EXHIBIT A

In the Matter of:

PHH Corporation, et al.

February 14, 2014

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                                                                              HONORABLE ELLIOT: We are here in the matter
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                                                                              May I have appearances from counsel, please.
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                                                                              MR. GORDON: This is Don Gordon appearing
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                                                                    for Enforcement counsel.
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                                                                              MR. VAZIRE: Navid Vazire also appearing for
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                                                                              MR. KIM: Thomas Kim also appearing for
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                                                                              MS. RAVENER: And Kimberly Ravener, also
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                                                                    appearing for Enforcement counsel.
               The above-entitled Telephonic Scheduling
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                                                                              MR. SOUDERS: Good afternoon, Your Honor,
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                                                                    this is Dave Souders. I'm appearing with Roseanne
     Conference was held before HONORABLE CAMERON ELLIOT
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                                                                    Rust and Sandra Vipond from Weiner Brodsky Kider for
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     pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m.
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                                                                    the Respondents.
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     APPEARANCES: (VIA TELEPHONE)
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          DONALD R. GORDON, ESO.
                                                                              MR. GORDON: There have not, Your Honor.
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                                                                              HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right, very well.
          KIMBERLY J. RAVENER, ESQ.
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                                                                              So an important date for me is the date of
          THOMAS KIM , ESQ.
                                                                    notice of the charges which in this case was
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          NAVID VAZIRE, ESQ.
                                                                    January 29th; and based upon that, it appears that I
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          KENT NAKAMURA, ESQ.
                                                                    November 25, which is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
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                                                                    the hearing no later than about four months after the
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     ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENTS:
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          DAVID M. SOUDERS, ESQ.
          ROSANNE L. RUST, ESQ.
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                                                                              MR. GORDON: Yes, Your Honor, we have.
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          SANDRA VIPOND, ESQ.
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                                                                              HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. Tell me.
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          Weiner Brodsky Kider, P.C.
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                                                                    Wednesday, Your Honor, and we proposed at that time to
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                                                                    aggressive schedule but one which was realistic which
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     ALSO PRESENT:
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         CAMERON ELLIOT, Administrative Law Judge
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5 1 1 backed out certain deadlines before that date which I HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Mr. Souders, 2 2 can specify if the Court wants. where in the District of New Jersey, New York, 3 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Well I don't think I can 3 Philadelphia, somewhere else? 4 4 do August 4th, that's not going to give me enough time MR. SOUDERS: Right outside of Philadelphia, 5 5 to write the decision. I --Your Honor, where the company is located, in Cherry MR. SOUDERS: Your Honor, may I speak? 6 Hill or Mount Laurel or either address. 6 7 7 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes, go ahead, HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. We might have to 8 8 Mr. Souders. hold it in Philadelphia simply because we have, 9 MR. SOUDERS: Your Honor, we believe that 9 probably have more space available. 10 10 MR. SOUDERS: That would be fine with us, under the CFPB's rules and the commentary that we're entitled to a hearing starting 60 days after the 11 11 Your Honor. 12 12 notice of charges, so our proposal would be a hearing HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Did you have 13 date starting on March 31st. 13 any objection to holding it in Washington, D.C? 14 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, okay. So the parties 14 MR. SOUDERS: I do, Your Honor, because this 15 15 had conferred but had not reached agreement on a is going to be, you know, a lot of Respondents' people 16 hearing date; is that what I hear you saying, 16 testifying and we believe it's more appropriate closer 17 17 Mr. Souders? to their headquarters. MR. SOUDERS: That's correct, Your Honor. 18 HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Very well. 18 19 19 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, very well, okay. So I can, I can get this case started in 20 Well, Mr. Souders, if you're invoking your 20 March, but I don't think we can finish it and I'm 21 21 right to 60 days, then March 31st would actually be probably going to have to do it piecemeal, 22 22 after the 60 days, I think, but -- yes, go ahead. unfortunately, because I've got a, as it stands right 23 23 MR. SOUDERS: I'm sorry, with kind of the now, I've got a three-week hearing starting March 31st 24 24 weekend, so I think March 31st was a Monday. which -- well actually technically it would be a 25 25 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Well, let's see. Let me four-week hearing and then I've got another hearing 6 8 1 check my calendar. I actually have another case 1 starting May 5. 2 starting on March 31st. 2 So we can, we can do one week of hearing Let's see. Well, let me ask this, before we 3 starting, say, March 24th, and then we can do another 3 4 get to the precise start date, let me ask, Mr. Gordon, 4 week starting, say, April 28. 5 5 And then I've got this other hearing May 5, how long do you anticipate your case in chief would 6 last? 6 which is expected to last two weeks; and then after 7 7 MR. GORDON: Your Honor, we've estimated on that, I'm pretty much wide open at this point. 8 8 So we can start it in March and continue it the order of one to two weeks. 9 9 HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. And, in April and finishing up in May. 10 10 Mr. Souders, do you have any idea how long your case Mr. Souders, do you have any objection to 11 11

would last?

