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Case No. 1:07-cv-00676-PLF
GONZALES v. GONZALES

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ADA GONZALES,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 07-676 (PLF)
)	
PETER KEISLER,)	
Acting Attorney General of the United States, ¹)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

SCHEDULING ORDER

The parties appeared for a meet and confer status conference on November 5, 2007. Based upon the Rule 16.3 Joint Report submitted to the Court and the representations of counsel, it is hereby ORDERED that

1. Any motion to amend the pleadings or join additional parties shall be made by November 26, 2007.
2. Discovery shall be completed by May 2, 2008. Counsel must resolve all discovery disputes or bring them to the Court's attention in a timely manner so as to allow sufficient time for the completion of discovery by this date.
3. Each party is limited to a maximum of 25 interrogatories to any other party. Responses to all interrogatories are due 30 days after service.
4. Each party is limited to a maximum of 10 depositions.

¹ Mr. Keisler is substituted for former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. The parties agree to waive disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Disclosures of plaintiff's retained experts pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are due by March 4, 2008.

7. Disclosures of defendant's retained experts pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are due by April 3, 2008.

8. Depositions of each party's retained experts shall be completed by May 2, 2008.

9. Counsel are required to confer in good faith in an effort to resolve all discovery disputes before bringing the dispute to the Court. If counsel are unable to resolve the discovery dispute, counsel shall arrange a telephone conference with the Court by contacting chambers. Counsel shall not file a discovery motion without a prior conference with the Court and opposing counsel.

10. Counsel are expected to evaluate their respective cases for settlement purposes. Submission to alternative dispute resolution, e.g., mediation or neutral evaluation, is encouraged and is available by request of the Court at any time, as is a settlement conference before a magistrate judge. If the case settles in whole or in part, plaintiff's counsel shall advise the Court by promptly filing a stipulation.

11. Counsel are reminded to comply with Local Civil Rule 7(m), which requires counsel to confer on all nondispositive motions prior to filing them with the Court. See LCvR 7. The party filing the motion shall include in its motion a statement that the required discussion occurred and a statement as to whether the motion is opposed.

12. A further status conference is scheduled for May 13, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ _____
PAUL L. FRIEDMAN
United States District Judge

DATE: November 8, 2007