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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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v.

HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO.
and JUNIPER NETWORKS, INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 5:25-cv-00951-PCP

**STIPULATED ORDER REGARDING
DISCOVERY OF ELECTRONICALLY
STORED INFORMATION**

Judge: P. Casey Pitts
Action Filed: January 30, 2025

1 **I. PURPOSE**

2 This Order will govern discovery of electronically stored information (“ESI”), Hard Copy
3 Documents (“Documents”), and Data in this case as a supplement to the Federal Rules of Civil
4 Procedure, this Court’s Guidelines for the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information
5 (“Guidelines”), and any other applicable orders and rules. Nothing in this Order is intended to
6 limit the parties’ obligations under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Any dispute arising out
7 of the production of ESI, Documents, or Data subject to this Order shall be resolved according to
8 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rule 26, and the Court’s Standing Orders.

9 **II. GENERAL PROVISIONS & COOPERATION**

10 1. The parties to this action (“Parties”) are aware of the importance the Court places
11 on cooperation and commit to cooperate in good faith throughout the matter consistent with this
12 Court’s Guidelines.

13 2. The production specifications for ESI and Documents set forth in this ESI Order do
14 not apply to databases, data sources, and other structured data except as described in Section IX
15 below.

16 3. The production specifications set forth in this ESI Order apply to Documents and
17 ESI that are to be produced in the first instance in this Action. To the extent a Producing Party
18 produces documents that were previously produced in the Investigation, those previously produced
19 documents need not be reprocessed so long as the documents are produced in a reasonably usable
20 form and need not be assigned new Bates numbers, so long as the prior Bates prefix is unique and
21 not repeated in this Action. The Parties shall meet and confer if the Requesting Party raises
22 questions or concerns about the format of any such production after receiving it.

23 4. This ESI Order may be modified for good cause by a Stipulated Order of all Parties
24 or by the Court. The Parties reserve their rights to seek reasonable modifications of these
25 procedures as appropriate.

26 5. If disputes arise concerning the scope and nature of a production, the Parties must
27 promptly meet and confer to reach agreement prior to seeking leave of the Court to resolve any
28 disputed issues. If the Parties’ disagreement persists after meeting and conferring in good faith,

1 the Parties must notify the Court of their unresolved dispute(s) and seek resolution from the Court.

2 **III. LIASON**

3 1. The Parties have identified liaisons to each other who are and will be
4 knowledgeable about and responsible for discussing their respective ESI. Each e-discovery liaison
5 will be, or have access to those who are, knowledgeable about the technical aspects of e-discovery,
6 including the location, nature, accessibility, format, collection, search methodologies, and
7 production of ESI in this matter. The Parties will rely on the liaisons, as needed, to confer about
8 ESI and to help resolve disputes without court intervention.

9 **IV. PRESERVATION**

10 The Parties have discussed their preservation obligations and needs and agree that
11 preservation of potentially responsive ESI, Documents, and Data will be reasonably proportionate.
12 To reduce the costs and burdens of preservation and to ensure proper ESI, Documents, and Data
13 are preserved, the Parties agree that each Party must preserve only non-duplicative potentially
14 responsive ESI, Documents, and Data in its possession, custody, or control. Subject to and without
15 waiving any protection described above, the Parties agree that:

16 1. Only ESI, Documents, and Data that were reasonably accessible as of April 1, 2024,
17 when the preservation obligation was triggered, will be preserved.

18 2. The Parties will endeavor to agree upon a list of the types of relevant ESI,
19 Documents, and Data that should be preserved and the custodians for whom relevant ESI,
20 Documents, and Data should be preserved. The Parties will add or remove custodians as
21 reasonably necessary.

22 3. The Parties need not preserve:

23 a. Voicemail messages, except in the case where they are contained within the
24 Parties' email systems;

25 b. Information from handsets, mobile devices, personal digital assistants, and
26 tablets, provided that a copy of such information is saved and preserved elsewhere for potential
27 production in discovery;
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- 1 c. Temporary or cache files, including Internet history, web browser cache,
2 and cookie files, wherever located;
- 3 d. Server, system, or network logs;
- 4 e. Back-up and legacy IT systems and tapes used for disaster recovery;
- 5 f. Fragmented, slack, or unallocated data accessible only by forensics; and
- 6 g. Data stored in random access memory (“RAM”), temporary files, or other
7 ephemeral non-message data that are difficult to preserve without disabling the operating system.

8 Nothing in this ESI Order prevents any Party from asserting, in accordance with the Federal
9 Rules of Civil Procedure, that other categories of ESI, Documents, or Data are not reasonably
10 accessible, overly burdensome to produce, or disproportionate to the needs of the case.

11 **Preservation Does Not Affect Discoverability or Claims of Privilege.** By preserving
12 ESI, Documents, and Data for the purpose of this Action, the Parties are not conceding that such
13 material is discoverable, nor are they waiving any claim of privilege.

14 **V. DOCUMENTS PROTECTED FROM DISCOVERY**

15 1. The Parties agree that they need not preserve nor produce in discovery the following
16 categories of documents:

17 a. Documents or communications sent solely among outside counsel for
18 Defendants (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of such counsel) or solely among counsel
19 for Plaintiff (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of such counsel);

20 b. Documents authored by Defendants’ outside counsel (or persons employed
21 by or acting on behalf of such counsel) or by counsel for Plaintiff (or persons employed by or
22 acting on behalf of such counsel), that were not directly or indirectly furnished to any non-party,
23 such as internal memoranda; and

24 c. Documents or communications sent solely between inside counsel for a
25 Party (acting in a purely legal capacity) or between inside counsel for a Party (acting in a purely
26 legal capacity) and outside counsel for a Party (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of such
27 counsel).

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1 VI. COLLECTION AND REVIEW

2 1. **Meet and Confer.** The Parties agree that in responding to any request pursuant to
3 Rule 34 of the Federal Rules, they will meet and confer about methods to search ESI in order to
4 identify ESI that is subject to production in discovery and filter out ESI that is not subject to
5 discovery.

6 2. **Excluded from Collection and Review.** The Parties do not need to collect and
7 review the excluded ESI, Documents, or Data listed in Section V.

8 3. **Relevance Review Permitted.** Nothing in this Order may be construed or
9 interpreted as precluding a Producing Party from performing a responsiveness review to determine
10 if documents captured by technology-assisted review (“TAR”) or search terms are in fact relevant
11 to the Requesting Party’s request.

12 4. **Production of All Documents Captured.** Nothing in this Order may be construed
13 or interpreted as requiring the production of all ESI or Documents captured by any search term or
14 TAR if any such ESI or Documents are reasonably deemed not responsive to the Requesting
15 Party’s request or are otherwise privileged.

16 5. **Identification Process.** Each Party will use its best efforts to filter out all common
17 system files, executable files, program files, application executable files, and any other non-user
18 created data that exist in the National Software Reference Library (“NSRL”) hash set list produced
19 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST”). The above-described filtering is
20 commonly referred to as “deNISTing.” All available metadata from files withheld from delivery
21 due to deNISTing process must be made available upon request. If a Producing Party proposes
22 filters other than those found in the NIST hash set list to collect for processing and review (e.g.,
23 filters that identify system files, non-user generated files, or zero-byte files), the Producing Party
24 must advise the Requesting Party and the Requesting and Producing Parties must meet and confer
25 regarding such additional proposed filters.

