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**Standing Order Requiring Rule 26(f) Initial Status Report**  
**for Cases Filed On or After 6/1/17 and Not Excluded**  
**from the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project**  
**REVISED JUNE 1, 2017**

In all cases assigned to Judge Dow's calendar after June 1, 2017 that are not exempt from the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project, counsel are directed to confer, prepare, and file a Rule 26(f) report, not to exceed five pages except in extraordinary circumstances, no later than two business days prior to the initial status conference. (In the unlikely event that parties cannot agree on a joint statement concerning any issue, they should note their respective positions; however, the status report should not exceed five pages in any event.) If defendant's counsel has not yet filed an appearance, the status report should be prepared by plaintiff's counsel and noted accordingly. **Please e-file the status report and deliver one courtesy copy to Courtroom Deputy Carolyn Hoesly in Room 1914.**

1. As soon as possible after the filing and docketing of the case, please read (1) the Notice of Mandatory Initial Discovery and the Standing Order on the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project in which this Court is participating.
2. In the Rule 26(f) report referenced above, please provide the following information:
  - A. The attorneys of record for each party, including the attorney(s) expected to try the case.
  - B. The basis for federal jurisdiction.
  - C. The nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaim.
  - D. The name of any party who or which has not been served, and any fact or circumstance related to non-service of process on such party.
  - E. The principal legal issues.
  - F. The principal factual issues.

- G. Whether a jury trial has been demanded by any party.
  - H. The status of your discussions involving mandatory initial discovery responses, including any resolved and unresolved issues regarding it.
  - I. A brief description of any discovery, apart from the Court-ordered discovery required under the Standing Order implementing the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project, that has been taken and of the discovery anticipated to be required, and suggested dates for discovery deadlines and cutoff.
  - J. If reasonably ascertainable at this early stage of the case, the earliest date the parties would be ready for trial and the estimated length of trial.
  - K. Whether the parties consent unanimously to proceed before a Magistrate Judge.
  - L. The status of any settlement discussions.
  - M. Whether the parties request a settlement conference.
3. The initial status conference will be set by minute order and ordinarily will be held approximately 45 days after the filing of the complaint.

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Dated: June 1, 2017

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Robert M. Dow, Jr.  
United States District Judge