MR. SOUDERS: If as currently pled, two weeks.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Well, wow. I think I can probably start it, I can start it April 28th, but right now I have another case set for March 31.

Let, well let me ask this, Mr. Souders -well let me start with Mr. Gordon, where do you think the case should be tried?

MR. GORDON: We suggested since opposing counsel, Respondent's counsel, Your Honor, is based

22 here, we suggested that it might be best tried in 23 Washington, D.C., but Mr. Souders demurred and 24 indicated that his client would like it in the

District of New Jersey.

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that schedule?

MR. SOUDERS: I have to tell you, Your Honor, that my client wants to get it -- they want to start before the 60 days or at around the 60 days and you've accommodated that and if that's the best you can do, we'll agree to that.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: I am fully committed to getting you started by the 60-day point. I don't think I can finish, though, and I think given the length of the case, we probably could not finish within the 60-day point anyway, so.

I'm sorry, say that again?

MR. SOUDERS: I said let me just explain, Your Honor.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes.

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MR. SOUDERS: This has, the charges have had a detrimental affect on our client.

On February 5th they lost the sale of a portfolio of loans because of these notice of charges. I'm prepared to document that and submit it if we can submit it in camera, but I cannot overemphasize the detrimental affect of what has happened here on PHH and its related entities, so if I sound a little bit pushy, I apologize, but there has been damage to this company and they want to get this done as quickly as possible.

That's my instructions from my client and I appreciate starting on the 24th.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. I understand. We have the same role at the SEC and I have accommodated at least one case before on exactly the same grounds, so I understand exactly what you're saying.

Mr. Gordon, any objection to starting on March 24th in Philadelphia?

MR. GORDON: Well, Your Honor, our concern at this point is that we're, we're not convinced necessarily and we have to look at the rule and statute that it is, in fact, a right on the part of Respondents to have the hearing within 60 days. We

call it, which is July 21st, 2011, HUD had exclusive Federal responsibility for enforcing RESPA and now we do following the transfer date. And the practical result of that in this case was that certain investigations were transferred to the Bureau, we pursued and extended those investigations, including the investigation that led to the initiation of this proceeding and in the course of that we were provided with a very large number of documents that HUD had acquired through administrative subpoena.

To give you an idea of the scale we're talking about, we believe that pursuant to Rule 206, and I'm speaking approximately here, but on the order of 100,000 documents are part of our obligation under Section A of that rule and not subject to any exceptions for withholdings.

Now about 21,000 of those were PHH's own documents which we duly produced back to them on February 5th, I believe. But as I say, this is, this is a very fact-intensive case.

As we have proceeded based on our understanding of Rule 206, I should tell you that PHH has expressed to us a somewhat different understanding of Rule 206 in terms of the breadth of our obligation suggesting, among other things, that we are obliged to

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just have to assess that issue. So we want to reserve our rights.

What I was going to address with the Court was a few of the practical concerns that we had which led to the schedule that we proposed.

Now I understand August won't work for you and we hear that, but there are some issues which I think would make a very aggressive schedule like starting in March or even April impracticable and they relate particularly to the document disclosure obligations that we have under Rule 206.

If I may, I'd like to address those a little bit.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes, go ahead. Go ahead. MR. GORDON: We have been working diligently since actually before the filing of the notice of charges to meet those obligations under 206 as we understand them. We notified 10 third parties on the date of filing that under Rule 119, which is the confidentiality rule, that they may have rights to assert and we have been in touch with them.

We're in a slightly unusual posture in this investigation because, and this informs the document disclosure issue, because we stand in the shoes of HUD which prior to the Dodd-Frank transfer date, as we

provide only material or relevant documents as I understand it as it goes to, essentially, as I understand it, the practice at the SEC under a similar rule, the investigative file less those things that are subject to narrow exceptions like privilege and so forth.

We're comfortable that the plain language of the rule and the commentary is supportive of this and so we feel we're obliged to give them that body of documents that I've described to you which comprises both documents we have from HUD which date back to, in some cases, 2008 and also documents that the Bureau has acquired through the CIDs and so forth since the transfer dates.

