IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTIE

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

Administrative General Order 2012-04

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY MOTIONS IN ALL CIVIL CASES BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGES KELLY H. RANKIN AND MARK L. CARMAN

AMENDED ORDER

This Amended Order reflects the addition of Judge Mark L. Carman to the original Order filed by Judge Kelly H. Rankin on June 22, 2012.

In an effort to avoid potentially unnecessary discovery disputes, parties in all cases assigned or referred to the Honorable Kelly H. Rankin or the Honorable Mark L. Carman shall follow the following procedure prior to submitting any written motion for discovery.

First, most discovery disputes, especially those dealing with (1) scheduling or calendaring issues; (2) the number, length, or form of oral or written questions; (3) the responsiveness of answers to oral or written questions; and (4) the mechanics of document production, including protective orders and the proper method of raising claims of privilege, should be resolved by counsel without court intervention. Therefore, parties are to strictly comply with Local Rule 7.1(b)(1)(A) and shall confer orally in person or by telephone regarding any discovery dispute. In the event that the parties cannot settle the discovery dispute on their own, then counsel shall jointly contact chambers for approval prior to filing any written discovery motion. The Court will attempt to resolve as many

disputes as possible in this informal manner. If the Court determines that the issue requires the formal filing of a motion and briefing, the Court will permit the parties to file a written motion. No written motions on discovery disputes will be considered unless this process is followed.

Dated this Z3 day of January, 2014.

Kelly H. Rankin

Chief United States Magistrate Judge