

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
_____ DIVISION**

_____,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action Number
)	_____
_____,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	
)	

SCHEDULING ORDER

This order is entered under FED. R. CIV. P. 16(b) based on the report of the planning meeting filed _____. This order supersedes any prior orders and governs further proceedings in this action unless modified for good cause shown.

- 1. **Initial Disclosures:** Due _____; See Local Rule 26.1(a) and Fed. R. Civ. P.26(a).

- 2. **Discovery:** All discovery must be commenced in time to be completed by _____.

- 3. **Discovery limitations and cutoff:**
 - Depositions:** Maximum _____, by either party.
 - Interrogatories:** Maximum _____, by any party directed to any other party.
 - Documents:** Maximum _____, by any party directed to any other party.

Admissions: Maximum _____, by any party directed to any other party.

Supplementation: Supplementation of disclosure and discovery under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e) due _____.

Expert Testimony: Unless modified by stipulation of the parties, the disclosures of expert witnesses, including a complete report under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) from any specially retained or employed expert, are due:

From plaintiff(s): by _____.

From defendant(s): by _____.

4. **Pleadings and Parties:** No causes of action, defenses, or parties may be added after _____ by the plaintiff and _____ by the defendant.
5. **Dispositive Motions:** All potentially dispositive motions must be filed by _____ and should be accompanied by a supporting brief and all evidentiary materials in support thereof.
Additional conference(s): After _____, to be scheduled by separate order.
6. **Final lists:** The court will establish deadlines for the exchange of final witness and exhibit lists at the pretrial conference.
7. **Trial:** The parties shall be ready for trial to be scheduled on or after _____, to be scheduled by separate order.
8. **Consent:** Inasmuch as this action is currently assigned to the U.S. Magistrate Judge, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to confer and NOTIFY THE COURT JOINTLY IN WRITING WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS after the date of this order whether or not all parties consent to the exercise of final dispositive jurisdiction by the magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C 636(c). The parties are advised that, absent consent to the exercise of dispositive jurisdiction by the undersigned magistrate judge, it is unlikely that any changes to this schedule will be approved because changes would unduly extend the schedule upon re-assignment of the case to a district judge. With consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction, however, the case will not be

reassigned to a district judge and changes or extensions of the schedule will not unduly impact the docket of a district judge. A consent form is attached for the convenience of the parties.

DONE and **ORDERED** this the _____ day of _____.

T. MICHAEL PUTNAM
United States Magistrate Judge