

**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

**Expedited Treatment Requested**

**JOINT MOTION REQUESTING A STATUS CONFERENCE**

Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) and Defendant U.S. Anesthesia Partners, Inc. (“USAP”) jointly submit this motion requesting a status conference. In support of this motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. The Parties have agreed to resolve the FTC’s claims against USAP and entered into a binding term sheet that will take 180 days to implement. On April 23, 2026, the parties jointly filed a motion requesting that the Court vacate the current scheduling order and stay all proceedings for 180 days while the Parties work to implement the agreement. Dkt. No. 336. As of the time of this filing, the Parties’ joint stay motion remains pending.
2. Certain provisions in the Parties’ term sheet agreement are tied to the issuance of an order to stay these proceedings. Therefore, the resolution of this case may be delayed if the Parties’ joint stay motion continues to remain pending.
3. Furthermore, under the Court’s orders, parties and nonparties must move to permanently seal any confidential or highly confidential information contained in USAP’s summary judgment motion or the FTC’s opposition by May 29, 2026. Dkt. No. 333. In

accordance with the Court's orders, to date USAP and the FTC have notified over two dozen nonparties who may wish to file such motions to seal. *See id.*

4. The Parties have received multiple inquiries from several nonparties asking about the status of the case and seeking clarity about whether they will need to prepare and file motions to seal by May 29, 2026 to protect their information, even though that deadline might be vacated by the Parties' joint motion to stay the case. *See* Dkt. No. 336.

5. Based on the foregoing, the Parties respectfully request that the Court schedule a status conference at its earliest convenience. Alternatively, if the Court were to grant the parties' joint stay motion, that would provide sufficient clarity to Parties and nonparties and obviate the need for a status conference.

Dated: May 20, 2026

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 20, 2026, I filed the foregoing document with the Court and served it on opposing counsel through the Court's CM/ECF system. All counsel of record are registered ECF users.

Respectfully submitted,

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