IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDER ON DISMISSAL OF ACTIONS IN CASES PENDING BEFORE JUDGE ROBERT SCHROEDER

A consistent and uniform manner of parties dismissing an action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41 is of material benefit to the parties, attorneys, and the Court as it promotes the Court's ability to monitor and manage its docket. Having an order directing the clerk to close the action when appropriate achieves this goal.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that any request for dismissal under Rule 41, whether by notice, stipulation, or motion, include a proposed order dismissing the action. The proposed order **shall** comply with the format described in Local Rule CV-7(a), clearly indicate whether the dismissal is with or without prejudice, and, if applicable, provide that any pending requested relief is denied as moot.

Further, in addition to the above proposed order of dismissal, the Court **ORDERS** the plaintiff to provide a separate proposed Final Judgment when the plaintiff is seeking to dismiss the last remaining defendant. The proposed Final Judgment shall comply with the format described in Local Rule CV-7(a) and reference the order(s) dismissing each defendant, such that the Final Judgment records the manner of dismissal of each defendant in the action. In consolidated cases, the proposed Final Judgment need only be filed when the final lead or member defendant is dismissed. In such instances, the proposed Final Judgment shall be filed in the lead case and clearly indicate each member defendant's dismissal.

SIGNED this 15th day of January, 2016.

Robert W Schroeder III

ROBERT W. SCHROEDER III
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE