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1 The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 DIANNE L. KELLEY, et al., 10 Plaintiffs, Case No. C07-0475 MJP 11 ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' v. 12 MOTION FOR TRIAL CONTINUANCE MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington ) 13 Corporation, 14 Defendant. 15 16 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' motion for a continuance of the trial 17 18 date. (Dkt. No. 317.) The Court, having considered the motion, the response (Dkt. No. 323), 19 the reply (Dkt. No. 327) and all pertinent documents in the record, hereby GRANTS Plaintiffs' 20 motion. 21 At the time Plaintiffs filed the present motion, they filed a motion for narrowed class 22 certification. (See Dkt. No. 319.) The Court heard oral argument on the motion for narrowed 23 class certification on March 25, 2009. (Dkt. No. 351.) The trial is currently set to begin April 24

13, 2009 and a pretrial conference is scheduled for April 3, 2009. (See Dkt. No. 145.) At oral

argument, the Court indicated it would rule on the issue of narrowed class certification by March

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31, 2009. Plaintiffs' motion presents novel legal arguments that require thorough analysis. Without taking any position on the motion for narrowed class certification, the Court believes a continuance is appropriate. The Court will not rule on Plaintiffs' motion for narrowed certification before the end of the day.

Plaintiffs' motion (Dkt. No. 317) is GRANTED. The trial date and all remaining pretrial dates presented in the trial schedule (Dkt. No. 145) are STRICKEN. The Court will contact the parties to schedule a trial date after it rules on Plaintiffs' motion for narrowed class certification. The Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2009.

Marsha J. Pechman
United States District Judge