

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

WORD TO INFO, INC.,

Case No. C17-0596RSM

Plaintiff,

V.

ORDER STAYING CASE

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendant.

On July 12, 2017, the parties filed their Joint Status Report (“JSR”) in this matter. Dkt. #29. In that JSR, the parties alerted the Court that this patent infringement case involves seven patents-in-suit that relate to natural language processing, which patents-in-suit are also the subject of litigation with other defendants in several other Districts. *Id.* One such litigation is currently on appeal in the Federal Circuit (the *Facebook* appeal). That appeal involves the construction of two patent claims that will also need to be construed in the litigation in this Court.

Id.

On August 9, 2017, the Court held a telephonic status conference to address the scheduling of a trial date in this matter. Having listened to the parties' arguments, and having reviewed the JSR, the Court now hereby finds and ORDERS:

1. The Clerk shall enter a STAY in this matter pending the outcome of *Word to Info*,

Inc. v. Facebook, Inc., Case No. 2017-1431 (Fed. Cir. Dec. 16, 2016) (the *Facebook* appeal). The Court agrees with Defendant that this stay, which is expected to be short

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1 in duration, will result in more efficient litigation in this Court, and will not prejudice
2 Plaintiff at this time.

3 2. The parties shall promptly notify the Court when the *Facebook* appeal has concluded
4 through the filing of a Joint Status Report setting forth new proposals based on the
5 results of that litigation.

6 3. If the *Facebook* appeal has not been resolved as of **February 9, 2018**, the parties shall
7 submit a Joint Status Report at that time indicating the status of the appeal and their
8 positions on whether a stay should continue.

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10 DATED this 9 day of August, 2017.

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