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March 24, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. ANESTHESIA PARTNERS, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 4:23-CV-03560-KH

**Third Amended Scheduling Order**

This Third Amended Scheduling Order lifts the Court's October 8, 2025 stay of this proceeding, sets the below deadlines, and restates, amends, and supersedes the Court's Second Amended Scheduling Order, ECF No. 266:

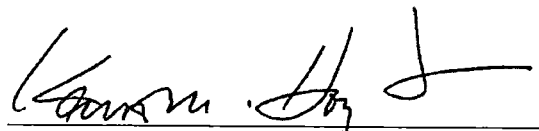
- a) Initial disclosures were due on or before May 13, 2024.
- b) Discovery otherwise began on or after May 13, 2024.
- c) The parties agreed on the handling of electronically stored information, privileged information and a privilege log, if necessary.
- d) The parties agreed to limitations as it relates to interrogatories, admissions, productions.
- e) The parties substantially completed document productions in response to each side's May requests for production by December 16, 2024.
- f) Fact discovery closed May 30, 2025.
- g) The party bearing a burden on an issue designated its expert and provided the expert's initial report on or before July 25, 2025. A party designated a rebuttal expert and provided a report solely to contradict or rebut an initial report

on or before September 19, 2025. A party's expert may reply to a rebuttal report on or before December 8, 2025. By submitting a report on or before July 25, 2025, the party did not concede it bears the burden on an issue. Expert discovery closes January 9, 2026. On November 17, 2025, counsel proffering an Expert shall provide notice of three (3) dates on which that Expert is available for a deposition. By November 19, 2025, the party noticing the deposition shall select among the dates.

- h) Expedited responses are required on all pretrial motions.
- i) 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 changed without leave of Court.
- j) Dispositive motions must be filed on or before February 10, 2026; responses are due March 27, 2026; replies are due April 28, 2026. No sur-replies are permitted.
- k) Docket call is set June 1, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

SIGNED on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Houston, Texas.

  
Kenneth M. Hoyt  
United States District Judge