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Cancellation No. 92068733

Runbeck Election Services, Inc.

v.

Vocem LLC

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The parties' stipulated motion, filed August 15, 2018, to extend trial dates by 60 is noted.¹

The parties are seeking 60 days suspension to allow the parties time to discuss settlement. However, the Trademark Rules places on the parties a shared responsibility to conference to discuss the scope of discovery and to plan for disclosures and the conduct of discovery, and to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss settlement, as explained in the Board's institution order of June 12, 2018. Therefore, inasmuch as the parties request for suspension is to continue their settlement discussion, the Board does not find a good cause to delay the parties required conference to allow for settlement talks when the parties are required to

¹ Respondent's answer to the petition to cancel, filed July 23, 2018 is noted.

discuss settlement in the conference.² See “Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules,” 72 Fed. Reg. 42242, 42245 (Aug. 1, 2007).

Accordingly, the parties’ stipulated motion for 60 days suspension is hereby **denied without prejudice**. The Board will consider future requests for suspension or extension, once the parties have their discovery conference.

Conferencing, disclosure, discovery and all subsequent trial dates remain as set in the Board’s June 12, 2018 order.

² The deadline for the parties’ discovery conference is set to expire on August 21, 2018. In their stipulated motion for suspension, the parties have not indicated if they already have had their discovery conference.