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THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CITY OF SEATTLE, a municipal corporation, located in the County of King, State of Washington,

Plaintiff,

v.

MONSANTO COMPANY, SOLUTIA INC., and PHARMACIA CORPORATION, and DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:16-CV-00107-RSL

STIPULATED MOTION TO STAY THE CASE

Plaintiff and Defendants file this stipulated motion requesting that the Court stay this case until April 24, 2020 and vacate the currently scheduled deadlines. The City cannot prosecute this complex case without outside counsel. The City is working diligently to retain new counsel but, in the meantime, the City is unable to respond to discovery requests because the City lacks access to the documents it has already produced. Without access to its documents, the City cannot prepare witnesses for depositions and cannot identify whether documents still need to be produced. The City also cannot finalize expert reports. Thus, the court's recent extension of the trial schedule does not provide the relief that the City needs.

The Parties agree that the trial schedule will need further modification after the City has new counsel, because once new counsel is retained, it will take some time for new counsel to get up to speed on this case. The Parties have agreed to conduct three fact witness

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1 depositions during the stay, and they will work cooperatively in scheduling those depositions.  
2 On or before April 24, 2020, the Parties will confer and propose a modification to the trial  
3 schedule. They agree that the schedule they will propose will provide for Defendants to  
4 complete a 30(b)(6) deposition of the Plaintiff at least thirty days before the deadline for  
5 exchange of expert reports.

6 Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

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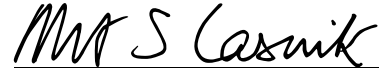
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**ORDER**

It is so ordered.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Robert S. Lasnik  
United States District Judge