IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURS. DISTRICT COURT OF WYOMING

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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Administrative General Order 2011-08

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY MOTIONS IN ALL CIVIL CASES BEFORE NANCY D. FREUDENTHAL, CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

## **ORDER**

Until the appointment of a Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming, effective December 19, 2011, non-dispositive civil matters will be handled by the district court judge assigned to the case. In an effort to avoid potentially unnecessary discovery disputes, parties in all cases assigned to the Honorable Nancy D. Freudenthal 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 20 day of December, 2011.

Nancy D. Freudenthal

Chief United States District Judge