

- 1 5. On September 23, 2016, counsel for the parties held an initial telephonic conference
2 in which they agreed to engage in a substantive settlement conference. On the same
3 day, Complainant filed a status report and motion for extension of prehearing
4 deadlines.
- 5 6. On October 25, 2016, the parties agreed to engage in ADR in order to facilitate
6 settlement. Judge Buschmann was thereafter assigned to oversee ADR.
- 7 7. On February 17, 2017, Judge Buschmann recommended termination of ADR
8 following a party's election to withdraw from ADR.
- 9 8. On February 24, 2017, the newly assigned Presiding Officer in this case, Judge
10 Coughlin, issued a Second Prehearing Order requiring a Status Report regarding a
11 settlement conference between the parties and the status of settlement. The Second
12 Prehearing Order additionally required a statement filed by each party identifying its
13 preference for the location of the hearing before the Presiding Officer.
- 14 9. On March 17, 2017, Complainant filed a Status Report and Request for Extension of
15 Time due an unforeseen health-related issue preventing the parties from holding a
16 settlement conference prior to the submission of the Status Report.
- 17 10. On March 21, 2017, the Presiding Officer issued the Order Granting Joint Request for
18 Extension of Time requiring: 1) the parties to engage in a settlement discussion on or
19 before March 24, 2017; 2) Complainant to file a status report on or before March 29,
20 2017 regarding the status of settlement; and 3) for each party to file a statement
21 identifying the party's preference for the location of a hearing by March 29, 2017.

