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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT TACOMA

8 WESTERN INSTITUTIONAL  
9 REVIEW BOARD, INC.,

10 Plaintiff,

v.

11 CHRISTOPHER L. JENKINS,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-5523 BHS

ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO  
EXTEND STAY

13 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Christopher Jenkins's  
14 ("Jenkins") motion to extend stay (Dkt. 34).

15 On January 4, 2018, Jenkins filed the instant motion requesting an extension of the  
16 stay pending a ruling from the Texas court. Dkt. 34. On January 19, 2018, Jenkins filed  
17 a status report informing the Court that the Texas court issued a favorable ruling. Dkt.  
18 36. On January 24, 2018, Plaintiff Western Institutional Review Board, Inc. ("WIRB")  
19 responded requesting that the Court extend the stay as to the contract claims pending  
20 appeal in Texas and lift the stay on its trade secret claims because those claims are  
21 independent of the contract claims. Dkt. 38. The Court agrees that an extension of the  
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1 stay is appropriate as to the contract claims. Therefore, the Court **GRANTS** the motion  
2 as to the contract claims, extends the stay until a ruling is issued on Jenkins's pending  
3 motion to dismiss (Dkt. 39), and lifts the stay as to WIRB's trade secret claims.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated this 7th day of February, 2018.

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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
9 United States District Judge  
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