

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

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SONOSITE, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

07-C-273-C

On April 29, 2008, Sonosite filed a motion requesting issuance of letters rogatory to Norav Medical, Ltd., an Israeli company, and asked for “expedited review.” *See* dkts. 240-41. Having considered both sides’ submissions, I am granting the motion and cancelling the May 14 hearing as unnecessary.

There was a time not too long ago when this court routinely issued letters rogatory virtually *pro forma*. Now, however, the confluence of a new CM/ECF program and the four-month loss of a district judge have caused us to implement automatic motion management procedures that ensure the prompt resolution of most motions but sometimes complicate simple requests. The instant motion falls into the latter category. The court requested a response from GE; not surprisingly, it does not oppose the request for LRs, but it does not want the court to slow down the summary judgment or trial calendar as a result.

This is not going to happen. The July 12, 2007 preliminary pretrial conference order states that:

Parties are to undertake discovery in a manner that allows them to make or respond to dispositive motions within the scheduled deadlines. The fact that the general discovery deadline cutoff, set forth below, occurs after the deadlines for filing and briefing dispositive motions is not a ground for requesting an extension of the motion and briefing deadlines.

Dkt. 19 at 4.

Sonosite has not asked for any schedule changes in order for it to obtain information from Norav and it won't get any if it asks later. In light of this, there does not appear to be anything left to discuss, so I am cancelling the automatically-scheduled telephonic hearing.

Entered this 13th day of May, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge