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May 01, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:23-CV-03560
	§	
U.S. ANESTHESIA PARTNERS, INC., <i>et</i>	§	
<i>al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING

Appearances:

FTC:

Kara Monahan, Tim Kamal-Grayson, Neal Perlman, Michael Arin

USAP:

Ken Fetterman, Kyle Wood, Kevin Miller, David Beck

The Welsh Carson Entities:

Katy Caldwell, Elena Davis, Matt Zorn, Paul Yetter

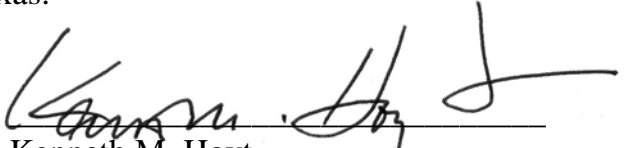
In lieu of a phone conference and a courtroom appearance to prepare a Scheduling Order, the Court determines that it is more economical to adopt and modify the parties' proposed plan [DE 132]. Hence, the Court adopts and modifies as follows:

- a) Initial disclosures are due on or before May 13, 2024;
- b) Discovery otherwise begins on or after May 13, 2024;

- c) The parties agree on the handling of electronically stored information, privileged information and a privilege log, if necessary;
- d) The parties agree to limitations as it relates to interrogatories, admissions, productions;
- e) The designations of experts rest on the parties who anticipate calling them. Experts must be designated and reports provided on or before January 31, 2025; rebuttal experts are to be designated and reports provided on or before February 28, 2025; no reply expert designations are permitted;
- f) All discovery, whether expert or fact witnesses closes April 30, 2025;
- g) Expedited responses are required on all pretrial motions;
- h) Discovery may be extended by agreement of the parties without Court intervention so long as the dispositive motion deadline and docket call dates are not to changed without leave of Court;
- i) Dispositive motion must be filed on or before April 30, 2025; responses are due by May 30, replies within ten (10) days of responses. No sur-replies are permitted; and
- j) Docket call is set September 8, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. to be finalized by separate order.

It is so Ordered.

SIGNED on May 1, 2024, at Houston, Texas.


Kenneth M. Hoyt
United States District Judge