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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
17 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
18 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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20 DAN ADKINS and CHRISTOPHER
ROBERTSON,
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22 Plaintiffs,
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24 v.
25 COMCAST CORPORATION and
COMCAST CABLE
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,
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27 Defendants.

Case No. 3:16-cv-05969-VC

**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO
CONSIDER WHETHER CASES SHOULD
BE RELATED**

(Civil Local Rule 3-12(b))

I.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 3-12 and 7-11, the parties jointly move for an order relating the newly-removed action of *Charles Tillage, et al. v. Comcast Corporation, et al.*, No. 3:17-cv-06477-LB (“*Tillage* action”) to the present action (“*Adkins* action”).

II.

STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACTIONS

Local Rule 3-12(a) defines actions as related to one another when:

(1) The actions concern substantially the same parties, property, transaction or event; and

(2) It appears likely that there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges.

The parties agree that the *Tillage* action should be related to the *Adkins* action. Defendants are the same in both actions, and Plaintiffs in both actions are represented by the same counsel. Further, the two Plaintiffs in *Adkins* are also Plaintiffs in *Tillage*. Both this action and the *Tillage* action assert claims arising under California statutes and for breach of contract concerning the disclosure of Comcast’s Broadcast TV and Regional Sports Fees. As such, the two actions “concern substantially the same parties, property, transaction or event.” L.R. 3-12(a)(1).

Given the overlapping parties, counsel, and claims, it also appears “likely that there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges.” L.R. 3-12(a)(2). Accordingly, the two actions should be deemed related within the meaning of Local Rule 3-12(a). As this action was first-filed, the parties respectfully request that the *Tillage* action be reassigned from Magistrate Judge Beeler to District Judge Chhabria.

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III.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant this joint Motion, deem the *Tillage* action related to this action, and order the *Tillage* action reassigned to District Judge Chhabria.

Dated: November 9, 2017

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Attestation Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 5-1(i), I, Michael J. Stortz, hereby attest that I have obtained concurrence in the filing of this document from the other signatory to this document.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th day of November, 2017, in San Francisco, CA.

/s/ Michael J. Stortz

Michael J. Stortz

PROPOSED ORDER

Pursuant to Stipulation, **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 13, 2017



Hon. Vince Chhabria
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE