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 9 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

11 JULI ANN SWEENY,  
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 Plaintiff,  
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 v.  
 14 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, a  
 Delaware limited liability company,  
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 Defendant.

NO. 2:16-cv-01424-RSL

**STIPULATION OF PARTIES AND  
 ORDER THEREON FURTHER  
 EXTENDING EXPERT WITNESS  
 REPORT DATE**

Noting Date: June 7, 2017

**I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

21 Plaintiff Juli Ann Sweeny and Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC (“Nationstar”)  
 22 request the Court grant a further extension of time of 28 days for them to exchange reports of  
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1 expert witnesses, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2). A previous 28 day extension was  
2 granted from May 10, 2017, to June 7, 2017. [Dkt. 18.]

3 Ms. Sweeny and Nationstar have been continuously engaged in settlement  
4 negotiations concerning the accounting and terms of her four Nationstar-serviced loans, as set  
5 forth in her approved Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Plan of Reorganization, and amendments  
6 thereto. To that end, the parties request this extension to determine whether the litigation may  
7 be resolved without the expenditure of unnecessary time and incurring unnecessary additional  
8 fees not related to settlement efforts and potential dismissal of the litigation. The parties  
9 request the deadline for the exchange of expert reports be extended from June 7, 2017, to July  
10 5, 2017.

## 11 **II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL POSTURE**

12 Plaintiff filed this action on August 4, 2016, in King County Superior Court.  
13 Nationstar removed the case to this Court on September 7, 2016. Since shortly after  
14 Nationstar was served with the Summons, Ms. Sweeny and Nationstar have engaged in  
15 settlement discussions concerning the accounting and terms of her four Nationstar-serviced  
16 loans, as set forth in her approved Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Plan of Reorganization and  
17 amendments thereto.

18 Since the last expert witness extension was granted on May 11, 2017 [Dkt. 18], Ms.  
19 Sweeny formulated a counter-demand, several communications clarifying its terms were  
20 exchanged, and Nationstar has requested clarification of additional terms to complete its  
21 determination of a response to the most recent counter-demand. The parties believe it will be  
22 mutually beneficial to allow additional time to explore settlement, and determine whether  
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1 further litigation will be required. To that end, they request an extension of time of four  
2 weeks, from extended from June 7, 2017, to July 5, 2017, to disclose expert witness reports.

3 **III. ARGUMENT**

4 LCR 7(j) provides in relevant part:

5 A motion for relief from a deadline should, whenever possible, be filed  
6 sufficiently in advance of the deadline to allow the court to rule on the motion  
7 prior to the deadline.... If a true, unforeseen emergency exists that prevents a  
8 party from meeting a deadline, and the emergency arose too late to file a  
9 motion for relief from the deadline, the party should contact the adverse party,  
10 meet and confer regarding an extension, and file a stipulation and proposed  
11 order with the court....

12 Here, because this is a stipulated motion under LCR 10(g), it is noted as a same-day  
13 motion under LCR (d)(1). The parties have met and conferred and agreed that a four week  
14 extension should provide enough time for the parties to determine if they are able to achieve  
15 settlement and enter a settlement agreement, including a dismissal with prejudice, or else  
16 provide expert witness reports to each other. The Court granted two previous extensions to  
17 the parties to file their Joint Status Report. This is the parties' second request for additional  
18 time concerning the expert witness report deadline, and this request is made in good faith  
19 without purpose of delay.

20 WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request an extension of time of four weeks,  
21 from extended from June 7, 2017, to July 5, 2017, to disclose expert witness reports.

22 Dated this 7th day of June, 2017.

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2017.

  
JUDGE ROBERT S. LASNIK  
U.S. District Court Judge

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