We are, with respect to the document disclosures, there is this intervening confidentiality issue and we've been trying to do whatever we can as one party to this matter with obviously a Respondent and a number of third parties out there involved as well to see if we can reach agreement on a stipulated

I'm happy to say that it appears that we have reached agreement with PHH. We just got their last mark-up less than two hours before the hearing, but I had a glance at it, we've had some back and

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forth, some good discussions with Mr. Souders and I think we are, we are all square on that.

I'm obliged to tell you, however, that with respect to the 10 third parties, some of them have conditionally consented to do the disclosure of their documents to PHH but have attached a series of conditions in the Protective Order that Enforcement counsel are not comfortable agreeing with.

So we haven't any universal agreement to report on that issue and we just, we put that to the Court for your resolution, to the extent it needs to

But I'm hopeful, Mr. Souders can tell you for himself, but I'm hopeful that we can, the parties, at least, can submit a joint stipulated Order as between us, at least, very soon. And that's...

So just sort of summing up, the consequence of all this, and as you may have gleaned from the papers that you've seen so far in this case and as I think you probably will glean from the papers that you're going to receive shortly from us, there are a number of complicated and highly document-intensive issues at issue here and so we believe that a. although we understand August isn't practicable for a hearing date, we would suggest a date that is after

for them to dump 100,000 documents on us.

That being said, we're going to do whatever it takes because of the position they put our client in. We want to move forward on the 24th. We'll take their documents as they get them, but with respect to the Rule 26 obligations, we would like the opportunity to explain why what they're doing is not sufficient.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Well that's fine. I, if there is a dispute over the, over Enforcement's production, whatever that dispute may be, then the parties are free to file motions with me. Enforcement may file a motion for a Protective Order and Respondents may file a motion to compel or whatever, whatever kind of relief you're seeking.

MR. SOUDERS: Okay.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: And I will resolve those as they come up.

I, Mr. Gordon, let me make sure I understand, sir, the gist of what you're saying, there are these third parties who object to the production of a number of documents in your investigative file and you're not in a position yet to turn those documents over?

> Is that basically what you're saying? MR. GORDON: Well, they have conditionally

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March 31st, preferably a month after.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. And, Mr. Gordon, when you refer to Orders, or Order, I should say, are you talking about a Protective Order?

MR. GORDON: Yes, sir, I'm sorry. That's what I meant, Your Honor.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay.

MR. SOUDERS: Your Honor, may I respond to all that?

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Go ahead, Mr. Souders. MR. SOUDERS: Okay. A couple things, Your Honor. They've been, this has been under investigation by the CFPB itself for more than two years. They decided to go ahead and file these charges on two hours notice and we're, and we immediately moved to dismiss, as you can see from the docket sheet, three days after they were filed.

This is not a lot of disputed facts. The facts are what the facts are.

Now, with respect to their Rule 26 obligations, we would like to submit a brief to the Court because, or to Your Honor, because under their rule and the commentary they submitted with it, it is not satisfactory for them to give us back every document we gave them, nor do we believe it's adequate consented, subject to the entry of your Protective Order, Your Honor.

And the, as I've communicated, some of them have objected to the draft stipulated Order that we shared with them which is, which was fairly similar to what we've now agreed on with PHH, although different in one significant respect.

One thing I wanted to make sure that the Court understood, though, following on from all of this is that we understand our obligations to be not to disclose or use those documents until these confidentiality concerns are resolved and there is an Order. And now with that and with Mr. Souders' prospective motion on that, that's building in yet more time.

I mean to the extent that Respondents are willing to waive the right to receive documents and proceed with the hearing anyway, third-party documents, that is, which are subject to confidentiality claims, that would be one thing. But if they are not, I don't really see how this is a practicable schedule starting March 31st.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. MR. SOUDERS: We're not, I'm sorry, Your Honor --

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HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yeah, go ahead, Mr. Souders. MR. SOUDERS: We're not going to waive

anything, Your Honor. We'll put it in our brief and they can respond to it. If this is an issue, we can revisit it after the Court decides whether they have this additional obligation.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Very well. Well, Mr. Souders, can you direct me -well, no. Actually, hold on, no, I think I've found it. Okay.

So I'm trying to read the rules regarding the 30- and 60-day requirements and they don't actually seem to be written in to the rules, they seem to be part of the commentary. I'm referring now to the commentary to the Scheduling Conference rule, Section 203, where it says that -- well no, hold on now, let me look here.

