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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

317<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

**BENCH TRIAL DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

The following was agreed-to by the parties and/or ORDERED by the Court:

- Check this box for a **LEVEL 2 Discovery Control Plan** pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

-OR-

- Check this box for a **LEVEL 3 Discovery Control Plan** and complete the below items:

1. The deadline to file **amended pleadings** is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The deadline for filing **special exceptions** to pleadings is: \_\_\_\_\_

3. All **written discovery** shall be propounded by: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Limits on **interrogatories and requests for production**: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Limits for **depositions**: \_\_\_\_\_

6. All **discovery shall be completed by**: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Designations of Experts**: any party seeking affirmative relief on an issue shall provide a designation of testifying experts by \_\_\_\_\_; any party not seeking affirmative relief on an issues shall provide a designation of its testifying experts by \_\_\_\_\_

8. All **dispositive motions** (summary judgment, plea to the jurisdiction, plea in abatement, etc.) shall be filed and heard by: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Discovery requests** must be propounded in adequate time to allow a timely response by the above deadline.
- All **Daubert / Dupont expert challenges** must be filed at least 10 days before any court proceeding or trial.

- **Mediation** is required in all cases that will take **more than three hours** of court time. Mediation is \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ acting as mediator.
  
- **Interview of Child / Children in Chambers.** If requested, the child interview per 153.009 is set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Unless the interview is scheduled on this order or is docketed with the Court before the day of trial, it is waived. Do not bring children to Court until the time scheduled or as otherwise directed by the Court.)*
  
- A Pre-Trial / Announcement Hearing is scheduled for Friday, \_\_\_\_\_, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.  
*(In lieu of appearing before the Court for the trial announcement, all parties may respond and file the Trial Announcement Letter by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the Thursday prior to the trial setting.)*
  
- **Bench Trial / Court Proceeding.** This matter is set for a Final Court Proceeding / Trial before the Court on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .M.
  
- **Time Requested for Trial** - \_\_\_\_\_ hours per side. (No more than 2.5 hours per side without approval of court.)

Signed and Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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 JUDGE GORDON FRIESZ

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Counsel for Petitioner –or-  
 Petitioner if self-represented

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 Counsel for Respondent – or-  
 Respondent if self-represented

If opposing counsel or a self-represented party will not agree to this this order or agree to a trial date, please file a letter with the Court describing your efforts and submit your proposed scheduling order to the court.