

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

<p>ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>ENERGY TRANSFER LP</p>	<p>C.A. No. 6:20-cv-773-ADA</p>
<p>ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>GENSLER ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN & PLANNING, P.C., et al.</p>	<p>C.A. No. 6:20-cv-774-ADA</p>
<p>ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>HWC WIRE & CABLE COMPANY</p>	<p>C.A. No. 6:20-cv-776-ADA</p>
<p>ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>HOWARD MIDSTREAM ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC</p>	<p>C.A. No. 6:20-cv-777-ADA</p>
<p>ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>SWBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, et al.</p>	<p>C.A. No. 6:20-cv-778-ADA</p>

AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 16, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court ORDERS that the following schedule will govern deadlines up to and including the trial of the above-captioned matters:

Current Date	New Date	Event
April 13, 2021	April 14, 2021	Plaintiff files Reply claim construction brief.

April 26, 2021	April 27, 2021	Defendant files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief.
April 28, 2021	April 29, 2021	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement. See General Issues Note #8 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical adviser (if appointed).
May 7, 2021		Parties submit optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical adviser (if appointed). ¹
May 14, 2021		Markman Hearing at 9:00 a.m.
May 17, 2021		Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a).
June 25, 2021		Deadline to add parties.
July 9, 2021		Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to Infringement or Invalidity contentions. This deadline does not relieve the Parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.
September 3, 2021		Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
October 11, 2021		Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's Law Clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.
November 12, 2021		Close of Fact Discovery.

¹ The parties should contact the law clerk to request a Box link so that the party can directly upload the file to the Court's Box account.

November 19, 2021		Opening Expert Reports.
December 20, 2021		Rebuttal Expert Reports.
January 10, 2022		Close of Expert Discovery.
January 14, 2022		Deadline for the second of two meet and confers to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. To the extent it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's Law Clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.
January 31, 2022		Dispositive motion deadline and Daubert motion deadline. See General Issues Note #8 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical adviser (if appointed).
February 11, 2022		Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
February 25, 2022		Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
March 4, 2022		Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures and File Motions in <i>limine</i> .
March 11, 2022		File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions in <i>limine</i> .
		File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court

March 18, 2022		proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com . Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions in <i>limine</i> .
March 25, 2022		File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions in <i>limine</i> .
April 1, 2022		Final Pretrial Conference. The Court expects to set this date at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing
April 11, 2022		Jury Selection/Trial. The Court expects to set these dates at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing.

Dated: April 15, 2021


ALAN D ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE