



United States District Court

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

LR 37.2 EXPEDITED, INFORMAL PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCOVERY DISPUTES

Parties are to consider whether a discovery dispute may be resolved informally through a joint telephone conference with the district judge or magistrate judge. A party may provide a written request for joint discovery conference to the district judge or magistrate judge and serve such request on counsel for all parties and any pro se litigants. The written request must include confirmation from the requesting party that it has satisfied its meet-and-confer obligations.

The parties to the discovery dispute may submit a short letter of no more than three single-spaced pages, attaching the discovery requests that are the subject of dispute and anything else necessary to allow the judge to rule. If a party chooses to submit a letter setting out its position, the letter must be filed and served on all other parties through CM/ECF. No briefs, affidavits, or sworn declarations are to be filed unless requested by the judge.

The judge presiding over the joint conference may hear any additional arguments that the parties wish to present and may decide whether a telephonic hearing should occur, whether the hearing should be on the record, and whether the ruling should be in writing. Alternatively, the judge may direct that the parties proceed to file a formal motion in accordance with LR 7.1 and 37.1