IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 19-A
This Document Relates to All Actions

Amended Scheduling Order Governing First Water Provider Bellwether Trial

This CMO 19-A amends the schedule set forth in CMO 19 for the Water Provider Bellwether Trial Pool cases. Specifically, this CMO 19-A allows for some additional time for Tier Two fact discovery and amends certain other deadlines. The resulting schedule is as follows:

- 1. <u>Tier Two fact discovery</u>: The parties shall complete Tier Two fact discovery by February 21, 2022.
- 2. <u>Expert disclosures</u>: Plaintiff shall submit its expert disclosures by March 17, 2022. Defendants shall submit their expert disclosures by April 28, 2022. Rebuttal expert reports shall be submitted by May 12, 2022.
- 3. Expert discovery: The parties shall complete expert depositions by June 30, 2022.
- 4. <u>Summary judgment and *Daubert* motions</u>: The parties shall file motions for summary judgment and *Daubert* motions by July 18, 2022. Response in opposition briefs shall be filed by August 15, 2022. Replies in support briefs shall be filed by August 30, 2022.
- 5. Recommendation of first bellwether case for trial: The parties shall file their recommendation, with supporting memoranda, of the first bellwether case for trial by September 15, 2022.
- 6. <u>Designation of first bellwether case for trial</u>: The Court will designate the first bellwether case for trial by September 30, 2022.
- 7. <u>Pretrial motions</u>: The parties shall file pretrial motions and motions *in limine* by October 14, 2022. Response in opposition briefs shall be filed by October 21, 2022.
- 8. <u>Pretrial disclosures</u>: The parties shall file and exchange Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) pretrial disclosures twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of jury selection. Within fourteen (14) days thereafter, a party shall file and exchange Rule 26(a)(3) objections, any objections of a deposition designation by another party, and any deposition counter-designations, pursuant to Rule 32(a)(4).

- 9. <u>Pretrial briefs</u>: The parties shall furnish the Court with and serve their pretrial briefs ten (10) business days prior to the date of jury selection (Local Civil Rule 26.05). At least five (5) business days prior to this deadline to submit pretrial briefs, counsel shall meet to exchange and mark all exhibits (Local Civil Rule 26.07).
- 10. <u>Trial</u>: This case is subject to being called for jury selection and/or trial on or after January 1, 2023.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Richard Mark GergelRichard Mark GergelUnited States District Judge

November 30, 2021 Charleston, South Carolina