

# EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

SIPCO, LLC, and IP CO, LLC  
(d/b/a INTUS IQ),

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 6:15-cv-907

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO., EMERSON  
PROCESS MANAGEMENT LLLP, FISHER-  
ROSEMOUNT SYSTEMS, INC.,  
ROSEMOUNT INC., BP, p.l.c., BP  
AMERICA, INC., and BP AMERICA  
PRODUCTION COMPANY,

Defendants.

**DOCKET CONTROL ORDER**

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

<p><b>3 DAYS after conclusion of Trial</b></p>	<p>Parties to file <b>Motion to Seal Trial Exhibits</b>, if they wish to seal any highly confidential exhibits.</p> <p><b>EXHIBITS: See Order Regarding Exhibits below.</b></p>
<p><b>May 22, 2017</b></p> <p><b>To be assigned by the Court</b></p> <p>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. JURY TRIAL before Judge Robert W. Schroeder III, Tyler, Texas.</b></p> <p>For planning purposes, parties shall be prepared to start the evidentiary phase of trial immediately following jury selection.</p>
<p><b>May 5, 2017</b></p> <p>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. JURY SELECTION before Judge Robert W. Schroeder III, Tyler, Texas.</b></p>

<p><b>April 13, 2017</b></p> <p>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE before Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, Tyler, Texas.</b></p> <p>Discuss trial logistics and <i>voir dire</i> procedure. Resolve any pending motions or objections. Lead trial counsel must attend the pretrial conference.</p>
<p><b>April 6, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>File a Notice of Time Requested for (1) voir dire, (2) opening statements, (3) direct and cross examinations, and (4) closing arguments.</b></p>
<p><b>April 6, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>File Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>.</b></p>
<p><b>March 30, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>File Motions <i>in Limine</i> and pretrial objections.</b></p> <p>The parties are <b>ORDERED</b> to meet and confer to resolve any disputes before filing any motion <i>in limine</i> or objection to pretrial disclosures.</p>
<p><b>March 30, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>File Joint Final Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions with citation to authority and Form of the Verdict for jury trials.</b></p> <p>Parties shall use the pretrial order form on Judge Schroeder’s website.</p> <p>Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with citation to authority for issues tried to the bench.</p>
<p><b>March 23, 2017</b></p>	<p>Exchange Objections to Rebuttal Deposition Testimony.</p>
<p><b>March 16, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting of Court Proceedings due.</b></p> <p>If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial or hearings, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and email the Court Reporter, Brenda Hightower Smith, at <a href="mailto:brenda_smith@txed.uscourts.gov">brenda_smith@txed.uscourts.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>March 16, 2017</b></p>	<p>Exchange Rebuttal Designations and Objections to Deposition Testimony.</p> <p>For rebuttal designations, cross examination line and page numbers to be included.</p> <p>In video depositions, each party is responsible for preparation of the final edited video in accordance with their parties’ designations and the Court’s rulings on objections.</p>

<p><b>March 16, 2017</b></p> <p>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. HEARING ON ANY REMAINING DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS (INCLUDING DAUBERT MOTIONS) before Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, Tyler, Texas.</b></p>
<p><b>March 2, 2017</b></p>	<p>Exchange Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof.</p> <p>Video and Stenographic Deposition Designation due. Each party who proposes to offer deposition testimony shall serve a disclosure identifying the line and page numbers to be offered.</p>
<p><b>January 2, 2017</b></p> <p>Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required</p>	<p><b>Any Remaining Dispositive Motions due from all parties and any other motions that may require a hearing (including Daubert motions).</b></p> <p>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u></p> <p>For each motion filed, the moving party shall provide the Court with one (1) copy of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in a three-ring binder appropriately tabbed. All documents SHALL be double-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to Judge Schroeder’s chambers in Texarkana as soon as briefing has completed.</p> <p><b>Respond to Amended Pleadings.</b></p>
<p><b>December 26, 2016</b></p>	<p>Parties to Identify Rebuttal Trial Witnesses.</p>
<p><b>December 19, 2016</b></p>	<p>Parties to Identify Trial Witnesses; Amend Pleadings (after <i>Markman</i> Hearing).</p> <p>It is not necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend before the deadline to amend pleadings. It is necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend after the deadline. However, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6, if the amendment would affect infringement contentions or invalidity contentions, a motion must be made pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6 irrespective of whether the amendment is made prior to this deadline.</p>
<p><b>December 12, 2016</b></p>	<p>Expert Discovery Deadline.</p>

<b>November 21, 2016</b>	Parties designate rebuttal expert witnesses (non-construction issues), rebuttal expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information.  If, without agreement, a party serves a supplemental expert report after the rebuttal expert report deadline has passed, the serving party must file notice with the Court stating service has occurred and the reason why a supplemental report is necessary under the circumstances.
<b>November 7, 2016</b>	Final Election of Asserted Prior Art.
<b>October 31, 2016</b>	Parties with burden of proof designate expert witnesses (non-construction issues). Expert witness reports due. Refer to Local Rules for required information.
<b>October 31, 2016</b>	Fact discovery deadline.
<b>October 13, 2016</b>	Comply with P.R. 3-7. (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
<b>October 10, 2016</b>	Final Election of Asserted Claims.
<b>September 22, 2016</b>  Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required	<b>Markman Hearing and hearing on any Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness at 9:00 a.m. before Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, Tyler, Texas.</b>
<b>September 8, 2016</b>	<b>P.R. 4-5(d) Chart due.</b>  The parties are to meet and confer and jointly submit a claim construction chart on computer disk in Word format listing each party's proposed construction for each of the terms to be addressed at the <i>Markman</i> hearing, including any terms purported to be indefinite. The parties should <u>prioritize</u> and list the terms <u>in order of most importance</u> ; the Court will address the terms in the prioritized order presented in the claim construction chart.

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