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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

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THE SCO GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS)
MACHINES CORPORATION,)
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Defendant.)
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Case 2:03-CV-294

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DALE A. KIMBALL

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3 THE COURT: We're here this morning in the matter
4 of the SCO Group vs. International Business Machines
5 Corporation, 2:03-CV-294. For plaintiff, Mr. Brent Hatch,
6 Mr. Robert Silver, and Mr. Frederick Frei. Is that correct?

7 MR. HATCH: That's correct, Your Honor.

8 MR. SILVER: That's correct, Your Honor.

9 MR. FREI: That's correct.

10 THE COURT: For defendant, Mr. David Marriott and
11 Mr. Todd Shaughnessy.

12 MR. MARRIOTT: That's correct, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: We have plaintiffs' motions to
14 bifurcate and to amend the scheduling order.

15 Who's going to argue those?

16 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, Mr. Frei is going to
17 address the bifurcation issue, and I'll address the scheduling
18 issue, if that's okay with you.

19 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Frei.

20 MR. FREI: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 Your Honor, we filed a motion to sever the three
22 patent counterclaims from the remainder of the lawsuit seeking
23 to have those claims at a separate discovery schedule and
24 separate trials. It is my understanding of IBM's position
25 from their briefing that they do not seriously contest that

1 the claims are severable and that severance is not something
2 that should not be considered in this case. Their sole
3 position, really, was there's no need to decide the motion
4 now. Wait until you know about the case. Most, if not all of
5 the patent claims will be decided on summary judgment, as well
6 as the rest of the case on summary judgment, and, therefore,
7 no need to do anything now.

8 And what I'd like to do is discuss what these
9 patent claims are and how they've already been impacted by
10 being part of this case and why they need to be separated for
11 all of the reasons set forth in the rule.

12 These claims are not compulsory counterclaims.
13 They're separate and distinct. They involve three separate
14 patents, 40 separate patent claims. They cover three
15 different kinds of methods, three different kinds of hardware,
16 machinery, apparatus, computer equipment, and they cover at
17 least, according to IBM, four SCO products that are alleged to
18 infringe.

19 Seven inventors are responsible for these three
20 patents. The patent filings were made from 1983 forward to
21 1996. These patents have nothing to do with each other, much
22 less the rest of the case.

23 The first patent, very complicated, mathematical
24 type of patent dealing with data compression. A form of
25 Lempel and Ziv. These are both Ph.D. mathematician type of

1 people. 18 claims, two inventors in that case. That patent
2 issued in 19- -- late 1980.

3 THE COURT: I can hardly wait to read it.

4 MR. FREI: Pardon me?

5 THE COURT: I can hardly wait to read it.

6 MR. FREI: I felt the same way. My background is
7 chemical engineering, and this stuff is pretty heavy-duty,
8 electrical engineering and advanced computer science.

9 The next patent deals with self-verifying receipt
10 and acceptance system for electronically delivered data
11 objects. Filed in 1988, 10 claims, two inventors, two
12 products are alleged to infringe.

13 Third patent is a method for monitoring and
14 recovery of subsystems in a distributed/clustered systems,
15 filed in '96. 12 claims, three inventors.

16 Now, it's very complex technology. Each of these
17 patents is going to involve separate lines of inquiry from
18 each other, different proofs from each other and different
19 lines of inquiry and proofs from the remainder of the case,
20 which is mostly licensing, copyright and contract.

21 THE COURT: It sounds like you're making an
22 argument to separate the patent claims from each other.

23 MR. FREI: I am not making that argument now. All
24 I can say is that in many, many cases, that ultimately
25 happens, not only separating patent claims from each other,

1 but within a patent the federal circuit has said that the
2 preferred way of trying these cases is to trifurcate.
3 Validity, damages, infringement, done in separate trials. But
4 we're not getting to that. We're just saying, take us away
5 from the rest of this case.

6 THE COURT: Appellate courts are often fond of
7 saying things that don't work very well in the actual, real
8 trial world, are they not? Instead of 14 trials, have 20
9 trials.

10 MR. FREI: They have good intentions.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 MR. FREI: But these counterclaims were first filed
13 August 6. The counterclaims were amended late September.
14 They were amended again the end of March when originally there
15 were four patents and it was reduced, IBM dropped three -- or
16 dropped it down to three patents.

17 Discovery is barely beginning on the patent side of
18 the case. There was a stay of discovery in the entire case
19 for three months from early December to early March. We
20 served document requests. IBM responded a month ago. We've
21 not yet gotten documents. IBM served document requests. Our
22 responses to those requests are due next week. There have
23 been no patent depositions taken yet. And yet, IBM says this
24 whole case can be handled to the completion of fact discovery
25 by August 6 of this year. Patents and the rest of the case.

1 That is unconscionable. It's not possible.

2 We have estimated based on our experience that the
3 trial of a patent claims could take up to five weeks of actual
4 trial time. We have estimated that it could take 60, 70
5 depositions. Most of the reason for that is --

6 THE COURT: Why would the patent aspects of this
7 case take five weeks to try?

8 MR. FREI: Because we have -- validity is a
9 separate line of inquiry with all sorts of third parties where
10 we have to dig out the prior art, put those witnesses on the
11 stand either live or through depositions. We have upwards of
12 40 claims that may be at issue. We don't know how many IBM is
13 ultimately going to choose.

14 We have at least four products, separate and
15 distinct products. And we have raised many defenses, I mean,
16 the key which are unique to patent cases: Validity;
17 noninfringement; doctrine of equivalence; enforceability, due
18 to what we say is inequitable conduct in prosecuting the
19 patents; laches, estoppel; and waiver, to name a few of the
20 defenses. And I would --

21 THE COURT: I'm no fan of cumulative or duplicative
22 testimony, just so you all know that.

23 MR. FREI: Right. But these are separate patents,
24 separate inventors, separate documents, separate witnesses.
25 Everything about these patents is separate. Normally, you

1 might have three separate patent infringement suits, and here
2 we have one, and it's just one of 14 counterclaims that's been
3 asserted.

4 THE COURT: But often once the claims are
5 construed, the focus narrows and some of the issues are
6 resolved; right?

7 MR. FREI: That is correct. Issues of infringement
8 would be resolved on -- some issues of infringement can be
9 resolved on claim interpretation, at least literal
10 infringement. Doctrine of equivalence is very seldom affected
11 by Markman rulings. Validity is not really affected, and
12 forceability is not really affected, and our other defenses
13 are not affected. But Markman rulings can sometimes result in
14 cases being narrowed, and hopefully that could happen in this
15 case.

16 As far as IBM's statement that most, if not all, of
17 the patent claims can be disposed of on summary judgment, I
18 don't know where that comes from. But obviousness, doctrine
19 of equivalence, and enforceability, which is the heart of our
20 cases are seldom, seldom disposed of on summary judgment.
21 Infringement sometimes. 102, novelty or lack of novelty
22 issues can sometimes be disposed of. But whether a claimed
23 invention was obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art is
24 replete with factual issues.

25 We believe there are numerous benefits to severing

1 this case now and giving us our own discovery schedule. Right
2 now, we have been impacted by the discovery schedule in this
3 case. There are 40 depositions per side. We would somehow
4 have to fit what we think might be 70 patent depositions into
5 that 40 with the rest of the case. There were 25
6 interrogatories per side.

7 THE COURT: You're describing a law firm's billing
8 dream, aren't you?

9 MR. FREI: This case has been a very intensive
10 case.

11 THE COURT: I'm sure it has.

12 MR. FREI: As evidenced by the number of people in
13 the room. That's not our doing. We didn't add these
14 counterclaims into the case.

15 But we have three interrogatories left for the
16 entire case. We would -- if we want to get more we would
17 either have to stipulate with IBM or file a motion with the
18 Court.

19 The case needs to proceed at its own pace. The
20 last three patent case that I tried was two and a half years
21 from filing of the complaint to filing of the case -- or to
22 trial in the case. That was in the District of Delaware,
23 which is pretty current on their dockets, has a lot of
24 experience in patent cases.

25 THE COURT: Besides arguing the motion to

1 bifurcate, it sounds like you're slipping over periodically in
2 the motion to amend the scheduling orders.

3 MR. FREI: I'll try to pull myself back from that,
4 Your Honor.

5 But it looks like IBM filed the patent
6 counterclaims to have a spillover affect in the rest of case
7 as far as the jury deliberations are concerned. They have
8 said clearly in their brief, and I quote:

9 SCO claims to respect the intellectual
10 property rights of others. It has infringed and
11 is infringing on a number of IBM's copyrights and
12 patents.

13 Just the risk of prejudice to the jury that if they
14 think we infringed IBM's patents that somehow our claim
15 doesn't have merit, the rest of our claim doesn't have merit,
16 just that risk of confusion is enough to sever the case. The
17 confusion that would arise from the three separate claims, the
18 patent laws, all those issues, and then copyright
19 infringement, and the contract claims, it would be very
20 difficult for the jury to keep everything straight. The trial
21 could conceivably be twice as long. The deliberations would
22 be -- there's really no word to describe what the
23 deliberations would be with all of these complex issues of
24 software, copyright infringement and patent infringement.

25 So we believe to avoid prejudice --

1 THE COURT: But let's assume for a minute that I
2 don't sever. The total trial time wouldn't be any different,
3 would it?

4 MR. FREI: It would be very different because we
5 have different documents, different witnesses, different
6 issues. We're saying that given whatever the trial time --

7 THE COURT: If you sever, you're saying we have one
8 five-week trial and then another one later. If we don't
9 sever, then we have a 10-week trial for everything.

10 MR. FREI: Right. The ten-week trial --

11 THE COURT: Then the total trial time wouldn't be
12 any different.

13 MR. FREI: Correct. The total trial time, it's
14 unlikely it would be any different. But the jury confusion
15 would be minimized. The jury could focus on one area of the
16 law, patent law and those issues, and the confusion would be
17 minimized. The jury fatigue from sitting through possibly a
18 10-week trial and then having to deliberate on 36 claims and
19 counterclaims and defenses would be obviated.

20 THE COURT: What else do you want to tell me about
21 the severance motion?

22 MR. FREI: We believe that we cannot proceed on the
23 patent case within the scope of this case and that we should
24 have our own separate case where we can agree on separate
25 schedules, have a separate Markman hearing and proceed at its

1 own pace without prejudicing any of the parties.

2 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Frei.

3 Who's going to argue this motion for defendant?

4 MR. MARRIOTT: Dan Marriott, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Marriott, go ahead.

6 MR. MARRIOTT: Good morning, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Good morning.

8 MR. MARRIOTT: There is I think no question that
9 the Court has the power to separate out the patent claims from
10 the other claims in the case, if it wishes. And as we lay out
11 in our brief, it may, in fact, ultimately make sense for the
12 Court to do that. It seems to us, however, Your Honor, that
13 there is no reason for the Court to make that determination
14 now at a point in the case when it is not clear which, if any,
15 of the claims will be tried. And for that reason, simply,
16 Your Honor, we respectfully request that the Court defer this
17 decision until that point in time when it's more clear which,
18 if any, issues will be tried.

19 The principal argument assumingly raised at least
20 this morning with respect to why the schedule -- why the
21 patent claim should be separated out is that there is a
22 massive amount apparently of discovery to be taken with
23 respect to the patent claims. And I respectfully disagree
24 with that, Your Honor. These are patent claims. There's no
25 question there is some level of complexity there, but no more

1 so with respect to any patent case. We're the plaintiff. We
2 have the burden to show the infringement.

3 It is my estimation as I stand here in court today
4 that we can conduct our fact discovery with respect to those
5 patents somewhere in the neighborhood of five depositions. I
6 have little doubt that SCO Group has the view it would require
7 more depositions than that. There are seven inventors, as he
8 indicated, and I imagine they would want to take the
9 depositions of those inventors.

10 But it is difficult to imagine why it would be the
11 case that 60 to 70 depositions would be required, and I would
12 respectfully request that, in fact, very few depositions will
13 ultimately be taken.

14 For that reason, Your Honor, because there's no
15 reason to decide the case now, we ask the Court to deny the
16 request to bifurcate. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Deny it without prejudice to renew it.

18 MR. MARRIOTT: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 Mr. Frei? Excuse me. Go ahead.

21 MR. FREI: May I have one more minute?

22 THE COURT: Yes. This is your motion. You get to
23 reply.

24 MR. FREI: Thank you.

25 Your Honor, if this was the type of case where the

1 counterclaims were somehow related or of the same genus as the
2 main claims and there was a, like, for example, a racial
3 discrimination, a retaliatory termination claim, things that
4 were related, rising out of the same conduct that were at
5 least less complex, this type of thing, I would say it would
6 make sense to defer the decision to sever, because it's clear
7 that summary judgment could reduce and maybe even eliminate a
8 need for a trial on a large chunk of the case.

9 But when you know upfront that the claims are
10 totally different, will involve different witnesses, et
11 cetera, then I think that it doesn't make any sense, and you
12 don't gain anything by delaying the decision.

13 They say they don't know why we would need to take
14 60 to 70 depositions. Well, they have a presumption of
15 validity. They can go into court, and all they have to do is
16 put on a case of infringement, and that's it. We have to
17 prove that patent is invalid by clear and convincing evidence.
18 And we have to go out and get that evidence from third
19 parties. We have to go out and depose people in connection
20 with our enforceability claims. We have about a
21 10-typewritten page of affirmative defense on unenforceability
22 laying out all the things that they did, the things that were
23 not disclosed that should have been disclosed in our opinion.

24 We have we're being sued for damages. Damages
25 would be either loss profits or at a minimum, reasonable

1 royalties. So we have to take discovery on what reasonable
2 royalties for these kinds of patents in this industry or what
3 are the loss profits that IBM is seeking. We have to take a
4 lot of discovery on our defenses of estoppel, waiver, and
5 laches, which go back 10, 15 years' worth of conduct is
6 necessary or will be looked at in connection with those
7 defenses.

8 The seven inventors, the patent attorneys that
9 prosecuted these cases and perhaps were instrumental in
10 withholding prior art from the Patent Office, that's at least
11 10 witnesses there right off the bat.

12 So I'm not -- I'm not saying that there will as a
13 matter of fact be 70 depositions. I'm just saying that this
14 case could, based on what we know about it now, result in
15 70 depositions, simply because of the number of issues
16 involved. And we happen to have the burden of proof on most
17 of those issues. IBM does not.

18 So in summary, all the cases IBM cited on Pages 4,
19 5 of their brief, I think they cited six cases saying defer,
20 two of those cases, there was no motion for -- motion to sever
21 even pending. Two of the cases were very simple, just a claim
22 or two, not much. Summary judgment motions were going to be
23 filed. They could have eliminated most, if not all, of the
24 case. And in other cases, they were bifurcating damages and
25 liability. And the Court said, we're going to defer the

1 decision on bifurcating damages and liability until later on.

2 But this is just something totally different from
3 the rest of the case that should be done now, and there's just
4 no reason to delay it. There would be no benefit that I see
5 from delaying the case right now. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Frei.

7 Let's take up SCO's motion to amend the scheduling
8 order. Mr. Hatch, you're going to argue that.

9 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, our case should be a rather
10 straight-forward approach. The scheduling order that was
11 originally set in this matter, I believe with
12 Magistrate Nuffer, was by agreement of the parties at a time
13 where the case was very different than what it is now. Since
14 the time that schedule was sought, this is the first time
15 that -- a lot of extensions for briefing and things like that,
16 but this is the first time there's ever been asked for an
17 extension of the discovery, the full discovery period and
18 trial date. Since that time, we've had several amendments to
19 the complaint. There's been a lot of procedural posturing in
20 order to get this thing in order.

21 THE COURT: And there have been counterclaims.

22 MR. HATCH: And there have been as we just heard
23 14 counterclaims, in and of itself caused this to be a very
24 different case. And I think even IBM would acknowledge and I
25 think has acknowledged that at the time we met and set the

1 original schedule, nobody was contemplating that this case
2 would have 14 counterclaims and it would be merged into a
3 large patent case, as well.

4 In addition to that matter, there's been, you know,
5 as always at the beginning of the case, the complexity, when
6 we're dealing with good attorneys and aggressive attorneys,
7 there's been a considerable amount of jockeying that has
8 affected the schedule. And part of that resulted in
9 Judge Wells at one point staying discovery for a period of
10 three months. And then at the end of that three months,
11 giving one party 45 days to respond to some of the discovery
12 the motion compel at the beginning of that. So that took
13 about four and a half months out of it, as well.

14 So if we look at that, and it really is -- what
15 we're asking for is not particularly extraordinary. Other
16 cases similar to this -- it's hard to find a case that is
17 particularly similar, but, you know, I think the judges -- the
18 Court is very well aware of cases like Caldera vs. Microsoft.
19 That was a large case that was handled in this district. And
20 that case involved less money. It involved fewer claims,
21 fewer depositions. It didn't have counterclaims. It wasn't
22 turned into a patent lawsuit. And it still required three
23 extensions of the trial date.

24 And, you know, I wasn't involved in that case.
25 Some people on our team were. But I don't think it was those

1 extensions were, like here, the fault of any particular party.
2 It was just a result of a magnitude of the issues that were
3 before the Court. The factual issues that had to be dealt
4 with. That case ultimately took four years before it had to
5 be resolved. And we're not asking for anything --

6 THE COURT: You said four?

7 MR. HATCH: I think it was four years or more.

8 THE COURT: For a minute I thought you said 40.

9 MR. HATCH: No. That's my accent, I think.

10 And I think we're at a point now where I think even
11 the actions of IBM themselves really I think points to the
12 fact that this current schedule that we're under is
13 unreasonable. Both parties in working with Magistrate Wells,
14 I think operated under the presumption of this case would go
15 smoother if the initial documents could be obtained and
16 digested prior to beginning depositions in the case. And as a
17 result, virtually no depositions have taken place.

18 And IBM has now apparently felt that they have
19 sufficient documents to begin depositions discovery of the
20 case. But given the current schedule has required of them --
21 and I don't fault them for this, because it's the current
22 schedule. But they require double-tracking and double-booking
23 on multiple days of every week until that period ends. And
24 that doesn't even account --

25 THE COURT: That's the dream I was speaking of

1 earlier.

2 MR. HATCH: Yes. I think the reason the lawyers
3 are here, Your Honor, and it may actually be a dream for
4 clients that we finally quit doing our work. But the reality
5 is we're humans, too, and the schedule I think becomes a
6 little onerous physically.

7 Also I think as an intellectual matter, when you
8 add to that we hold the current schedule, we need to notice up
9 our depositions, as well, which is just as numerous as IBM,
10 mainly third parties. We're not going to be able to control
11 which days are most convenient for them. And we're going to
12 find ourselves in cities all over the United States and
13 potentially on some days triple and quadruple tracking.

14 Even if we can control the date, we would be
15 virtually every day, two depositions every day somewhere in
16 the country to here to the end of discovery. That seems
17 unreasonable, impractical at a physical standpoint.

18 But I also say it really puts -- it should put both
19 parties at a real disadvantage, because just getting the
20 deposition done isn't the gain. Part of what we're doing is
21 trying to assimilate what we're learning from these
22 depositions, being able to determine what other discovery
23 needs to be done, what needs to be asked of coming witnesses.
24 And there needs to be some continuity in some instances where
25 people who are taking the depositions, all of which will be

1 denied us if we have to keep with that type of schedule.

2 So given the kind of case it is and given where we
3 are, I think it's not -- it's well within the realm of reason
4 to be able to put this on a reasonable schedule. And we're
5 not asking for a lot of this time. I mean, I can't promise
6 you depending on how the depositions go, we may decide there
7 is additional discovery, there may be additional avenues we
8 have to pursue. We don't know that yet because we're not that
9 far down.

10 But as of right now, our proposed schedule would
11 move the trial date out only an additional five months by
12 moving the end of discovery to essentially where the trial
13 date is now.

14 Now, as part of that, we also feel that we are
15 still working through the magistrate to get the discovery we
16 need to even begin depositions. I understand IBM has now
17 noticed theirs. I don't know if that's been because they're
18 running out of time on the current schedule, and if they have
19 noticed them whether they feel they are completely prepared
20 for taking them. But we don't feel we are because we don't
21 feel we've gotten all the documents that we should have gotten
22 by now and that we have the time to assimilate the ones we
23 have had. There are millions of documents produced by us in
24 this case, and we've got hundreds of thousands back.

25 One of the things that's very interesting, and I

1 think IBM has tried I think to a large part to cast blame on
2 us for what they've used seeking a delay in this trial. We've
3 answered that in our reply brief in some detail because we
4 believe the allegations they made are really not particularly
5 relevant here and they're somewhat misguided in many instances
6 just plain flat wrong and misrepresent the record.

7 But what we do know is that we've known since day
8 one that this case is about source code, and it's about our
9 allegations and contentions that IBM has moved source code
10 that was copyrighted and owned by us under which IBM had the
11 contractual obligations to us not to use elsewhere, and
12 they've moved it to Linux.

13 This hasn't been a secret since day one, and it's
14 not a secret to IBM, either. In at least one article, and I
15 think this article is actually cited by Judge Wells in CRN
16 where it's called: "Linux will be on par with Unix in no
17 time." It says:

18 IBM will exploit its expertise in AIS -- which is
19 their group to bring Unix -- to bring Linux up to par
20 with Unix, an IBM executive said Thursday.

21 'The pathway to get there is an eight-lane
22 highway,' Mills said, noting IBM's deep experience with
23 AIX and its 250-member open-source development team will
24 be applied to make the Linux kernel as strong as that of
25 Unix. 'The road to get there is well understood.'

1 THE COURT: Tell me what it had has to do with the
2 scheduling order.

3 MR. HATCH: It's essentially the gravamen of our
4 complaint. And one of the reasons we are where we are today
5 is because IBM says they've been moving forward and there's no
6 reason why we should have to go have any further extensions.
7 But the reality is that even knowing that source code was the
8 key issue of this case since day one, we didn't get our first
9 deposit of source code, we don't believe it's enough, until
10 over a year after the case was filed, in other words, March of
11 this year. And we're still fighting for additional source
12 code that we can use and examine so that we can --

13 THE COURT: So the point is you're still fighting
14 in front of the magistrate about the things you think you
15 need.

16 MR. HATCH: And we're going to continue to do that.
17 Your Honor, one of the things -- I brought it here today
18 because I think it's somewhat illustrative, because they say
19 in the brief that they're, you know, giving us everything we
20 want and what have you.

21 We made one simple request. Based on that article
22 I just read to you, he indicated they had a 250 man team that
23 was working on this. So we asked them to identify the team
24 and identify what they did, you know, what was the project
25 they were working on, because we've got a limited number of

1 depositions, and we want to make good use of them.

2 Now, the response to that was this response.
3 There's the names. I think it's been represented there is as
4 many as 7200 names there with no explanation of who they are
5 and what they're doing. They basically gave us every
6 employee. They don't answer directly. The discovery request
7 asked who worked on developing source code. And they
8 responded, these are people they say were believed to have
9 access to code.

10 And so instead of getting this case -- answering
11 the question we asked so that we can get this case moving and
12 get it to where it needed to be, we got a lawyer's response,
13 which was, let's dump everything on them so they can't find it
14 and we have to continue to fight.

15 Now, these are the kind of fights we're fighting in
16 front of Judge Wells, and she, in fact, has ordered them to
17 give us a more useful list. And so far the responses, you can
18 tell from the public record. But we'll fight that in front of
19 Judge Wells and continue to do that. There are going to be
20 more motions to compel.

21 But that's why we aren't even ready -- we don't
22 have the information that we need to begin depositions,
23 particularly third-party discovery which will require us to
24 have the information we need so that we can make effective
25 cross-examination. And that's one of the reasons that we are

1 asking the Court also to not allow depositions to begin at
2 least til September until we finish this document exchange.
3 We can do that with Judge Wells and getting it well resolved.

4 So the bottom line is we don't think it's
5 unreasonable to have a five-month extension at this point in
6 the trial date. It really isn't outrageous. It's not
7 unreasonable. And it really in the context of the complexity
8 of this case, I think it's a workable solution.

9 Now, if Your Honor hasn't ruled on the motion
10 Mr. Frei argued, I think our position is if the patent claims
11 stay in, that's going to really dramatically impact this.
12 It's going to require us to have a lot more time than we're
13 asking here. I am making this argument in the context of
14 those claims being served out because, you know, I've tried
15 and been involved in the patent cases in this District Court
16 and in front of Your Honor and in front of other judges here,
17 and those cases take on their own life. They're not five
18 deposition cases. They're actually quite complex cases. We
19 haven't had a Markman hearing or done anything to get that
20 going. And that's going to require -- that's a case in its
21 own. That's going to take a couple years. And I would ask
22 Your Honor to take that into consideration, as well.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hatch.

24 MR. HATCH: Thank you.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Marriott or Mr. Shaughnessy?

1 Mr. Marriott?

2 MR. MARRIOTT: Mr. Marriott.

3 Thank you, Your Honor. At the risk of stating the
4 obvious, this is not an ordinary case. And if it were --

5 THE COURT: It doesn't seem to be, does it?

6 MR. MARRIOTT: It doesn't. And if it were, I would
7 like to believe that we wouldn't be here this morning over a
8 scheduling dispute. This is, however, in our judgment an
9 extraordinary case and not a case in which extension of
10 discovery period should be entered for nine and a half months,
11 a case in which the scheduling order as agreed to by the
12 parties and entered by the Court should be adhered to.

13 And in the time that I have, Your Honor, if I may,
14 I'd like to do three things, if the Court finds this helpful.
15 First, I'd like to by way of background say something about
16 operating systems and claims in the case, because I think
17 without some background with respect to that, the issues
18 presented are less crystalized. And, second, I would like to
19 offer four reasons why it is we believe that the present
20 schedule should hold. And I'd like to respond specifically,
21 as my third point, Your Honor, to each of the three grounds
22 asserted by SCO for extension in the case.

23 THE COURT: Go ahead.

24 MR. MARRIOTT: An operating system, Your Honor, is
25 at the heart of this case. In fact, a series of operating

1 systems are. Without its software, a computer -- the computer
2 sitting on the desk in front of Your Honor is essentially a
3 useful lump of metal. With it's software with the operating
4 system, the computer can perform a number of useful functions.
5 There are basically two kinds of software. There is system
6 software on the one hand which controls the operation of the
7 computer itself; and there is application software on the
8 other hand which allows the user to perform a particular
9 function.

10 In the most fundamental kind of -- the system
11 software is the operating system, and it's the operating
12 system that is at issue in this case. The operating system is
13 interfaced between user and the lump of metal on your desk.
14 So when Your Honor, for example, writes a letter using the
15 computer that sits in front of you, you interact with that
16 lump of metal by the operating system. You might use a
17 program, for example, like Microsoft Word. That's an
18 application program that assists the operator and allows you
19 to perform that particular function.

20 Now, operating systems are originally written in a
21 programming language prepared by human beings which is known
22 as source code. The source code consists of thousands of
23 files, Your Honor, and millions of lines of code. And with
24 the Court's permission, I'd like to illustrate, if I may, a
25 source code by handing a copy of that to the Court.

1 This, Your Honor, is an illustration of the source
2 code that comprises an operating system. And you'll see the
3 numbering of lines along the left. There are in this
4 particular file 3,070 lines of source code. An operating
5 source code can be comprised of many millions of source codes.
6 The computer has to translate the code into a language which
7 is useable machine language, and it does that by a device
8 called compiler.

9 There are basically three operating systems that
10 matter in this case and about which I should say something.
11 They are, first, the Unix System V Family X of operating
12 systems. There, second, set of operating systems created by
13 companies like IBM, sometimes using portions of code from the
14 Unix family of operating systems. And there are the Linux
15 operating system. And with the Court's permission, I'll
16 illustrate those, if I may.

17 This blue stack of papers, Your Honor, is meant to
18 represent Unix System V Family of operating systems. The red
19 stack, while it's just blank paper, is to represent the source
20 code and comprises the second set of operating systems those
21 created by IBM. And the third set represents the source code
22 that comprises the operating system known as Linux.

23 Now, the Unix operating system, Your Honor, was
24 first developed in the beginning in 1969 by AT&T and Bill
25 Lattery. AT&T licensed that software very widely to hundreds

1 of thousands of companies. Some of whom like IBM took source
2 code from that family of operating systems and included it
3 with source code that they themselves had written to include
4 in their own operating systems.

5 THE COURT: At some point you're going to tell me
6 how this relates to the scheduling order.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: Absolutely, Your Honor, it does.
8 And if this is not helpful, I'm happy to skip to my four
9 reasons.

10 THE COURT: Don't take too long on it.

11 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. This category of code, Your
12 Honor, is the code written by companies like IBM,
13 Hewlett-Packard and Sun and Sequent. And this code is almost
14 entirely written by those companies. Sometimes versions of
15 the operating system in this category include code from the
16 Unix V Family operating system.

17 Beginning in 1991, Linux Torvalds, an undergraduate
18 student at the University of Helsinki, wrote the Linux
19 operating -- began a product to write things what is known now
20 as Linux operating system. That operating system was written
21 by posting a note on the Internet saying he wished to write
22 the operating system, and anyone who wished to participate
23 could. And since -- in a decade or so, all that operating
24 system now comprises of millions of lines of source code
25 itself.

1 The crux of this case, and let me say a little bit
2 about SCO's claim and I'll come to my four reasons why we
3 believe the schedule should hold. The crux in this case as is
4 described by SCO, Your Honor, is that IBM, at least at the
5 outset, took source code from the Unix System V Family
6 operating systems and contributed that source code to the
7 Linux operating system.

8 After two motions to compel and two orders
9 requiring disclosure, it's become clear, in fact, SCO has
10 effectively conceded that it has no evidence that IBM took
11 source code from the Unix operating system and put it into the
12 Linux. Instead, the crux of the case, it is now clear, is
13 that IBM according to SCO has taken its own code out of its
14 own separate operating system and contributed that code to the
15 Linux operating system. And that as they describe the
16 contract case being the crux of the case is the case as they
17 appear to see it.

18 Now, the parties of course have exchanged a series
19 of claims and counterclaims. If I may provide the Court with
20 a brief summary of those.

21 THE COURT: Sure. Did you give Mr. Hatch one of
22 those?

23 MR. MARRIOTT: As this chart indicates, Your Honor,
24 the SCO Group has asserted four contract claims against IBM
25 along the lines of what I just described. IBM's counterclaim

1 for breach of contract. SCO has asserted a copyright claim
2 against IBM, and we have counterclaims for declarations of
3 noninfringement and asserted a copyright claim ourselves. And
4 SCO has asserted a variety of business -- what it calls
5 business torts, which essentially alleged IBM in one respect
6 or another interfered with the operation of its business. And
7 we have in turn asserted a series of business torts against
8 SCO alleging in effect that the claims in this suit are as
9 part of as we see it efforts to create fear and uncertainty in
10 the marketplace with respect to the Linux operating system and
11 IBM's own operating system.

12 The second thing I want to do, Your Honor, is
13 essentially offer the Court four reasons why we believe the
14 present schedule should hold. Rule 16(b) provides, of course,
15 that scheduling orders set by the Court shall not be modified
16 except upon a showing of good cause. And as the proponent of
17 that delay here, SCO bears that burden.

18 Four reasons we don't think they can satisfy.
19 First of those reasons, Your Honor, is that the issues
20 presented here are important issues. And they are issues we
21 think deserve an expeditious resolution. SCO asserts
22 essentially that it either owns or has the right to control a
23 very significant chunk of the world's operating system source
24 codes. All of the Unix V Family operating source code.

25 SCO acknowledges that IBM owns its own home-grown

1 code, but contends it has the right to control that code. And
2 SCO asserts the right to control to license, the Linux
3 operating system developed by thousands of developers over a
4 decade.

5 Those issues we think are important, and SCO
6 itself, Your Honor, says that the issues presented by this
7 case are, quote, the biggest issues in the computer industry
8 in decades. And it insists that the software industry indeed,
9 its CEO says, the future of global economy hangs in the
10 balance.

11 If the issues in this case are that important, we
12 respectfully submit that they ought to be decided on the
13 schedule on which the parties agreed, not on a schedule that
14 it can be delayed as proposed by nine and a half months.

15 The second point that I'd like to make, Your Honor,
16 is that the delay that is proposed here we think would be
17 prejudicial to IBM and we think contrary to the public
18 interest. SCO says and has said publicly that it is entitled
19 to up to \$50 billion of damages from IBM. It said it is
20 entitled to an additional \$1 billion of damages every week
21 that passes.

22 And in addition to that and in addition to
23 trumpeting its claim, SCO has threatened by way of letter 1500
24 of the world's largest corporations, including principally
25 IBM's customers and prospective customers. SCO said those

1 companies must have a license from it if they wish to use the
2 Linux operating system. SCO is already involved, Your Honor,
3 as you may know in four related litigations, one of which is
4 before the Court.

5 THE COURT: I certainly know about that one.

6 MR. MARRIOTT: One of which is pending in Delaware.
7 In that case, SCO has sought a stay of the proceedings there
8 pending the resolution of this case. Another case pending in
9 Nevada is a case in which a motion to stay has been filed,
10 again pending the resolution of the issues in this case.

11 Issues presented in this case are issues which are
12 not only important, but have the prospect of resolving in
13 part, if not in their entirety, the issues raised in the other
14 cases. So that we submit delay in this case is effectively to
15 delay legal peace. Those who are the recipients of SCO's
16 letters threatening suit including importantly IBM customers.

17 I would think, Your Honor, as plaintiffs in the
18 case, as the plaintiff seeking billions of dollars in damages,
19 SCO would wish an expeditious resolution in the case.

20 The third point which I would like to make is that
21 from our perspective, SCO has not proceeded diligently in
22 conducting the litigation. And diligence is the key inquiry
23 in determining whether or not good cause is established. SCO
24 has publicly stated from the beginning of this litigation,
25 Your Honor, that it has mountains, in its words, of evidence

1 of IBM's alleged misconduct. SCO's CEO has spoken of
2 truckloads of evidence it has of IBM's wrongdoing and even
3 described that evidence as representing in comparison to an
4 iceberg. In fact, the CEO has said the company had enough
5 evidence to go to Court when it brought the case.

6 From the beginning of the suit, we've undertaken to
7 figure out precisely what it is is alleged that we have done
8 in violation of SCO's rights and to see the evidence that is
9 described as representing mountains of evidence. And from our
10 perspective, Your Honor, from the beginning, we have met
11 resistance.

12 At the outset, the centerpiece of this case in the
13 complaint was misappropriation of trade secrets. We asked
14 SCO, what trade secrets have we allegedly misappropriated and
15 put into the Links system? Again, after two motions to compel
16 and two orders requiring the production of that information,
17 SCO effectively concedes it hasn't misappropriated any trade
18 secrets and dropped the claim.

19 From the beginning of the suit SCO asserted that we
20 had infringed SCO's copyrights related to the Unix System V
21 Family operating system. And SCO doesn't own the copyrights
22 for the IBM operating system and the copyrights with respect
23 to Linux are owned by those thousands of individuals and
24 corporations which have made contributions to Linux. But it
25 asserts that IBM has infringed its copyrights.

1 We moved for the declaration -- we filed a claim,
2 Your Honor, for declaration of noninfringement. SCO moved to
3 dismiss the claim and/or stay it pending the resolution of the
4 suit it's brought in Nevada assuming a similar claim against
5 Auto Zone, the auto parts company. In the 15 months of this
6 litigation, SCO has not noticed a single deposition of IBM.
7 Instead, again from our perspective, SCO is undertaking, if
8 anything, to delay IBM's ability to take depositions.

9 As recently as Friday of last week, Your Honor, SCO
10 cited a protective order with respect to a handful of
11 depositions that we noticed asserting the contract that
12 allegedly governs the relationship between IBM and SCO. The
13 contract at issue was appended to the original complaint filed
14 by the SCO Group. The depositions were of those individuals
15 who negotiated and/or signed the agreements. Those
16 individuals were identified in their interrogatory answers to
17 us as individuals who had knowledge of the case. And yet,
18 those depositions were allegedly needed to be deferred because
19 there were not enough lawyers to handle it.

20 I'm told this morning, Your Honor, in addition to
21 counsel seated here there are three lawyers in North Carolina
22 on behalf of SCO handling that deposition which was
23 represented to me to be deferred.

24 Even today, Your Honor, SCO has still not
25 identified in more than a year in litigation a single line,

1 not a single line of the Unix System V Code, this is not Unix
2 System V Code, a single line of the code from this family
3 operating system which we're alleged to somewhat
4 misappropriate.

5 The fourth reason, Your Honor, why we believe the
6 current schedule should hold is that if it affords the parties
7 as we agreed to it to more than two years of time in which to
8 litigate these claim, that is ample time, we believe, even in
9 a complex case. A significant amount of discovery has, in
10 fact, occurred. We have essentially completed our document
11 production in the case including the patent documents, which
12 were referenced previously. Patent documents were produced
13 yesterday, Your Honor. It amounts to something less than
14 15 boxes of documents.

15 SCO has propounding in this litigation 144 document
16 requests. We've produced more than 3.8 million pages of paper
17 in response to those requests. Your Honor, in the parties'
18 agreement and the Court's order, SCO has the right to propound
19 25 interrogatories. It's propounded 22, and we have responded
20 to those.

21 To be sure, there is additional discovery that
22 needs to be done in this case. We do not dispute that. We
23 believe, however, with as many law firms and lawyers as there
24 are in this case and as important as the issues apparently are
25 if the case, we ought to be able to resolve that in the two

1 months that remain. By our count, 14 lawyers have filed
2 notices of appearance on behalf of SCO. If that's right, Your
3 Honor, and I believe that it is, there is no reason why we
4 ought not to be able to complete the depositions on the
5 schedule.

6 It is hypothesized in the SCO brief in the reply
7 that in order to properly conduct discovery in the case, the
8 deposition discovery will take something in the order of a
9 year. SCO's proposal of nine and a half months, and Mr. Hatch
10 seems hold to open prospects of seeking a future delay, if I
11 may provide the Court with an additional exhibit --

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Now, again, by our count, there are
14 14 lawyers who have filed notices of appearances, Your Honor.
15 Assuming there's just 10, on the current schedule, and you'll
16 see that reflected on the second column on the right, with 10
17 lawyers participating in the depositions, that's four
18 depositions per month per lawyer. And if they was to double
19 team the depositions and have two lawyers do them so that you
20 have five lawyers handling them, five teams of lawyers
21 handling the depositions, it's eight depositions per month.

22 By contrast, Your Honor, if you look at the SCO
23 proposal of a fact discovery extension of nine and a half
24 months, with 14 lawyers having filed notices of appearances
25 that's .5 depositions a month. And even if you look at five

1 lawyers or teams of lawyers handling depositions over the
2 proposed schedule, it's 1.4 depositions a month.

3 Those, Your Honor, are in sum the four reasons why
4 we believe the present schedule should hold. Now, in an
5 effort to extend the proposed schedule, SCO essentially makes
6 three arguments. And the first of those arguments is that an
7 extension of the fact discovery period is required because
8 Magistrate Judge Wells entered a stay during the three-month
9 period.

10 Magistrate Judge Wells entered a stay for certain,
11 Your Honor. The stay was for three months to have SCO provide
12 the discovery which IBM requested. And it would not we think
13 make sense to allow SCO to obtain an additional extension of
14 the case based upon what we view as its failure to provide
15 discovery in the first instance.

16 SCO suggests that the Court enter the order in the
17 case because both parties required more discovery. And I
18 would respectfully submit that if you look at Judge Wells'
19 order, your Honor, that simply isn't what she said. She
20 ordered that IBM need not provide any discovery until SCO
21 provided basic information about this case. At no point did
22 she order IBM to provide discovery before SCO was to provide
23 discovery. And in any event, we did not sit idly by in the
24 three months of that stay and do nothing.

25 SCO has propounded in all 163 discovery requests.

1 We spent those three months interviewing people concerning the
2 documents they might have responses to the requests, reviewing
3 them for privilege and responsiveness and preparing them for
4 production. And the day after, the day after the Court lifted
5 the stay, we produced hundreds of millions of lines of source
6 code, Your Honor, six or so weeks before the Court required us
7 to produce that information.

8 The second argument on which SCO relies on here is
9 an extension here is necessary because IBM filed counterclaims
10 in the case. There's no question that IBM filed counterclaims
11 in the case, Your Honor. But IBM's counterclaims cannot not
12 have been anticipated in this litigation, especially in view
13 of the nature of the claims asserted by SCO.

14 Moreover, as counsel I believe acknowledges, the
15 majority of those counterclaims were filed in August of last
16 year, allowing one year of discovery on those counterclaims.
17 Importantly, most of the counterclaims, Judge, asserted by IBM
18 are merely responsive to the claims asserted by SCO.

19 And if Your Honor will take a look at the first
20 chart I handed --

21 THE COURT: They agreed on the discovery schedule
22 before the counterclaims, wasn't it?

23 MR. MARRIOTT: Absolutely true, Your Honor. But it
24 was also absolutely true that at least I contemplated, and
25 it's hard for me to believe that the counsel for other side

1 did not contemplate, that there would be counterclaims
2 asserted in the case. There is no question in this case it
3 was before

4 THE COURT: Go ahead.

5 MR. MARRIOTT: The counterclaim on which SCO
6 focuses as the principal reason why he illustrates the
7 counterclaims have somehow expanded the scope of the case is
8 the IBM counterclaim seeking a declaration of noninfringement
9 with respect to IBM's Linux activities. The issues raised by
10 that counterclaim have been in this litigation from
11 effectively the beginning. They were part of IBM's original
12 counterclaims. They're part of IBM counterclaim for unfair
13 competition.

14 THE COURT: Would you contend that that was a
15 compulsory counterclaim?

16 MR. MARRIOTT: I would not contend that that is a
17 compulsory counterclaim.

18 The issues in that claim, Your Honor, have not only
19 been in the case from the beginning, but we have, as the Court
20 may know, recently moved for summary judgment with respect to
21 that claim. And we obviously can't predict what the Court
22 will do with respect to that motion, but we don't believe that
23 is a claim which should extend in any significant way the
24 scope of this case.

25 The third argument that SCO makes, Your Honor, is

1 that it is entitled to an extension of the schedule because of
2 IBM's delays in responding to SCO's discovery requests. IBM
3 has provided SCO with a discovery to which it's entitled as
4 soon as it can be produced and in some cases, as I indicated,
5 well before the Court imposed deadline. To date, SCO has
6 served 163 discovery requests, 144 document requests, 22
7 interrogatories. Of those 163 discovery requests, SCO has
8 moved to compel only with respect to six of them, Your Honor,
9 and only in basically what amounts to three different areas.

10 And as we read Judge Wells' order, Judge Wells did
11 not require IBM to do in response to that motion to compel
12 anything that IBM basically had said that it would do. The
13 notion that IBM has dragged out discovery so as to create a
14 significant reason for additional delay in the schedule for
15 discovery is I think, Your Honor, simply mistaken.

16 SCO's real complaint alluded to by Mr. Hatch
17 appears to be that IBM hasn't produced enough source code.
18 IBM has produced hundreds of millions of lines of source code.
19 That source code is from its own AIX and Dynix products. It
20 has produced all of the source code for all of the AIX and
21 Dynix releases during the relevant period of time. SCO now
22 says, and this is the subject of its earlier motion to compel,
23 it now says, we need more. We need hundreds of millions of
24 additional lines of source code. And they made that
25 submission and recent request to Judge Wells.

1 Respectfully, Your Honor, Judge Wells denied SCO's
2 motion for that discovery first time around and said simply,
3 ask me later in the case. And to read SCO's reply brief is to
4 come away from the impression that Judge Wells has established
5 a procedure for SCO getting the additional information which
6 contemplates necessarily the extension of the fact discovery
7 schedule. And I respectfully submit that that's not in any
8 case what happened with respect to that discovery. We will
9 respond to SCO's essential motion for reconsideration with
10 respect to that discovery, and Judge Wells will do what
11 Judge Wells elects to do. But that motion is, I would
12 respectfully submit, in no way a basis for an extension for
13 this schedule.

14 And just to conclude, Your Honor, one final --
15 almost to conclude, one illustration of why it is that
16 discovery does not matter in this case. As I indicated, and
17 you understand why I hope I felt background was important, in
18 the middle of the section of the source code, there is not
19 just IBM operating system, which is known as AIX, and the
20 operating system company called Sequent, which was later
21 acquired by IBM called Dinux. There are may other companies,
22 hp, Hewlett-Packard, Sun.

23 In the last hearing in front of Magistrate Judge
24 Wells -- this is SCO's chart -- in the last hearing in front
25 of Magistrate Judge Wells, SCO presented this exhibit. And

1 this exhibit is apparently designed to show that SCO owns the
2 Unix operating system. It has its name on it. That's code
3 developed by AT&T, and SCO purports to own. And SCO says IBM
4 has a contract with AT&T, hp does, and Sun does. hp and Sun,
5 according to SCO, fully complied with its discovery
6 obligations. IBM and Sequent, which again was acquired by
7 IBM, have not. And you'll see that illustrated here. This
8 chart is supposed to show that IBM and Sequent have improperly
9 made contributions of code to the Linux operating system,
10 where as hp and Sun has not.

11 So, SCO says, SCO needs millions and millions of
12 additional source code from IBM to have any idea whether they
13 should take depositions and whether or not there is some
14 evidence that IBM engaged in misconduct. SCO has acknowledged
15 publicly that neither hp or Sun in any way breached their
16 agreements with SCO or with AT&T without having a single line
17 of source code.

18 We have produced hundreds of millions of source
19 code from this category. That's not enough. They need
20 hundreds of millions of lines more. They have no source code
21 from hp and have had no difficulty publicly representing that
22 hp doesn't in any way infringe their contract. That would be
23 necessary, and we will make our presentation to Judge Wells in
24 that respect. But it should not, we respectfully submit,
25 influence the decision here to extend the schedule.

1 Finally, SCO does not separately raise the grounds
2 for the extension of the schedule several points. But one I
3 think that stands out is that Mr. Hatch's reference to the
4 7200 names of people identified by IBM. SCO propounded an
5 interrogatory. The interrogatory said, who had access to IBM
6 AIX, and who has access to Dinux. We answered their question.
7 The question called for an answer of 7200 names. Those names
8 are not, as their reply suggests, a list of witnesses. Those
9 individuals are I suspect totally irrelevant to the case. We
10 provided it not to bury information, but to answer a question
11 which was asked and we believe properly responded to.

12 To conclude, Your Honor, we believe the schedule
13 should hold. We don't believe they can establish a good
14 cause. If this were a question of needing an additional month
15 to tie up loose ends in discovery, that would not be something
16 that we would have a disagreement about. And I believe we
17 have stated that in our opposition papers.

18 This is not what is proposed. What is proposed is
19 instead a nine and a half month extension for the fact
20 discovery period when they contend with every week passes,
21 they're entitled to additional billions of dollars of damages.

22 Respectfully, Your Honor, we request that the
23 motion to amend the schedule would be denied.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Marriott.

25 Mr. Hatch?

1 MR. HATCH: My first reaction is we probably just
2 need an extension to respond.

3 THE COURT: You mean to respond to his argument?

4 MR. HATCH: What?

5 THE COURT: You need the extension to respond to
6 his argument?

7 MR. HATCH: No. I think it would take about nine
8 months to correct all the statements.

9 Your Honor, it is really quite amazing because
10 Mr. Marriott sits here and tells you, we're doing everything
11 we should, and we're expediting this thing, and there is no
12 reason not to. And we'll talk about a couple of things, if
13 you allow me.

14 But the most amazing thing to me is he talks about
15 the source code and you hear that's the case. He wants to
16 tell you what, we think some of it is not relevant. And we,
17 IBM, get to make that determination.

18 There were plenty of orders, there are plenty of
19 people, experts and other people who can do what they need to
20 with the code, and they're not given the opportunity. And
21 what we're doing is playing big firm games. He mentioned this
22 Fraser deposition. And you see very active writing on our
23 side during Mr. Marriott's argument involving most of the
24 motion. This Mr. Fraser deposition, we had a hearing in front
25 of Judge Wells yesterday. We indicated that we do not have

1 what we need from them. IBM is withholding information for
2 us. We're not prepared to go forward, and they ought not to
3 do that. And on top of that, we had a hearing today, as well.

4 Now, do we have enough physical bodies that we can
5 throw at this? Yes. But the fundamental question isn't, do
6 we have physical bodies, and can we do 40 people a month over
7 the next six weeks? The question is, are we getting the
8 information from IBM? As Mr. Marriott sits here and tells you
9 there appears to burden himself. Do you know what happened
10 this morning, Your Honor? The first thing they pulled out at
11 the deposition and they faxed it to us is a declaration of
12 Mr. Fraser. And you know what they're doing in the deposition
13 today? Because apparently Mr. Fraser has a hard time
14 recollecting things himself. This is document prepared by
15 Cravath, Swaine & Moore with some input from Mr. Fraser. And
16 they're reading paragraphs of this to him and saying, isn't
17 that true? Well, yeah, that's true.

18 It's not a real deposition. This is the one that
19 they had to have. There was an emergency. They had to have
20 it right now and couldn't put it off, and apparently that we
21 had all the information for.

22 Guess what? They never turned this over to us.
23 Very interesting to me that we turned to the signature page, a
24 document they prepared, March 28th, 2004. And they sat and
25 told Judge Wells, they're prepared. They've got everything.

1 Let's go forward. You're just delaying, SCO.

2 Where is this? Where is the fairness? This is
3 games. He just sat there and told you after I read to you,
4 Your Honor, what the discovery request was on the 7200 names,
5 he sat and just told you that we just said who had access to
6 it. Because remember that's how they entered it, and that's
7 how they justified playing big law firm games and giving us
8 7200 names instead of something relevant that we can use in
9 the case. What did we ask? I read that. We want persons who
10 worked on developing the source code or derivative work, and
11 give the exact and precise contributions that they made.

12 My guess is that if we had the time in the next
13 four or five years to figure out who these 7200 people are,
14 we're going to have secretaries, we're going to have janitors,
15 we're going to have the donut boy. But, you know, this is not
16 an inexperienced law firm. They know what we are asking for.
17 If they want this case to move forward, quit playing games.
18 They give us relevant information so we can know who to write
19 to take their deposition of.

20 You recall I read the article. You asked me, what
21 does this have relevance to? It may not have, but it
22 certainly has relevance to what he was talking about. What
23 did it say in the press article? He said there were 250 on
24 the team that were working on it. And they were taking Unix
25 and using that as an opportunity to build Linux faster than it

1 could be built if people independently built it. I didn't get
2 250 names. I'd like to know who they are. I got 7200 names.

3 And this is very interesting, because what he's
4 essentially saying, is, we've got these three separate piles.
5 What is really going on is they're hiding, and they're taking
6 Unix. They're building AIX, and they're stuffing them in
7 throughout the pile. And they're saying, guess what. You
8 identify for us first what the problem is, because we're not
9 going to tell you where it is.

10 And, Your Honor, this is just games. We didn't
11 even get the first source code until this case was over a year
12 old. That's not the conduct of a party who wants to expedite
13 things, who wants us to have a fair chance to prosecute our
14 claims. And he totally misrepresents to even claims
15 themselves.

16 We've gone through this with Judge Wells several
17 times. He used something that we used previously. And if you
18 don't mind, if I can give you a copy of this.

19 THE COURT: Sure.

20 MR. HATCH: It's demonstrative. We've used it in
21 the past.

22 Do you need a copy?

23 MR. MARRIOTT: Yes.

24 MR. HATCH: This is from the original software
25 licensing agreement, software agreement with AT&T Technology,

1 our predecessor. And as you can see, it's talking at the page
2 further into the document, it gives IBM the right to use our
3 product for its own internal business purposes. It says:

4 Such right to use includes the right to modify the
5 product, and Mr. Marriott spoke about, and to prepare
6 derivative works based on software product.

7 So they can modify. And they can do derivative
8 works.

9 Provided, and this is the part they ignore, the
10 resulting materials are treated hereunder as part of the
11 original software product.

12 And if we go down, it says:

13 Licensee agrees that it shall hold all parts, not
14 just some of them, but all parts of the software
15 products, which now includes anything they derive based
16 on them, subject to this agreement for who? For AT&T,
17 which is now SCO.

18 And it says:

19 Except for as provided elsewhere in this agreement,
20 they won't transfer and expose software product, which
21 is now defined as including their additional work, in
22 whole or in part.

23 Well, that's why we want to know. We want to know,
24 and they're trying to deny us, which of these blue envelopes
25 are in here. They won't give it to us. They only until

1 recently gave us one later version. We don't have the initial
2 version of it.

3 Everybody here has got to admit here that the case
4 in the very beginning clearly is going to require them to turn
5 over some AIX code and some Dinux code. I don't think anybody
6 can stand in front of you and make a credible argument that we
7 were going to get zero. And that was irrelevant discovery.
8 And yet, over a year into this case, that's what we have is
9 zero.

10 We've now got one version, and Mister -- IBM wants
11 to say, well, we don't want you to be able to sort this out.
12 We want you to have to prove your case first before we're
13 going to let you sort this out and know what's there. And
14 we're going to determine what's relevant, not you.

15 Well, that's not typically how discovery goes, and
16 that's why we're having this fight in front of Judge Wells.

17 I have a little problem with how they even couch
18 what the stay was for. The stay they say was because of us.
19 And the reason they say that is because initially we were
20 told, produce what you have first. Do the best you can
21 without having this source code so we know kind of the types
22 of thing that you're talking about.

23 Now, we disagreed with that. We felt that both
24 parties ought to be going at the same time, and there really
25 isn't any hardship for them turning this stuff over. But,

1 Judge Wells said -- essentially, she didn't say approximately
2 or how to either of us. She said, look, you say, IBM, you've
3 got to have SCO go first. SCO, you say you have to have IBM
4 go first. I don't know. But I'm going to make a call. It's
5 right in the order. It's as plain as day. It doesn't say
6 what they say, you're the plaintiff. I'm going to make you go
7 first.

8 That's all it was. And as soon as we'd gone, what
9 did she say? She said in her order, we, SCO, had made a good
10 faith compliance with their order. And then she ordered IBM
11 to start turning things over. In other words, it's their
12 turn. But they still want to limit what their turn is.

13 So we find ourselves in a position where -- and
14 it's not -- as I look at it today, probably not, shouldn't be
15 unexpected in the sense that they're putting up a vigorous
16 defense. I can't fault them for that. But what I can fault
17 them for is coming here today and saying, we're ready to go
18 and we've done everything to expedite this, when until just a
19 month or two ago we had zero versions of the source code.
20 They hadn't even produced that.

21 Still today, they haven't even identified the 250
22 people in this group that was contributing our Unix into
23 Linux. And they were doing it for their profit. Until today
24 we don't get an affidavit for a deposition that's going forth
25 today that they've been holding onto for three months. This

1 is -- and for somebody who wants to expedite things, they
2 chose to throw into case for whatever tactical reason
3 14 counterclaims that considerably hamper the case and make it
4 more complex. Those are not the actions of people who want to
5 expedite a matter.

6 Their chart about, you know, 1400 and 2.9
7 depositions a month. The reality there is 40 depositions a
8 month. How many of those lawyers we can put on that and are
9 capable of doing that, would have the knowledge of the case,
10 were able to take them, able to take meaningful depositions is
11 some number significantly less than that. But the reality is
12 that I don't think they can point to a single case in this
13 district or any other that unless there was some extraordinary
14 reason that any judge was going to make anybody do 40-plus
15 depositions in a month. It's just -- even though you could
16 take the physical bodies and maybe get the plane rides and get
17 all over the country how that, it just isn't practically
18 possible to be able to take those depositions, be able to
19 prepare the next one, and be able to gather the information in
20 a consistent manner, to allow them to adequately prepare their
21 case and fairly meet the demands of the legal issues of the
22 case. That certainly hasn't been the case in any case in this
23 district that I'm aware of.

24 Just yesterday we got -- he's talking about they
25 produced patent documents. We're ready to go toward. Five

1 depositions, and we can do it in just the next six weeks,
2 seven weeks, until the discovery cutoff. We got the 15 boxes
3 of patent documents yesterday. And 15 boxes may not be a lot
4 to Mr. Marriott, but that's a lot to me. And that's got to be
5 a lot to digest. And my guess is by the end of that seven
6 weeks, we wouldn't have digested the seven boxes, let alone to
7 take the depositions based on those. And we haven't even had
8 a Markman hearing yet.

9 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Hatch?

10 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, I'm just checking real
11 quick. There are about 50 minutes I got here in the course of
12 Mr. Marriott's presentation, and I want to make sure -- I
13 won't hit every single one of them, but I think I made the
14 main points.

15 I think in conclusion what I probably ought to say
16 is there is no question of the hotly contested piece of
17 litigation. I think you've got excellent lawyers on both
18 sides. I have nothing but the highest regard for Mr. Marriott
19 and Mr. Shaughnessy. In my mind, they are lawyers of
20 absolutely the first rate, and I hope they feel the same about
21 us. And I think both sides are going to contest this thing as
22 well fought-out lawyers should and will.

23 This is not an insignificant case. The issues
24 deserve a fair and thorough treatment. And it really isn't
25 the kind of case where a schedule of the type that's being

1 produced here should be shoved down anyone's throat. This is
2 a matter that requires some thought, some consideration. And
3 when we are -- when you think about it, and someone made this
4 point to me and I think it's a good one. What we're asking
5 for is nine months extension on the discovery table, but only
6 five months on the trial. When you consider it took in excess
7 of nine months to get us the first set of code, we still don't
8 agree enough, and that again wasn't considered unreasonable,
9 it's hard to put in the same picture that nine months now is
10 an unreasonable time period when the key element of the case
11 were only partially prepared in that same group of time.

12 So I would ask, Your Honor, our proposal is I think
13 a reasonable one. We tried to be reasonable. Mr. Marriott is
14 exactly right. I did leave open the possibility if we
15 continue to have discovery problems what we may be back in
16 front of you or Judge Wells again. But I think for now a
17 reasonable schedule would be that deposition discovery not
18 continue until we have resolved the core of the document
19 claims and let Judge Wells be the arbiter of that. And we
20 propose at least for now September. Discovery cutoff at the
21 end of May of next year and the trial to follow thereafter.

22 THE COURT: Thank you.

23 MR. HATCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: You look like you want to say something
25 else. If you say something else, I've got to let him say

1 something else.

2 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay.

3 THE COURT: Go ahead. 30 seconds.

4 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: And you'll get 30 seconds, Mr. Hatch

6 MR. MARRIOTT: Mr. Hatch makes reference of needing
7 a bunch of code to figure out what's in the stack. This is
8 public information, Your Honor. It's available on the
9 Internet. They don't need anything from us to figure that
10 out.

11 He complains about not receiving the declaration of
12 David Fraser. Until that declaration was used at his
13 deposition this morning, it was our work product. They have
14 sat for six-plus months on a variety of affidavits which are
15 disclosed by them publicly. We specifically asked for them
16 and never got them. They never asked for that affidavit, and
17 they didn't get it because until it was used it was work
18 product.

19 Mr. Hatch makes reference to 7200 names. The
20 question -- the argument to which he refers to is a very
21 different question asked. The article was about individuals
22 who had made contributions to Linux. Their interrogatory was
23 who had access. Very different things.

24 Mr. Hatch complains about receiving 15 boxes of
25 documents, yet asked for hundreds of millions of lines of

1 source code, which is equivalent of about 4-plus million pages
2 of documents.

3 Thank you, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Mr. Hatch?

6 MR. HATCH: I think both points are wrong, as you
7 can guess. The parts that we're asking for here is a
8 considerable amount of this is what they did is not public.
9 And we will find it out. I think it would take another hour
10 here to find it out.

11 I don't know why he argues about the interrogatory.
12 It doesn't say access. It says those who worked on it. We
13 want those people, because what we are asking for is using
14 Unix as a basis to build that. So I think, you know, there's
15 no doubt we have -- we're going to quibble about absolutely
16 everything. We probably will to the day the jury comes in.
17 But the reality is, if nothing more that shows you this isn't
18 a case that is going to be tried on a fast schedule, because,
19 you know, if we're going to have to be fighting about
20 everything and disagreeing, we're going to have to do that.
21 Magistrate Wells is going to hate our guts, but we're going to
22 be there. And I think that speaks further to the fact that
23 this needs to be put on a more reasonable schedule.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. I'll get a ruling out on
25 these motions shortly. I know that there's some interest in

1 getting these motions resolved fairly quickly. I'll take them
2 under advisement and get a ruling out in a few days.

3 Thank you very much. Court is in recess.

4 (Whereupon, the court proceedings were concluded.)

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