

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**Instructions Regarding
Notice of Availability of a United States Magistrate Judge
to Exercise Jurisdiction Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73,
and D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2**

Attached please find a copy of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado Local Rules of Practice 72.2 (D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2), a Notice of Availability of a Magistrate Judge to Exercise Jurisdiction and Consent to the Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge, and a proposed Order of Reference.

Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2, it is the responsibility of the filing party to serve a copy of these instructions, D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2, and the attached forms on the opposing party or parties and to file proof of such service with the court. The filing party is the plaintiff when an action is commenced by the filing of a complaint, the defendant when an action is commenced by the filing of a notice of removal, the third-party plaintiff when a third-party complaint is filed, or any party that adds an additional party to the civil action.

If ALL parties have consented to this exercise of jurisdiction please file the Notice and Consent and proposed Order of Reference. In accordance with D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2(d), the Notice and Consent must be filed (1) seven days before the scheduling conference, if any; or (2) 45 days after the filing of the first response, other than an answer, to the operative complaint, whichever is earlier.

If any additional parties are added after the entry of an Order of Reference to the magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), the party adding an additional party or parties MUST file with the clerk a document titled "Notice," which informs the clerk that an additional party has or parties have been added. The notice MUST provide the added party's address, or parties' addresses, so that the clerk can serve a copy of these instructions, D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2, and attached forms upon the newly added party or parties in accordance with D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2(f). This mailing will be completed promptly.

You are encouraged to serve the summons and complaint promptly so that the added party or parties will understand the reason for being sent the attached forms from the Clerk's Office.

D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2

CONSENT JURISDICTION OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

- (a) **Designation.** Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1) and subject to this rule, a full-time magistrate judge is designated specially to conduct any or all proceedings in any jury or nonjury civil action and order the entry of judgment in the case.
- (b) **Prohibition.** No judicial officer, court official, or court employee may attempt to influence the granting or withholding of consent to the reference of any civil matter to a magistrate judge. The form of notice of right to consent to disposition by a magistrate judge shall make reference to the prohibition and shall identify the rights being waived.
- (c) **Notice.** On the filing of any civil action, the clerk shall deliver to the plaintiff(s) written notice of the right of the parties to consent to disposition of the civil action by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and the provisions of this rule. A copy of the notice shall be attached to the summons and served on the defendant(s). A failure to serve a copy of such notice on a defendant shall not affect the validity of the service of process or personal jurisdiction over the defendant(s).
- (d) **Unanimous Consent; Determination.** To consent to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), all parties shall complete and file a Consent to the Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge form HERE. Unless otherwise ordered by the assigned district judge, written consent to proceed before a magistrate judge must be filed no later 1) seven days before the scheduling conference, if any; or (2) 45 days after the filing of the first response, other than an answer, to the operative complaint, whichever is earlier. When there is such consent, the magistrate judge shall forthwith notify the assigned district judge, who will then determine whether to enter an order of reference under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).
- (e) **Assignment.** On entry of an order of reference under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), the civil action shall be assigned to the magistrate judge currently assigned to the case.
- (f) **Additional Parties.** Any party added to the action or served after reference to a magistrate judge under this rule shall be notified by the clerk of the right to consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by the magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If an added party does not file a consent to proceed before the magistrate judge within 21 days from the date of mailing of the notice, the action shall be returned to the assigned district judge for further proceedings.
- (g) **Vacating Reference.** A reference of a civil matter to a magistrate judge may be vacated under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(4).

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Civil Action No. _____

_____,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

_____,

Defendant(s).

ORDER OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 636 (c)

Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2, on the _____ day of _____, _____, Magistrate Judge _____ notified the court of the parties' unanimous consent to disposition of the above action by a United States Magistrate Judge. Now, therefore, being sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

The above action is referred for disposition to the magistrate judge currently assigned to the case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (c).

BY THE COURT:

DATED: _____

United States District Court Judge