

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**

No. 11-130 C

(Filed February 11, 2014)

RETURN MAIL, INC., )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
THE UNITED STATES, )  
Defendant. )

**ORDER**

The parties filed a joint status report on January 13, 2014, informing the court that settlement discussions are moving forward, but that the parties intended to discuss a schedule to govern in the event that the case cannot be resolved. *See* Doc. 56. On January 31, 2014, the parties filed a second joint status report, including two proposed schedules. *See* Doc. 57.

Because the parties were unable to agree on a schedule, the court sets the following schedule:

- September 26, 2014** Close of fact discovery
- November 7, 2014** Disclosure of expert reports in compliance with RCFC 26(a)(2)(B) & (C) for any expert who may be used at trial to present evidence on any issue for which a party has the burden of proof at trial
- December 5, 2014** Disclosure of any expert reports in compliance with RCFC 26(a)(2)(B) & (C) for any expert who may be used at trial to present evidence to rebut any expert testimony offered by a party that has the burden of proof at trial
- January 16, 2015** Depositions of expert witnesses to be completed
- January 30, 2015** Post discovery conference

- February 13, 2015** Meeting of counsel in accordance with RCFC Appendix A, ¶ 13
- March 13, 2015** Pretrial submissions in accordance with RCFC Appendix A, ¶¶ 14(a), 14(d), 15, and 16 directed to issues for which a party has the burden of proof
- April 17, 2015** Responsive pretrial submissions in accordance with RCFC Appendix A, ¶¶ 14(a), 14(d), 15, and 16
- May 1, 2015** Further responsive submissions in accordance with RCFC Appendix A, ¶ 14(c), and stipulations, if any, in accordance with RCFC Appendix A, ¶ 17
- May 22, 2015** Pretrial conference
- June 8, 2015** Trial begins

If either party has a good-faith objection to this schedule, it must inform the court no later than 14 days from the date of this order. The court recognizes, of course, that needs may arise to adjust deadlines as the litigation progresses. Either party may, for good cause, move the court to revise the schedule should changes become necessary.

Also within 14 days of this order, the parties shall inform the court whether a status conference is required at this time.

**SO ORDERED.**

s/ James F. Merow  
James F. Merow  
Senior Judge