IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

{{Division}} DIVISION

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Plaintiff(s),

v.

,

Defendant(s).

) C/A No. {{CaseNum}}

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# ) SCHEDULING ORDER

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Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Civil Rules of this Court, the following schedule is established for this case, which involves a *pro se* litigant. Discovery may begin upon receipt of this order.

1. Motions to join other parties and amend the pleadings (Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(1)) shall be filed no later than **{{JoinAmend}}**.
2. The parties shall file and serve a document identifying by full name, address, and telephone number each person whom they expect to call as an expert at trial by the following dates:1

Plaintiff(s): **{{PlaIDExperts}}**

Defendant(s): **{{DftIDExperts}}**

1. Discovery shall be completed no later than **{{Discovery}}**. All discovery requests, including subpoenas *duces tecum*, shall be served in time for the responses thereto to be served by this date. De bene esse depositions must be completed by discovery deadline. No motions relating to discovery shall be filed until counsel have consulted and attempted to resolve the matter as required by Local Civil Rule 7.02.
2. All dispositive motions shall be filed on or before **{{OtherMotion}}**. (Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(2)).

1See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) and (a)(2)(B). Note that while Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) does not require filing any portion of the written report or disclosure, Judge Anderson requires filing of a document which identifies the expert and certifies compliance with this rule.

# IT IS SO ORDERED.

{{OrderIssued}}

Columbia, South Carolina

Shiva V. Hodges

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.I.08, this order is being sent to local counsel only.

Attachment:

* 1. Notice of Availability of United States Magistrate Judge.

AO 85 (Rev. 01/09) Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge

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# NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

*Notice of a magistrate judge’s availability*. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge’s authority. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

Parties’ printed names

Signatures of parties or attorneys

Dates

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# Reference Order

**IT IS ORDERED**: This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date:

District Judge’s signature

Printed name and title

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.