

ORDERED.

Dated: November 12, 2021



Catherine Peek McEwen
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION
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In re:

Faith Elyzabeth Antonio,

Debtor.

Case No. 8:20-bk-07637-CPM
Chapter 7

DGP Products Inc. d/b/a Numeric Racing,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Faith Elyzabeth Antonio,

Defendant.

Adv. No. 8:20-ap-00537-CPM

**ORDER SUSPENDING OPERATION
OF LOCAL RULES 7001-1(j)(5) AND 7026-1(c) AND
DIRECTING ALL DISCOVERY REQUESTS, RESPONSES,
AND MATERIALS BE FILED OF RECORD UNTIL ORDERED OTHERWISE**

THIS PROCEEDING is considered on the Court's initiative for entry of an appropriate order. In this vigorously contested proceeding, the parties have struggled to proceed through discovery in a civil fashion. The record is replete with numerous instances of disputes regarding the production of documents, the completeness of responses, and compliance with Court directives. The Court, thus far, has endeavored to assist the parties during hearings to mitigate

these disputes. However, it has become clear that mere discussions on the record are not sufficient to ebb the tide of these discovery disputes. A more thorough and complete record is required in order to minimize the prospects of a “she said/he said” or “he said/she said” dispute concerning whether discovery actually has been sent or received.

Accordingly, and as discussed with the parties on the record at the hearing on November 10, 2021, the Court, pursuant to Local Rule 1001-1(c), finds good cause to suspend the operation of Local Rules 7001-1(j)(5) and 7026-1(c), which provide generally that discovery papers should not be filed with the Court. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, the parties shall file of record all discovery requests, responses, and materials relative to depositions, interrogatories, requests for documents or tangible things or to permit entry onto land, and requests for admissions. The parties are not prohibited, however, from seeking appropriate relief under Local Rule 5005-4 governing the filing of papers under seal.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

Clerk’s Office to serve.