

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROVIDENCE, SC.

SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,

Plaintiff,

v.

C.A. No. PC-2024-04526

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.,
AETNA BRIDGE COMPANY,
ARIES SUPPORT SERVICES INC.,
BARLETTA HEAVY DIVISION, INC.
BARLETTA/AETNA I-195 WASHINGTON
BRIDGE NORTH PHASE 2 JV,
COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.,
COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS &
CONSULTANTS, INC.,
JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.
MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
PRIME AE GROUP, INC.,
STEERE ENGINEERING, INC.,
TRANSYSYSTEMS CORPORATION, and
VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.,

Defendants.

ORDER

The Parties appeared before the Court-appointed Special Master, retired Associate Justice Netti C. Vogel, on July 10, 2026, regarding the status of ongoing discovery disputes. It is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

I. HEARING SCHEDULING

- a. On June 30, 2026, the Court entered an order issued by the Special Master following the hearing on June 18, 2026 ("Special Master Order No. 1"). That order set forth three separate sets of compliance dates referred to therein as the "First-Round Disputes and Deadlines," "Second-Round Disputes and Deadlines," and "Third-Round Disputes and Deadlines."

- i. Hearings on timely filed “First-Round” motions shall be held by Zoom on August 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., and shall also include:
 1. AECOM’s renewed motion to compel dated June 8, 2026; and
 2. AECOM’s dispute with the State relating to the State’s April 10, 2024, email cutoff date
- ii. Hearings on timely filed “Second-Round” motions shall be held by Zoom on August 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
- iii. Hearings on timely filed “Third-Round” motions, and the issues referenced below (if needed) that are to be heard with the Third-Round issues, shall be held by Zoom on September 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
 1. The following matters are moved to the Third Round (if needed), and any timely motions shall be filed pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1:
 - a. The JV’s contention that the State has not complied with the Court’s May 4, 2026 Order on the JV’s Third Motion to Compel, which required complete responses to JV Interrogatory Nos. 7 and 8;
 - b. AECOM’s dispute with the State as set forth in its June 19, 2026 deficiency letter; and
 - c. any issues arising out of the State’s Omnibus Privilege Log due to be produced by July 18, 2026.
- b. Any motions challenging compliance with orders issued following these three hearings must be filed promptly and shall be heard expeditiously.

II. SUPPLEMENTS TO SCHEDULING ORDER

- a. The Scheduling Order issued by Justice Stern on July 30, 2025 (the “Scheduling Order”) shall be supplemented solely as set forth herein. In all other respects, the Scheduling Order, as it relates to discovery, remains in full force and effect.

- i. Fact Discovery

1. November 2, 2026: Deadline for completion of all fact discovery, including depositions.

- ii. Experts

1. December 2, 2026: Deadline for any party that asserts an affirmative claim in this matter to make any expert witness disclosures and provide expert witness reports as to such affirmative claims pursuant to Rule 26(b)(4).
 2. February 16, 2027: Deadline for all parties to serve rebuttal expert disclosures and expert witness reports, if desired, pursuant to Rule 26(b)(4). Rebuttal expert disclosures shall be allowed even if the party making an affirmative claim has not disclosed an expert in support thereof.
 3. March 12, 2027: Deadline for all parties to serve responses to rebuttal expert disclosures and reports, if desired.
 4. Along with each disclosure, the party presenting the expert shall provide the opposing party or parties with dates on which the expert

is available for deposition, and such dates shall be spread between March 1, 2027, and May 1, 2027.

5. May 15, 2027: Deadline for completion of all expert discovery.

III. REQUESTS FOR DEPOSITIONS BY REMOTE MEANS / DEPOSITION EXHIBITS

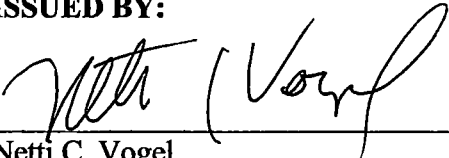
- a. Any party seeking to have a fact or expert witness deposed by remote means shall contact opposing counsel to determine whether any party objects to a remote deposition. If an objection is made, then, in accordance with the previous Scheduling Order, the witness shall be deposed in person unless the party seeking a remote deposition files a motion with the Special Master seeking an order permitting a remote deposition. The Special Master will consider whether good cause has been shown.
- b. Any party seeking to question a deponent regarding any non-previously marked exhibit that the party knows, in advance, it will use shall provide hard copies of same at the location where the deposition is occurring, and electronic copies of all such exhibits to all participants attending remotely. The requirement to provide hard copies shall not apply to documents that cannot reasonably be reduced to hard copy (e.g., Excel files, CAD drawings, or similar materials).

IV. HEARING DATES AND COMPLIANCE DATES

- a. The Scheduling Order sets forth compliance dates unrelated to discovery, including dates for pretrial dispositive motions, Daubert motions, and related pretrial matters. To avoid interfering with those compliance dates and the anticipated trial date, the

Special Master will make herself available without delay to consider any dispute
that arises during the completion of fact or expert discovery.

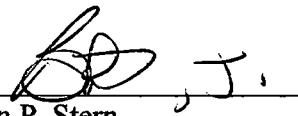
ISSUED BY:



Netti C. Vogel
Special Master Appointed by Court Order

Date: 8/19/26

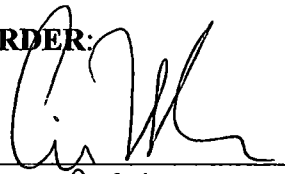
ENTER:



Brian P. Stern
Associate Justice

Date: 8/24/26

BY ORDER:



Clerk *Sr. Deputy*

Date: 8/24/26