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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 KURTIS A. MEEK,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, *et*
15 *al.*,

16 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:25-cv-3318-DC-JDP (PS)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

18 On February 2, 2026, defendants filed a motion to compel arbitration of plaintiff's claims.
19 ECF No. 16. To date, plaintiff has not responded to defendants' motion.

20 Under the court's local rules, a responding party is required to file an opposition or
21 statement of non-opposition to a motion no later than fourteen days after the date it was filed.
22 E.D. Cal. L.R. 230(c). To manage its docket effectively, the court requires litigants to meet
23 certain deadlines. The court may impose sanctions, including dismissing a case, for failure to
24 comply with its orders or local rules. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); E.D. Cal. L.R. 110; *Hells Canyon*
25 *Pres. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 403 F.3d 683, 689 (9th Cir. 2005); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d
26 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988). Involuntary dismissal is a harsh penalty, but a district court has a
27 duty to administer justice expeditiously and avoid needless burden for the parties. *See*
28 *Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002); Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

1 The court will give plaintiff the opportunity to explain why sanctions should not be
2 imposed for failure to file an opposition or statement of non-opposition to defendants' motion.
3 Plaintiff's failure to respond to this order will constitute a failure to comply with a court order and
4 will result in dismissal of this action.

5 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

6 1. The March 19, 2026 hearing on defendants' motion to compel arbitration is continued
7 to April 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

8 2. The initial scheduling conference and hearing on plaintiff's motion to remand, both
9 currently set for March 19, 2026, are continued to April 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

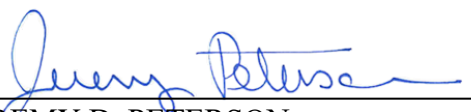
10 3. By no later than April 2, 2026, plaintiff shall file an opposition or statement of non-
11 opposition to defendants' motion to compel arbitration.

12 4. Plaintiff shall show cause, by no later than April 2, 2026, why sanctions should not be
13 imposed for failure to timely file an opposition or statement of non-opposition to defendants'
14 motion.

15 5. Defendants may file a reply to plaintiff's opposition, if any, no later than April 16,
16 2026.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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19 Dated: March 17, 2026
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21 JEREMY D. PETERSON
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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