, the Court is confident that a brief stay will not cause Sabre any significant or unfair prejudice.

Accordingly, the instant motion is GRANTED. All claims in the above-styled and -numbered cause are STAYED pending American, Travelport, and Orbitz's upcoming mediation. See *In re Ramu*, 903 F.2d 312, 318 (5th Cir. 1990) ("The stay of a pending matter is ordinarily within the trial court's wide discretion to control the course of litigation."); see also *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936) (noting that a court has "inherent" power to stay proceedings). The stay automatically expires on **December 21, 2012**.

At that time, the following deadlines will take effect:

- (1) Defendants' answers to American's second amended complaint will be due no later than **January 11, 2013**;

¹ Sabre apparently is not set to participate in the numerous depositions that remain.

- (2) Travelport's deadline for filing a motion for reconsideration of the Court's August 16, 2012 Order Granting Motion to Dismiss (doc. 386) or a motion for leave to file additional counterclaims will be **January 11, 2013**;
- (3) The parties' responses to all pending written discovery will be due no later than **January 11, 2013**;
- (4) All depositions must be completed no later than **January 25, 2013**;
- (5) Defendants' expert reports must be served no later than **February 8, 2013**;
- (6) Plaintiff's rebuttal reports must be served no later than **February 22, 2013**;
- (7) All pretrial and dispositive motions will be due no later than **March 22, 2013**.

SIGNED September 6, 2012.



TERRY R. MEANS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE