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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Rhonda Spear,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Progressive Financial Services, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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No. CV-14-00577-PHX-DGC

ORDER

15 Plaintiff has moved to transfer to the District of Utah. Doc. 7. No response has
16 been filed. The Court will grant the motion.

17 This case is in its early stages. Plaintiff filed her complaint on March 20, 2014.
18 The docket reflects that Defendant Progressive Financial Services was served on April 1,
19 2014, but no answer has been filed and Defendant has not appeared.

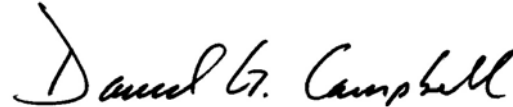
20 “For the convenience of the parties and witnesses, in the interest of justice, a
21 district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it might
22 have been brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). The district court may consider several factors
23 in determining whether to transfer venue, including the plaintiff’s choice of forum, the
24 extent of the parties’ contacts with the forum, the contacts in the forum relating to the
25 plaintiff’s cause of action, the availability of non-party witnesses, and the accessibility of
26 evidence. *See Jones v. GNC Franchising, Inc.*, 211 F.3d 495, 498-99 (9th Cir. 2000).
27 Although transfers are most commonly initiated by Defendants, Plaintiffs may also move
28 to transfer for convenience of the parties and in the interests of justice. *Ferens v. John*

1 *Deere Co.*, 494 U.S. 516, 525 (1990) (noting that “[t]ransfers initiated by a plaintiff
2 involve some different considerations, but lead to the same result.”).

3 Plaintiff originally alleged that Defendant was a resident of Arizona. Doc. 1, ¶ 5.
4 In her Amended Complaint, Plaintiff notes that Defendant is in fact a resident of Utah.
5 Doc. 6, ¶ 5. Transfer will give substantial deference to Plaintiff’s choice of the Utah
6 forum, *Int’l Comfort Prods., Inc. v. Hanover House Indus., Inc.*, 739 F. Supp. 503, 506
7 (D. Ariz. 1989), and be more convenient for Defendant, *Impra, Inc. v. Quinton*
8 *Instruments Co.*, CV-90-0383-PHX-WPC, 1990 WL 284713, *2 (D. Ariz. 1990). The
9 Court will therefore grant Plaintiff’s unopposed motion to transfer.

10 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s motion to transfer (Doc. 7) is **granted**. The
11 Clerk is directed to transfer this action to the United States District Court for the District
12 of Utah.

13 Dated this 15th day of May, 2014.

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18 David G. Campbell
19 United States District Judge
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