1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 AT TACOMA 8 POINT RUSTON, LLC, et al., 9 Plaintiffs, CASE NO. C09-5232BHS 10 v. 11 PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL ORDER GRANTING IN PART 12 COUNCIL OF THE UNITED AND DENYING IN PART **BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS** DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO 13 AND JOINERS OF AMERICA, et al.. COMPEL PRODUCTION AND 14 REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO Defendants. DESIGNATE DAMAGES 15 EXPERTS; AND GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION 16 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR MEDIATION TO OCCUR 17 This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' (the "Carpenters") motion to 18 compel production and request for leave to designate damages experts (Dkt. 224); and the 19 Carpenters' motion to extend deadline for mediation (Dkt. 371). The Court issues this 20 21 order to reiterate its decisions made via telephone conference on August 12, 2010. 22 I. DISCUSSION 23 For a more complete factual background of this case, see the Court's order denying 24 in part and granting in part judgment on the pleadings. Dkt. 76. On April 30, 2010, the 25 Carpenters filed a motion to compel and for leave to designate damage experts. Dkt. 224. 26 On August 2, 2010, the Carpenters filed an emergency motion for extension of time to 27 28 ORDER - 1

conduct mediation. Dkt. 371. Both of these motions were disposed of during a teleconference held on August 12, 2010. *See* Dkt. 408.

A. Motion to Compel Production of Documents

During the teleconference the Court ordered Point Ruston to produce the requested documents to the extent the same are available. *See* Dkt. 224 (defining documents sought for production). However, the Court ordered Carpenters to send a representative to opposing counsel's office within ten days to complete the production.

Point Ruston made an oral motion at that time to have the production be bilateral, in that the Carpenters have a continuing obligation to produce documents relevant to its discovery requests. While the Court declined to issue such an order, it did remind the parties that they each have a continuing obligation to supplement their discovery responses in accord with the rules of civil procedure.

B. Request for Leave to Designate Damages Experts

During the teleconference, the Court denied the Carpenters' request to designate damage experts because the motion was untimely and because they did not show good cause for extending the deadline. The Court highlighted the fact that damages has long been known to be an issue in this matter and that the parties should have addressed this issue in advance of the motion to extend the deadline (Dkt. 224).

C. Motion to Extend Deadline for Mediation

During the teleconference, the parties discussed the Carpenters' emergency motion to extend the deadline for mediation (Dkt. 371). The parties jointly requested an extension to the deadline to conduct mediation to August 31, 2010, and the Court accepted this proposed deadline as a resolution. Therefore, the Court need not issue a separate order on Dkt. 371; it is resolved.

II. ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that

- 1. The Carpenters' motion to compel production of documents and request for leave to designate damages experts (Dkt. 224) is **GRANTED in part and DENIED in part**, to the extent discussed herein and during the teleconference; and
- 2. The Carpenters' request to extend the deadline for mediation (Dkt. 371) is **GRANTED** and the deadline is hereby extended to August 31, 2010.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2010.

BENJAMIN H. SETTLE United States District Judge