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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: TOBACCO LITIGATION (INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL INJURY CASES)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-C-5000 (Hon. Jack Alsop, Presiding Judge)

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES

ORDER GRANTING THE LIGGETT DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONTINUE DEADLINE FOR FILING REPLIES TO RESPONSES TO DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

Now come the Liggett Defendants, by counsel, and pursuant to *Rules* 1 and 16 of the *West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure*, move the Court to continue, by three (3) business days, the deadline for filing replies to responses to dispositive motions. (Transaction ID 63297689) In support of the motion the Liggett Defendants cite significant and unforeseen burdens imposed upon them by the Court's Order dated May 15, 2019 [TR # 63268375], which required the parties to identify the claims of Plaintiffs which they deem viable herein. The Liggett Defendants also assert the requested extension would not prejudice the Plaintiffs since the extension would not impact any deadlines applicable to the Plaintiffs, and the extension would allow the Liggett Defendants a more full and fair opportunity to effectively develop the issues in question in their pretrial filings. Moreover, the Liggett Defendants assert none of the requested extensions would affect the trial or pretrial dates previously established by the Court.

The Court, being advised of theses premises, and believing there to be just cause therefore, and finding that no prejudice to any party or adverse effect on judicial economy would result, **GRANTS** the motion and **ORDERS** the controlling Scheduling Order in this matter shall be amended to continue the current deadline for the filing of replies to responses to dispositive motions from May 31, 2019 to June 5, 2019. Objections and exceptions of any party aggrieved by this Order are duly noted.

ENTERED: May 30, 2019.

/s/ Jack Alsop Lead Presiding Judge Tobacco Litigation