So it refers to paragraph B1 of Section 203 and this pertains to a requirement in Section 1053B of Dodd-Frank.

Can I get a representation, I'll ask Mr. Gordon about this, can I get a representation that this case is brought under 1053B? I see that it refers to 1053, but I don't see 1053B anywhere.

need relief in any fashion, just send me a motion and --

MR. VAZIRE: Your Honor?

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes, go ahead.

MR. VAZIRE: Your Honor, I'm sorry, this is Navid from Office of Enforcement. I just want to clarify that we do not read Section 1053B to require the hearing to be held within 60 days and we certainly don't read it to give Respondent any rights to enforce, any subsequent rights with respect to deadlines and, in fact, I would point to Rule 106 which is clarifying that that is the case.

106 states exclusively that the deadlines for actions by the hearing officer established by a number of rules, including Rule 203, confer no substantive rights on the Respondents.

I say that only to suggest that we have more leeway here than is perhaps the assumption that we're proceeding under so far.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Well bear with me. Give me just a moment here. So 106. Okay. Well you're right about 106. It says it confers no substantive rights on Respondents.

Now let me look at, okay, so 12 USC, is it 12 USC?

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Mr. Gordon? MR. GORDON: Yes, Your Honor, 1053B is correct.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. Very good. So let me then go to Section 203 of the rules. Let's see. Okay. All right. I see. So 203, B, 1 says determination of dates and location of the hearing, including, in this proceeding, whether the hearing should commence later than 60 days after service of the notice of charges.

All right. Well, I think I'm going to have to assume that, without actually reading Section 1053B, I think that probably the commentary plus the rule itself together suggests that we really need to get the hearing commenced within 60 days after service of the notice of charges and I think really the best time to do that would be March 24th.

Now, Mr. Gordon, I hear what you're saying and I think that probably this provision trumps whatever difficulties you may be having with production of your file and I, of course, encourage the parties to communicate with each other and be civil and professional to one another to the extent that you can be and try to work this out.

But, again, if either party feels like they

1 MR. GORDON: Yes.

> 2 HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes, 12 USC,

3 Section 1053, okay. Well that's not.

MR. VAZIRE: It's section 5563, Your Honor.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, 5553. Sorry, okay.

MR. VAZIRE: It's 1053 of the Consumer

Financial Protection Act.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Got it. So 12 USC

Section 5553?

MR. VAZIRE: 63.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: 63.

MR. VAZIRE: Yeah.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: There we go. All right. Okay. Special rules for cease and desist proceedings. The notice shall fix a time and place at which a hearing will be held. Such hearing to be held not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after service, unless an earlier or later date is set by the Bureau at the request of any party so served.

Well, that strikes me as, it appears that this was not actually followed in this case because the notice does not give a time and place for the hearing. It leaves the, that determination up to me, but it does say that it's to be held not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after service, unless

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an earlier or later date is set by the Bureau at the request of any party so served.

So I think if I, the way I read that, if the Respondents want to have it held within 60 days after service, then I think we need to do that.

So I'm going to, I'm going to overrule the Enforcement's request for a later start date and we'll just have to do the best we can in terms of getting the investigative file produced.

And so we'll, we will commence the hearing March 24th in Philadelphia at a place to be determined. We will look, our office will look for a hearing location, probably one of the Federal Courts in Philadelphia.

All right. Okay. So I, I agree with the Respondents that that is actually a substantive requirement of the rules.

Okay. Next issue, let's see here. Give me a moment, please. All right.

So I've received the Respondent's answer. I received the motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, for summary disposition. We've talked about the investigative file, the date and location of the hearing.

And now according to Rule 203, we're

proposed a date which I think was 10 days before August 4th, or July 21st.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Mr. Souders, do you want to be heard on that?

MR. SOUDERS: I do, Your Honor, because I think one thing that needs to figure in to this are expert reports. So we have exchanged with them, I don't believe we exchanged a witness date, but 10 days prior to the hearing is fine with us. But expert reports, we had a suggestion that we sent over to them which I think is still workable.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. What, what did you, did you suggest 10 days beforehand? What did you suggest?

MR. SOUDERS: Yes, okay. I'm sorry, Your Honor. We suggested that expert reports be exchanged by February 26th, that depositions of experts be held on the 5th, 6th or 7th of March, and that rebuttal reports be due March 17th, which is still prior to the 24th, a week ahead of time.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. And was that on the assumption that the hearing would start at March 31?

> MR. SOUDERS: It was, Your Honor, but --HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Okay. Well,

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supposed to talk about a number of other things, including settlement, amendments to pleadings, simplification and clarification of the issues.

I think at this point all I can really say about that is that if the parties want to amend their pleadings, simply file a motion.

If the parties want to depose a witness, again, file a motion.

All right. So have the parties, I'll direct this to Mr. Gordon, have the parties discussed any kind of pre-hearing schedule? If not, that's fine, I'll set one right now. I have one that I prefer using, but have you talked about any proposed pre-hearing schedules such as exchange of witness lists and so forth?

MR. GORDON: We haven't, separate from our just suggestion when we met and conferred, Enforcement counsel, to get the date for the pre-hearing submission, which contains witness lists, exhibit lists and so forth.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, okay, what is that date?

MR. GORDON: Well we had proposed, under the rules, as I understand it, it had to occur no less than 10 days before the date of hearing, so we had

let's see here. I think I would rather have the exchange of materials except for expert reports be a little bit earlier, maybe 14 days.

So we're looking now at March 24th, so the parties would exchange exhibit lists, witness lists and a complete set of pre-marked exhibits March 10th and then otherwise I'm, I have no problem with your proposed expert discovery or expert exchange of expert materials and depositions schedule.

Mr. Gordon, do you have any objection to what Mr. Souders said about the experts?

MR. GORDON: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't think that we're in a position to agree. I'm not trying to be contrary, but just because of this issue of the extent to which we can use documents in all of those things that these deadlines pertain to, whether they're expert reports or witness lists or exhibits lists and the exhibits, themselves, of course, because that's our position at present.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: I understand, okay. Aside from that objection, I understand what you're saying, aside from that objection, do you have any objection to the schedule Mr. Souders proposed?

MR. GORDON: Yeah, I mean if we could get a bit more time, Your Honor, I think we could make it a

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Yeah, I mean there's a question of the expert's availability and that sort of thing, just practicalities.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Well, I think that even the schedule Mr. Souders has proposed is really rather aggressive given a start date of March 24.

Now keep in mind, we're only going to be able to go for about a week at first and then we'll take a few weeks off. In fact, we'll take about a month off, really, and then come back for another

So the first week, if the parties plan on presenting whatever evidence they can that may not raise any of the issues that are presented by experts or by the difficulties with the third parties and disclosure of the third-party information, then that might make things go more smoothly that first week, but I think given the fact that we're starting March 24th, we really do need a fairly aggressive expert schedule.

Well let me ask this, let me direct this to Mr. Souders, pardon me, what if we were to not have rebuttal reports until after the first week of the hearing? So in other words, the rebuttal reports

and exhibit lists, and off the top of my head I can't remember if there's a rule about filing exhibits, but if there is, then follow the rule. If the rule does not require that you file your exhibits before the hearing, then don't do that and don't send me a copy.

But, since it appears that I'm able to access everything that you've filed, and you don't need to send me any courtesy copies of anything; you may, if you like, I have no problem with that. If you want to send me something by way of courtesy copy, you can E-mail it to me at ALJ@SEC.gov, but so far it looks like the electronic filing system that the CFPB has is working perfectly well, so I don't really need courtesy copies of anything.

Now, in view of the fact that I have the motion for summary disposition, I don't feel the need for pre-hearing briefs.

So let me start with Mr. Gordon, I propose that we waive pre-hearing briefs. Do you have any objection to that?

MR. GORDON: I think it's actually -- given the schedule, we do not, Your Honor, thank you.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Mr. Souders, do you have any objection to that?

MR. SOUDERS: Can I ask a question first,

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would be due sometime in April?

MR. SOUDERS: So as long as we did the initial reports and the depositions, I'd be fine with that. Your Honor.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. So let's try this, then, we'll make, we'll make the expert reports due March 3 and then you can do depositions the following week, that is, the week of March 10th through the 14th, and then we'll make rebuttal reports due, let's say, April 21.

Okay. All right, Mr. Souders, any objection to that schedule?

MR. SOUDERS: No, that's fine, Your Honor, thank you.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Mr. Gordon, again, I understand your basic objection. Any objection to that schedule?

MR. GORDON: No, subject to what I said earlier, we appreciate it, Your Honor.

> HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. Very well. Okay. So, now let me, let me mention a

little bit about what you're supposed to exchange.

On the 10th of March, the parties, as I say, should exchange witness lists and exhibit lists and pre-marked exhibits. Please file your witness lists

Your Honor? 1

> HONORABLE ELLIOT: Yes, go ahead. MR. SOUDERS: Are we going to have oral argument on this, on this motion?

