

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GALVESTON DIVISION**

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| Plaintiff, | § |                  |
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| VS.        | § | CIVIL ACTION NO. |
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| Defendant. | § |                  |

**DOCKET-CONTROL ORDER**

This case will be controlled by the following schedule:

**DEADLINES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **DEADLINE TO AMEND THE PLEADINGS.** Parties may amend pleadings by this date without leave of court. If the plaintiff(s) file(s) an amended complaint by this date, the defendant(s) may file a responsive pleading in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(3). After expiration of this deadline, a party seeking to amend a pleading must file a motion for leave demonstrating good cause under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4).
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **DEADLINE TO ADD NEW PARTIES.** Unless a case has been removed from state court, new parties may be added by this date without leave of court. After the expiration of this deadline, a party seeking to add a new party must file a motion for leave demonstrating good cause under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The attorney causing the addition of new parties will provide copies of this order and all orders previously entered in the case to new parties. **Note:** If a case has been removed from state court, a motion for leave must be filed seeking permission to add new parties.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Identification of **plaintiffs' experts** and production of plaintiffs' experts' reports in the form required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Identification of **defendants' experts** and production of defendants' experts' reports in the form required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **COMPLETION OF DISCOVERY.** Written discovery requests

are not timely if they are filed so close to this deadline that the recipient would not be required under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to respond until after the deadline.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS.**

7. \_\_\_\_\_ **ALL OTHER PRETRIAL MOTIONS.**

8. \_\_\_\_\_ **EXCHANGE PRETRIAL MATERIALS.** Parties should exchange and begin to confer on motions *in limine*, exhibit lists, and deposition designations.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ **DOCKET CALL is set at 9:30 a.m.** All *Pretrial Filings* (exhibit list, witness list, etc.) required under Rule 10 of the Galveston District Court Rules of Practice must be filed at least one day before this date. At docket call, the court may announce rulings on any pending matters, ***the case will be set for trial on a date certain within the next 60 days***, and further pretrial orders may be issued.

Estimated Trial Time: \_\_\_\_\_ days.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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ANDREW M. EDISON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE