

TITLE VII

DISCOVERY

RULE 70. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) **General:** ¹(1) *Methods and Limitations of Discovery:* In conformity with these Rules, a party may obtain discovery by written interrogatories (Rule 71), by production of documents, electronically stored information, or things (Rules 72 and 73), by depositions upon consent of the parties (Rule 74(b)), or by depositions without consent of the parties in certain cases (Rule 74(c)). However, the Court expects the parties to attempt to attain the objectives of discovery through informal consultation or communication before utilizing the discovery procedures provided in these Rules. Discovery is not available under these Rules through depositions except to the limited extent provided in Rule 74. See Rules 91(a) and 100 regarding relationship of discovery to stipulations.

²(2) *Time for Discovery:* Discovery shall not be commenced, without leave of Court, before the expiration of 30 days after joinder of issue (see Rule 38). Discovery shall be completed and any motion to compel or any other motion with respect to such discovery shall be filed, unless otherwise authorized by the Court, no later than 45 days prior to the date set for call of the case from a trial calendar. Discovery by a deposition under Rule 74(c) may not be commenced before a notice of trial has been issued or the case has been assigned to a Judge or Special Trial Judge and any motion to compel or any other motion with respect to such discovery shall be filed within the time provided by the preceding sentence. Discovery of matters which are relevant only to the issue of a party's entitlement to reasonable litigation or administrative costs shall not be commenced, without leave of Court, before a motion for reasonable litigation or administrative costs has been noticed for a hearing, and discovery shall be completed and any motion to compel or any other motion with respect to such

¹The amendments are effective as of January 1, 2010.

²The amendments conforming to the merger of former Rules 74, 75, and 76 are effective as of January 1, 2010. The amendments clarifying the timing for discovery-related motions are effective as of May 5, 2011.

discovery shall be filed, unless otherwise authorized by the Court, no later than 45 days prior to the date set for hearing.

(3) *Cases Consolidated for Trial:* With respect to a common matter in cases consolidated for trial, discovery may be had by any party to such a case to the extent provided by these Rules, and, for that purpose, the reference to a “party” in this Title VII, in Title VIII, or in Title X, shall mean any party to any of the consolidated cases involving such common matter.

¹(b) Scope of Discovery: The information or response sought through discovery may concern any matter not privileged and which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending case. It is not ground for objection that the information or response sought will be inadmissible at the trial, if that information or response appears reasonably calculated to lead to discovery of admissible evidence, regardless of the burden of proof involved. If the information or response sought is otherwise proper, it is not objectionable merely because the information or response involves an opinion or contention that relates to fact or to the application of law to fact. But the Court may order that the information or response sought need not be furnished or made until some designated time or a particular stage has been reached in the case or until a specified step has been taken by a party.

²(c) Limitations on Discovery: (1) *General:* The frequency or extent of use of the discovery methods set forth in paragraph (a) shall be limited by the Court if it determines that: (A) The discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or is obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive; (B) the party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity by discovery in the action to obtain the information sought; or (C) the discovery is unduly burdensome or expensive, taking into account the needs of the case, the amount in controversy, limitations on the parties’ resources, and the impor-

¹The amendments restructuring former paragraph (b) and adding new paragraph (c) are effective as of July 6, 2012. Former paragraph (b) had previously been amended effective January 1, 2010, to incorporate as paragraph (b)(3) provisions now generally included as part of new paragraph (c).

²The amendments adding new paragraph (c) are effective as of July 6, 2012.

tance of the issues at stake in the litigation. The Court may act upon its own initiative after reasonable notice or pursuant to a motion under Rule 103.

(2) *Electronically Stored Information:* A party need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the party identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the party from whom discovery is sought must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the Court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 70(c)(1). The Court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(3) *Documents and Tangible Things:*

(A) A party generally may not discover documents and tangible things that are prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial by or for another party or its representative (including the other party's attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent), unless, subject to Rule 70(c)(4),

(i) they are otherwise discoverable under Rule 70(b); and

(ii) the party shows that it has substantial need for the materials to prepare its case and cannot, without undue hardship, obtain their substantial equivalent by other means.

(B) If the Court orders discovery of those materials, it must protect against disclosure of mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of a party's counsel or other representative concerning the litigation.

(4) *Experts:*

(A) Rule 70(c)(3) protects drafts of any expert witness report required under Rule 143(g), regardless of the form in which the draft is recorded.

(B) Rule 70(c)(3) protects communications between a party's counsel and any witness required to provide a report under Rule 143(g), regardless of the form of the communications, except to the extent the communications:

(i) relate to compensation for the expert's study or testimony;

(ii) identify facts or data that the party's counsel provided and that the expert considered in forming the opinions to be expressed; or

(iii) identify assumptions that the party's counsel provided and that the expert relied on in forming the opinions to be expressed.

(C) A party generally may not, by interrogatories or depositions, discover facts known or opinions held by an expert who has been retained or specially employed by another party in anticipation of litigation or to prepare for trial and who is not expected to be called as a witness at trial, except on a showing of exceptional circumstances under which it is impracticable for the party to obtain facts or opinions on the same subject by other means.

¹(d) Party's Statements: Upon request to the other party and without any showing except the assertion in writing that the requester lacks and has no convenient means of obtaining a copy of a statement made by the requester, a party shall be entitled to obtain a copy of any such statement which has a bearing on the subject matter of the case and is in the possession or control of another party to the case.

²(e) Use In Case: The answers to interrogatories, things produced in response to a request, or other information or responses obtained under Rules 71, 72, 73, and 74 may be used at trial or in any proceeding in the case prior or subsequent to trial to the extent permitted by the rules of evidence. Such answers or information or responses will not be considered as evidence until offered and received as evidence. No objections to interrogatories or the answers thereto, or to a request to produce or the response thereto, will be considered unless made within the time prescribed, except that the objection that an interrogatory or answer would be

¹The amendment redesignating former paragraph (c) as paragraph (d) is effective as of July 6, 2012.

²The amendments conforming former paragraph (d) to the merger of former Rules 74, 75, and 76 are effective as of January 1, 2010. The amendment redesignating former paragraph (d) as paragraph (e) is effective as of July 6, 2012.

inadmissible at trial is preserved even though not made prior to trial.

¹(f) Signing of Discovery Requests, Responses, and Objections: (1) Every request for discovery or response or objection thereto made by a party represented by counsel shall be signed by at least one counsel of record. A party who is not represented by counsel shall sign the request, response, or objection. The signature shall conform to the requirements of Rule 23(a)(3). The signature of counsel or a party constitutes a certification that the signer has read the request, response, or objection, and that to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry, it is: (A) Consistent with these Rules and warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law, (B) not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation, and (C) not unreasonable or unduly burdensome or expensive, given the needs of the case, the discovery already had in the case, the amount in controversy, and the importance of the issues at stake in the litigation. If a request, response, or objection is not signed, then it shall be stricken, unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the party making the request, response, or objection, and a party shall not be obligated to take any action with respect to it until it is signed.

(2) If a certification is made in violation of this Rule, then the Court upon motion or upon its own initiative, may impose upon the person who made the certification, the party on whose behalf the request, response, or objection is made, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the violation, including reasonable counsel's fees.

²(g) Other Applicable Rules: For Rules concerned with the frequency and timing of discovery in relation to other procedures, supplementation of answers, protective or-

¹The amendment redesignating former paragraph (e) as paragraph (f) is effective as of July 6, 2012.

²The amendment redesignating former paragraph (f) as paragraph (g) is effective as of July 6, 2012.

ders, effect of evasive or incomplete answers or responses, and sanctions and enforcement action, see Title X.

RULE 71. INTERROGATORIES

¹(a) Availability: Unless otherwise stipulated or ordered by the Court, a party may serve upon any other party no more than 25 written interrogatories, including all discrete subparts but excluding interrogatories described in paragraph (d) of this Rule, to be answered by the party served or, if the party served is a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or governmental agency, by an officer or agent who shall furnish such information as is available to the party. A motion for leave to serve additional interrogatories may be granted by the Court to the extent consistent with Rule 70(c)(1).

(b) Answers: All answers shall be made in good faith and as completely as the answering party's information shall permit. However, the answering party is required to make reasonable inquiry and ascertain readily obtainable information. An answering party may not give lack of information or knowledge as an answer or as a reason for failure to answer, unless such party states that such party has made reasonable inquiry and that information known or readily obtainable by such party is insufficient to enable such party to answer the substance of the interrogatory.

(c) Procedure: Each interrogatory shall be answered separately and fully under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for the objection shall be stated in lieu of the answer. The answers are to be signed by the person making them and the objections shall be signed by the party or the party's counsel. The party on whom the interrogatories have been served shall serve a copy of the answers, and objections if any, upon the propounding party within 30 days after service of the interrogatories. The Court may allow a shorter or longer time. The burden shall be on the party submitting the interrogatories to move for an order with respect to any objection or other failure to answer an interrogatory, and in that connection the moving party shall

¹The amendment prescribing a presumptive limit of 25 interrogatories is effective as of January 1, 2010. The amendment conforming to the restructuring of Rule 70 is effective as of July 6, 2012.

annex the interrogatories to the motion, with proof of service on the other party, together with the answers and objections, if any. Prior to a motion for such an order, neither the interrogatories nor the response shall be filed with the Court.

(d) Experts: (1) By means of written interrogatories in conformity with this Rule, a party may require any other party: (A) To identify each person whom the other party expects to call as an expert witness at the trial of the case, giving the witness's name, address, vocation or occupation, and a statement of the witness's qualifications, and (B) to state the subject matter and the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify, and give a summary of the grounds for each such opinion, or, in lieu of such statement to furnish a copy of a report of such expert presenting the foregoing information.

¹(2) For provisions regarding the submission and exchange of expert witness reports, see Rule 143(g). That Rule shall not serve to extend the period of time under paragraph (c) of this Rule within which a party must answer any interrogatory directed at discovering: (A) The identity and qualifications of each person whom such party expects to call as an expert witness at the trial of the case and (B) the subject matter with respect to which the expert is expected to testify.

²(e) Option To Produce Business Records: If the answer to an interrogatory may be derived or ascertained from the business records (including electronically stored information) of the party upon whom the interrogatory has been served, or from an examination, audit, or inspection of such records, or from a compilation, abstract, or summary based thereon, and the burden of deriving or ascertaining the answer is substantially the same for the party serving the interrogatory as for the party served, it is sufficient answer to such interrogatory to specify the records from which the answer may be derived or ascertained and to afford to the party serving the interrogatory reasonable opportunity to examine, audit, or inspect such records and to make copies, compilations, abstracts, or summaries.

¹The amendment is effective as of January 1, 2010.

²The amendment is effective as of January 1, 2010.

**RULE 72. PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS,
ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION, AND
THINGS¹**

(a) Scope: Any party may, without leave of Court, serve on any other party a request to:

(1) Produce and permit the party making the request, or someone acting on such party's behalf, to inspect and copy, test, or sample any designated documents or electronically stored information (including writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, and other data compilations stored in any medium from which information can be obtained, either directly or translated, if necessary, by the responding party into a reasonably usable form), or to inspect and copy, test, or sample any tangible thing, to the extent that any of the foregoing items are in the possession, custody, or control of the party on whom the request is served; or

(2) Permit entry upon designated land or other property in the possession or control of the party upon whom the request is served for the purpose of inspection and measuring, surveying, photographing, testing, or sampling the property or any designated object or operation thereon.

(b) Procedure: (1) *Contents of the Request:* The request shall set forth the items to be inspected, either by individual item or category, describe each item and category with reasonable particularity, and may specify the form or forms in which electronically stored information is to be produced. It shall specify a reasonable time, place, and manner of making the inspection and performing the related acts.

(2) *Responses and Objections:* The party upon whom the request is served shall serve a written response within 30 days after service of the request. The Court may allow a shorter or longer time. The response shall state, with respect to each item or category, that inspection and related activities will be permitted as requested, unless the request is objected to in whole or in part, in which event the reasons for objection shall be stated. If objection is made to part of an item or category, then that part shall be specified. The response may state an objection to a requested

¹The amendments to paragraphs (a) and (b) are effective as of January 1, 2010.

form for producing electronically stored information. If the responding party objects to a requested form—or if no form was specified in the request—the party shall state the form or forms it intends to use. To obtain a ruling on an objection by the responding party, on a failure to respond, or on a failure to produce or permit inspection, the requesting party shall file an appropriate motion with the Court and shall annex thereto the request, with proof of service on the other party, together with the response and objections if any. Prior to a motion for such a ruling, neither the request nor the response shall be filed with the Court.

(3) *Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information*: Unless otherwise stipulated or ordered by the Court, these procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information: (A) A party shall produce documents as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the request; (B) If a request does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, a party shall produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms; and (C) A party need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(c) **Foreign Petitioners**: For production of records by foreign petitioners, see Code section 7456(b).

RULE 73. EXAMINATION BY TRANSFEREES¹

(a) **General**: Upon application to the Court and subject to these Rules, a transferee of property of a taxpayer shall be entitled to examine before trial the books, papers, documents, correspondence, electronically stored information, and other evidence of the taxpayer or of a preceding transferee of the taxpayer's property, but only if the transferee making the application is a petitioner seeking redetermination of such transferee's liability in respect of the taxpayer's tax liability (including interest, additional amounts, and additions provided by law). Such books, papers, documents, correspondence, electronically stored information, and other evidence may be made available to the extent that the same shall be

¹The amendments to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) are effective as of January 1, 2010.

within the United States, will not result in undue hardship to the taxpayer or preceding transferee, and in the opinion of the Court are necessary in order to enable the transferee to ascertain the liability of the taxpayer or preceding transferee.

(b) Procedure: A petitioner desiring an examination permitted under paragraph (a) shall file an application with the Court, showing that such petitioner is entitled to such an examination, describing the documents, electronically stored information, and other materials sought to be examined, giving the names and addresses of the persons to produce the same, and stating a reasonable time and place where the examination is to be made. If the Court shall determine that the applicable requirements are satisfied, then it shall issue a subpoena, signed by a Judge, directed to the appropriate person and ordering the production at a designated time and place of the documents, electronically stored information, and other materials involved. If the person to whom the subpoena is directed shall object thereto or to the production involved, then such person shall file the objections and the reasons therefor in writing with the Court, and serve a copy thereof upon the applicant, within 10 days after service of the subpoena or on or before such earlier time as may be specified in the subpoena for compliance. To obtain a ruling on such objections, the applicant for the subpoena shall file an appropriate motion with the Court. In all respects not inconsistent with the provisions of this Rule, the provisions of Rule 72(b) shall apply where appropriate.

(c) Scope of Examination: The scope of the examination authorized under this Rule shall be as broad as is authorized under Rule 72(a), including, for example, the copying of such documents, electronically stored information, and materials.

**RULE 74. DEPOSITIONS FOR DISCOVERY
PURPOSES¹**

²(a) General: In conformity with this Rule, a party may obtain discovery by depositions with the consent of the parties under paragraph (b) and without the consent of the parties under paragraph (c). Paragraph (d) describes additional uses for depositions of expert witnesses, and paragraphs (e) and (f) set forth general provisions governing the taking of all depositions for discovery purposes. An application for an order to take a deposition is required only with respect to depositions to perpetuate evidence. See Rules 80 through 84.

(b) Depositions Upon Consent of the Parties: (1) *When Deposition May Be Taken:* Upon consent of all the parties to a case, and within the time limits provided in Rule 70(a)(2), a deposition for discovery purposes may be taken of either a party, a nonparty witness, or an expert witness. Such consent shall be set forth in a stipulation filed in duplicate with the Court, which shall contain the information required in Rule 81(d) and which otherwise shall be subject to the procedure provided in Rule 81(d).

(2) *Notice to Nonparty Witness or Expert Witness:* A notice of deposition shall be served on a nonparty witness or an expert witness. The notice shall state that the deposition is to be taken under Rule 74(b) and shall set forth the name of the party or parties seeking the deposition; the name and address of the person to be deposed; the time and place proposed for the deposition; the name of the officer before whom the deposition is to be taken; a statement describing any books, papers, documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things to be produced at the deposition; and a statement of the issues in controversy to which the expected testimony of the witness, or the document, electronically stored information, or thing relates, and the reasons for deposing the witness. With respect to the deposition of an organization described in Rule 81(c), the notice shall also set forth the information required

¹The amendments merging former Rules 74, 75, and 76 into new Rule 74 are effective as of January 1, 2010.

²The amendments clarifying the different procedures applicable with respect to depositions for discovery purposes and those to perpetuate evidence are effective as of May 5, 2011.

under that Rule, and the organization shall make the designation authorized by that Rule.

(3) *Objection by Nonparty Witness or Expert Witness:* Within 15 days after service of the notice of deposition, a nonparty witness or expert witness shall serve on the parties seeking the deposition any objections to the deposition. The burden shall be upon a party seeking the deposition to move for an order with respect to such objection or other failure of the nonparty witness or expert witness, and such party shall annex to any such motion the notice of deposition with proof of service thereof, together with a copy of the response and objections, if any.

(c) Depositions Without Consent of the Parties: (1)

General: (A) *When Depositions May Be Taken:* After a notice of trial has been issued or after a case has been assigned to a Judge or Special Trial Judge of the Court, and within the time for completion of discovery under Rule 70(a)(2), any party may take a deposition for discovery purposes of a party, a nonparty witness, or an expert witness in the circumstances described in this paragraph.

(B) *Availability:* The taking of a deposition of a party, a nonparty witness, or an expert witness under this paragraph is an extraordinary method of discovery and may be used only where a party, a nonparty witness, or an expert witness can give testimony or possesses documents, electronically stored information, or things which are discoverable within the meaning of Rule 70(b) and where such testimony, documents, electronically stored information, or things practicably cannot be obtained through informal consultation or communication (Rule 70(a)(1)), interrogatories (Rule 71), a request for production of documents, electronically stored information, or things (Rule 72), or by a deposition taken with consent of the parties (Rule 74(b)). If such requirements are satisfied, then a deposition of a witness may be taken under this paragraph, for example, where a party is a member of a partnership and an issue in the case involves an adjustment with respect to such partnership, or a party is a shareholder of an S corporation (as described in Code section 1361(a)), and an issue in the case involves an adjustment with respect to such S corporation. See Title XXIV, relating to partnership actions,

brought under provisions first enacted by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

(2) *Nonparty Witnesses:* A party may take the deposition of a nonparty witness without leave of court and without the consent of all the parties as follows:

(A) *Notice:* A party desiring to take a deposition under this subparagraph shall give notice in writing to every other party to the case and to the nonparty witness to be deposed. The notice shall state that the deposition is to be taken under Rule 74(c)(2) and shall set forth the name of the party seeking the deposition; the name and address of the person to be deposed; the time and place proposed for the deposition; the officer before whom the deposition is to be taken; a statement describing any books, papers, documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things to be produced at the deposition; and a statement of the issues in controversy to which the expected testimony of the witness, or the document, electronically stored information, or thing relates, and the reasons for deposing the witness. With respect to the deposition of an organization described in Rule 81(c), the notice shall also set forth the information required under that Rule, and the organization shall make the designation authorized by that Rule.

(B) *Objections:* Within 15 days after service of the notice of deposition, a party or a nonparty witness shall serve on the party seeking the deposition any objections to the deposition. The burden shall be upon the party seeking the deposition to move for an order with respect to any such objections or any failure of the nonparty witness, and such party shall annex to any such motion the notice of deposition with proof of service thereof, together with a copy of any responses and objections. Prior to a motion for such an order, neither the notice nor the responses shall be filed with the Court.

(3) *Party Witnesses:* A party may take the deposition of another party without the consent of all the parties as follows:

(A) *Motion:* A party desiring to depose another party shall file a written motion which shall state that the deposition is to be taken under Rule 74(c)(3) and shall set forth the name of the person to be deposed, the

time and place of the deposition, and the officer before whom the deposition is to be taken. With respect to the deposition of an organization described in Rule 81(c), the motion shall also set forth the information required under that Rule, and the organization shall make the designation authorized by that Rule.

(B) *Objection:* Upon the filing of a motion to take the deposition of a party, the Court shall issue an order directing each non-moving party to file a written objection or response thereto.

(C) *Action by the Court Sua Sponte:* In the exercise of its discretion the Court may on its own motion order the taking of a deposition of a party witness and may in its order allocate the cost therefor as it deems appropriate.

(4) *Expert Witnesses:* A party may take the deposition of an expert witness without the consent of all the parties as follows:

(A) *Scope of Deposition:* The deposition of an expert witness under this subparagraph shall be limited to: (i) The knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education that qualifies the witness to testify as an expert in respect of the issue or issues in dispute, (ii) the opinion of the witness in respect of which the witness's expert testimony is relevant to the issue or issues in dispute, (iii) the facts or data that underlie that opinion, and (iv) the witness's analysis, showing how the witness proceeded from the facts or data to draw the conclusion that represents the opinion of the witness.

(B) *Procedure:* (i) *General:* A party desiring to depose an expert witness under this subparagraph (4) shall file a written motion and shall set forth therein the matters specified below:

(a) The name and address of the witness to be examined;

(b) a statement describing any books, papers, documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things to be produced at the deposition of the witness to be examined;

(c) a statement of issues in controversy to which the expected testimony of the expert witness, or the

document, electronically stored information, or thing relates, and the reasons for deposing the witness;

(d) the time and place proposed for the deposition;

(e) the officer before whom the deposition is to be taken;

(f) any provision desired with respect to the payment of the costs, expenses, fees, and charges relating to the deposition (see paragraph (c)(4)(D)); and

(g) if the movant proposes to video record the deposition, then a statement to that effect and the name and address of the video recorder operator and the operator's employer. (The video recorder operator and the officer before whom the deposition is to be taken may be the same person.)

The movant shall also show that prior notice of the motion has been given to the expert witness whose deposition is sought and to each other party, or counsel for each other party, and shall state the position of each of these persons with respect to the motion, in accordance with Rule 50(a).

(ii) *Disposition of Motion:* Any objection or other response to the motion for order to depose an expert witness under this subparagraph shall be filed with the Court within 15 days after service of the motion. If the Court approves the taking of a deposition, then it will issue an order as described in paragraph (e)(4) of this Rule. If the deposition is to be video recorded, then the Court's order will so state.

(C) *Action by the Court Sua Sponte:* In the exercise of its discretion the Court may on its own motion order the taking of a deposition of an expert witness and may in its order allocate the cost therefor as it deems appropriate.

(D) *Expenses:* (i) *In General:* By stipulation among the parties and the expert witness to be deposed, or on order of the Court, provision may be made for any costs, expenses, fees, or charges relating to the deposition. If there is not such a stipulation or order, then the costs, expenses, fees, and charges relating to the deposition shall be borne by the parties as set forth in paragraph (c)(4)(D)(ii).

(ii) *Allocation of Costs, Etc.*: The party taking the deposition shall pay the following costs, expenses, fees, and charges:

(a) A reasonable fee for the expert witness, with regard to the usual and customary charge of the witness, for the time spent in preparing for and attending the deposition;

(b) reasonable charges of the expert witness for models, samples, or other like matters that may be required in the deposition of the witness;

(c) such amounts as are allowable under Rule 148(a) for transportation and subsistence for the expert witness;

(d) any charges of the officer presiding at or recording the deposition (other than for copies of the deposition transcript);

(e) any expenses involved in providing a place for the deposition; and

(f) the cost for the original of the deposition transcript as well as for any copies thereof that the party taking the deposition might order.

The other parties and the expert witness shall pay the cost for any copies of the deposition transcript that they might order.

(iii) *Failure To Attend*: If the party authorized to take the deposition of the expert witness fails to attend or to proceed therewith, then the Court may order that party to pay the witness such fees, charges, and expenses that the witness would otherwise be entitled to under paragraph (c)(4)(D)(ii) and to pay any other party such expenses, including attorney's fees, that the Court deems reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Use of Deposition of an Expert Witness for Other Than Discovery Purposes: (1) *Use as Expert Witness Report*: Upon written motion by the proponent of the expert witness and in appropriate cases, the Court may order that the deposition transcript serve as the expert witness report required by Rule 143(g)(1). Unless the Court shall determine otherwise for good cause shown, the taking of a deposition of an expert witness will not serve to extend the date under Rule 143(g)(1) by which a party is required to furnish

to each other party and to submit to the Court a copy of all expert witness reports prepared pursuant to that Rule.

(2) *Other Use:* Any other use of a deposition of an expert witness shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 81(i).

(e) General Provisions: Depositions taken under this Rule are subject to the following provisions. (1) *Transcript:* A transcript shall be made of every deposition upon oral examination taken under this Rule, but the transcript and exhibits introduced in connection with the deposition generally shall not be filed with the Court. See Rule 81(h)(3).

(2) *Depositions Upon Written Questions:* Depositions under this Rule may be taken upon written questions rather than upon oral examination. If the deposition is to be taken on written questions, a copy of the written questions shall be annexed to the notice of deposition or motion to take deposition. The use of such written questions is not favored, and the deposition should not be taken in this manner in the absence of a special reason. See Rule 84(a). There shall be an opportunity for cross-questions and redirect questions to the same extent and within the same time periods as provided in Rule 84(b) (starting with service of a notice of or motion to take deposition rather than service of an application). With respect to taking the deposition, the procedure of Rule 84(c) shall apply.

¹(3) *Hearing:* A hearing on a motion for an order regarding a deposition under this Rule will be held only if directed by the Court. A motion for an order regarding a deposition may be granted by the Court to the extent consistent with Rule 70(c)(1).

(4) *Orders:* If the Court approves the taking of a deposition under this Rule, then it will issue an order which includes in its terms the name of the person to be examined, the time and place of the deposition, and the officer before whom it is to be taken.

(5) *Continuances:* Unless the Court shall determine otherwise for good cause shown, the taking of a deposition under this Rule will not be regarded as sufficient ground for granting a continuance from a date or place of trial theretofore set.

¹The amendment conforming to the restructuring of Rule 70 is effective as of July 6, 2012.

(f) Other Applicable Rules: Unless otherwise provided in this Rule, the depositions described in this Rule generally shall be governed by the provisions of the following Rules with respect to the matters to which they apply: Rule 81(c) (designation of person to testify), 81(e) (person before whom deposition taken), 81(f) (taking of deposition), 81(g) (expenses), 81(h) (execution, form, and return of deposition), 81(i) (use of deposition), and Rule 85 (objections, errors, and irregularities). For Rules concerned with the timing and frequency of depositions, supplementation of answers, protective orders, effect of evasive or incomplete answers or responses, and sanctions and enforcement action, see Title X. For provisions governing the issuance of subpoenas, see Rule 147(d).