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, remind me, we'll get to that in a second. We'll get to that in a second.

But do you have any objection -- but, well, okay, do you want me to answer that question before you answer the question about pre-hearing briefs?

MR. SOUDERS: Here's the only thing I was going to say, Your Honor, is depending on if you happen to rule on certain parts of these issues, not that you happen to rule, but depending on how you rule, it may be beneficial to have something else, but that was my only sort of point, is that depending on what, if part of the case goes away you may find it beneficial, but I'm not asking to just simply write more briefs. I think we've laid it out pretty well.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right. So let's address then the issue of oral argument on summary disposition motion. That's fine with me.

The, I have not actually sat down and calculated when Enforcement's response is due, but it looks like the reply brief would be due sometime in March; is that right, Mr., let me ask Mr. Souders,

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when do you think we'd be in a position to have an oral argument?

MR. SOUDERS: I think we'd be in a position to have oral arguments the week of March 3rd, Your Honor, and we, if necessary, and I believe the Enforcement division at least indicated the other day they were filing next Thursday, we'd be happy to get our reply in early by the end of February and the week of March 3rd is good, any day but the 4th for us, Your Honor.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: All right.

MR. SOUDERS: And if it would assist in scheduling, if the SEC or someplace has a facility down here, we'd be willing to do that here.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay, so we can, I mean I'm available the week of March 3rd to the 7th.

Let me ask Mr. Gordon, do you have any objection to oral argument on the motion for summary disposition?

MR. GORDON: We don't, Your Honor. I did want to mention, if I may, also, one thing that we had discussed at the meet and confer was that we had expected Enforcement counsel to move for summary disposition ourselves, so I wanted to make sure that that wasn't lost in all of this.

summary disposition and let's do that, let's see, let's try March 4th --

MR. SOUDERS: Oh, Your Honor, that was the one day that we were -- had a conflict.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, okay. Well fine. Let's try March 5 then.

MR. SOUDERS: Okay. Thank you.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: And, Mr. Gordon, are there, is there a facility at the CFPB where we can hold the oral argument?

MR. GORDON: Offhand, Your Honor, I don't know that there is someplace suitable. I'm happy to look into it.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. Well that's okay. In that case, then, we'll hold it at the SEC office. We actually have a pretty good Courtroom here and we'll be, our office will be in communication with both sides in order to get security taken care of because in order to get everyone in here, everyone is going to have to be on our security list, which is sometimes an inconvenience, unfortunately. But we'll work with you to make that happen.

So let's say March 5, at, let's say 1:30 and I will, I'll issue an Order after this conference that we'll talk about that and I'll tell you how much time

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Oh, okay. Well, I think at this point it would be impractical to try to combine the two because if you were to file, if enforcement were to file its motion for summary disposition today, one, two, three, oh, briefing wouldn't be done until pretty much the start of the hearing.

So, I mean my response to that is that you're free to file a motion for summary disposition, but I don't know that we would be in a position to hold oral argument on it, especially because it would be right before, the briefing would be complete right before the start of the hearing and, you know, I think that would just not be practical.

MR. VAZIRE: Your Honor, this is Navid Vazire. I think that's fine that we don't necessarily need oral argument on our own motion, but I just would like to point out that we will be relying on evidence that we've obtained from third parties in which we are at least currently not permitted to share with Respondents, so that's the position that we find ourselves in, given the schedule that we're talking about.

HONORABLE ELLIOT: Understood. So let's hold an oral argument on the pending motion for

you'll get. I'm flexible in how much time you want. For example, if the parties want to go an hour each, that's fine, or we can adjust it when we show up for the oral argument. Or if the parties want more time,

the oral argument. Or if the parties want more time, as you prepare for it, just tell me and I'll, I can extend the time period or shorten it if you'd like,

just file a motion.

Okay. So March 5 at 1:30 we'll have oral argument on the pending motion for summary disposition and I'll tell you what, I will decide whether or not we should have pre-hearing briefs for the hearing after that oral argument, okay?

So I'll take up Mr. Souders' suggestion that we not decide that until after we get a little more into the motions for summary disposition.

MR. SOUDERS: Thank you, Your Honor.
HONORABLE ELLIOT: Okay. Let's see here.
Let me just talk about subpoenas a little bit. The,
the subpoena process that I like to employ is if you
send me a request for subpoenas, I look them over and
if I see no problems with them, at least they don't
appear to me to be problematic on their face, then I
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