

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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WATSON INDUSTRIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MURATA ELECTRONICS NORTH  
AMERICA, INC. and MURATA  
MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

02-C-524-C

On September 25, 2003, this court held a telephonic hearing on a discovery dispute brought to the court's attention by plaintiff's September 22, 2003 letter. (Dkt. 109) At the hearing, I constructively converted the letter into a discovery motion and granted the requested relief to this extent: for the purposes of counting against the deposition limit, a corporate party's Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses are considered one witness. Apart from this, to the extent that either side can show good cause for exceeding the deposition limit in this case, the court will grant leave for additional depositions as justice requires. This is not a green light for the parties to expand discovery, but a recognition of the realities of discovery in complex, commercial cases. The parties should conduct their discovery accordingly.

Hereafter, if the parties wish to bring a discovery dispute to the court's attention, they must do so by motion as outlined in the preliminary pretrial conference order.<sup>1</sup>

At the conference the parties also brought several simmering discovery disagreements to the court's attention. I declined to intervene at this stage, but directed the parties to see what they could work out themselves. They may always file a motion later.

Entered this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

BY THE COURT:

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup>As always, there could be limited exceptions for unexpected and time sensitive disputes, such as those arising in the middle of a deposition.