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STANDING ORDER FOR INITIAL JOINT STATUS REPORT

Judge Cummings has set a date for an initial status hearing before him in Courtroom 2270. In order to make the status hearing as productive as possible, the Court directs the parties to electronically file, at least seven days before the status hearing, a joint status report, not to exceed four pages, and deliver a courtesy copy to Chambers, room 2270, which shall contain the following information:

CONSENT CASES:

1. A statement of the basis alleged for the Court's jurisdiction and, if jurisdiction is disputed, the nature and basis of the dispute.
2. A brief summary of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaim or third-party complaint. A courtesy copy of the current complaint, answer, counterclaim, etc., should be delivered to Chambers with the status report.
3. A brief statement of the relief sought, including an itemization of damages.
4. The status of any pending motions.

5. Any current dates for discovery cut-off, pretrial order or trial. If none have been set, a proposed discovery cut-off date and the earliest date the parties will be available for trial.
6. Whether discovery will include electronically stored information (“ESI”) and, if applicable, a brief description of the parties’ agreement regarding ESI, including the form(s) of production.
7. A description of the discovery that has been completed, including the specific number of depositions that have been taken, and a description of the future discovery that is contemplated.
8. Whether a jury has been demanded.
9. The status of settlement discussions, if any.
10. In order to avoid confusion and delay, list the name of the magistrate judge (consent) and **do not** list the name of the district judge in the caption in consent cases,

REFERRAL CASES:

1. A brief summary of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaim or third-party complaint.
2. A brief statement of the relief sought, including an itemization of damages.
3. A brief description of the matter referred to the magistrate judge or alternatively, attach a copy of the referral order.
4. The status of any briefing on the matters referred.
5. If the case has been referred for discovery matters, a description of the discovery that has been completed and the future discovery contemplated, including identifying: (a) the depositions that have been taken; (b) the depositions that have been scheduled and the dates set; and (c) any other discovery contemplated.
6. Any dates or deadlines established by the district judge for discovery cut-off, submission of pretrial order or trial. If none have been set, a proposed fact discovery cut-off date and whether or not the parties anticipate the need for an expert discovery schedule, which will be set at a later date.
7. The status of settlement negotiations, if any.
8. In referral cases, list both the district judge and the magistrate judge in the caption and circle the name of the judge for whom the filing is intended. This applies to all future filings.

Consistent with the scope of the consent or referral, the Court will set discovery schedules, briefing schedules, and other deadlines and timetables at the initial status conference. Therefore, the principal trial attorney for each party, or an attorney with sufficient familiarity with and responsibility for the case, shall appear and be prepared to discuss all aspects of the case. If the principal attorney’s office is outside the Northern

District of Illinois, that attorney may make arrangements via the courtroom deputy to be present by telephone, but local counsel must be personally present.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Cummings", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Cummings
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: February 4, 2019