26 6. **De-Duplication.** Each Party is required to produce only a single copy of a
27 responsive Document. A Producing Party must de-duplicate across Custodians and at the family-
28 level (i.e., if there are identical child documents that have different parents, they are not

1 duplicative, and an attachment to a document is not a duplicate of the same document maintained
2 as a standalone document). Each Party must de-duplicate responsive ESI based on Source Hash,
3 MD5 hash values, or other industry standard methods. For emails with families, the hash value is
4 generated based on the parent/child document grouping. To the extent that de-duplication through
5 hash values is not possible, the Parties must meet and confer to discuss any other proposed method
6 of de-duplication. A Producing Party must make reasonable effort to identify all agreed upon
7 Custodians who were in possession of any de-duplicated Documents through an appropriate load
8 file field such as All Custodians. Additionally, all BCC recipients whose names would have been
9 included in the BCC metadata field, to the extent such metadata exists, but are excluded because
10 of horizontal/global de-duplication, must be identified in the BCC metadata field. In the event of
11 rolling productions of Documents or ESI, the Producing Party will, as needed, supplement the load
12 files with updated All Custodian information and updated File Path information, as well as BCC
13 information to the extent such metadata exists.

14 7. **Email Threading.** Production of a most inclusive email thread does not relieve the
15 Producing Party of its obligation to produce responsive prior or lesser-included emails. No
16 Document will be intentionally withheld from production solely on the basis that it is included in
17 a produced more-inclusive email.

18 8. **Filtering.** If a producing party proposes to apply other filters to limit ESI that is
19 collected for processing and review (e.g., filters that identify system files, non-user generated files,
20 or zero-byte files), the Producing Party will advise the Requesting Party and the Requesting and
21 Producing parties will meet and confer regarding such additional proposed filters.

22 9. **Use of Institutional Knowledge.** Each Party must use its institutional knowledge
23 of how its ESI and Documents are stored and accessed in the ordinary course of business to identify
24 responsive Documents. This institutional knowledge includes, but is not limited to, a Party's
25 standard practices regarding the storage of ESI, its file organization structure, its usage of group
26 ownership, group accounts, and shared network locations to manage or organize ESI.

27 **VII. PRODUCTION OF ESI**

28 The Parties must produce all ESI and Documents in the following format:

1 1. **ESI and Documents.** ESI and Documents that are produced as scanned images
2 should be produced in Standard Group IV Black and White single page TIFF images at a minimum
3 of 300 DPI, 1 bit, with the exception of certain ESI and Documents identified in Section VII.2,
4 below, which may be produced in native format. If after reviewing any black and white Document,
5 a Receiving Party believes that color is critical to a document, the Parties must engage in discussion
6 regarding production of the specified documents in color, which production will not be
7 unreasonably withheld. Hidden content (comments, draft markup, etc.) must be made visible prior
8 to image conversion. The Parties must provide image load files in Concordance (*.OPT) format to
9 facilitate the use of the produced images by a document management or litigation support system.
10 The extracted, relevant metadata (including the fields described in Appendix A) should be
11 provided in a Concordance *.DAT format, or other standard, compatible file format and extension
12 as the Receiving Party specifies. For Documents from which text cannot be extracted, such as non-
13 native or non-searchable native files, the text will be generated using Optical Character
14 Recognition (“OCR”) and provided as multi-page text (.txt) files or other standard, compatible file
15 format as specified by the Receiving Party.

16 2. **Native Format.** Parties will produce agreed-upon ESI and Documents in native
17 format, including spreadsheets (e.g., Excel, OpenOffice, etc.), presentations (e.g. PowerPoint), and
18 other files that cannot be converted to TIFF (such as audio and video files). Native files should
19 contain the Bates number in the file title. Native files should be accompanied by a TIFF
20 placeholder that contains the beginning Bates number, any confidentiality designation, and text
21 indicating “DOCUMENT PRODUCED IN NATIVE FORMAT” displayed on the page. Wherever
22 feasible, the Producing Party must include accompanying metadata in the load file. ESI and
23 Documents with privileged information will not be produced in native format, unless the Party is
24 able to redact privileged information in native format. Additionally, if after reviewing production
25 of Documents in a non-native format, a Receiving Party believes that it is necessary to review a
26 certain Document or Documents in native format, the Parties must engage in discussion regarding
27 production of discrete Documents in native form, which production will not be unreasonably
28 withheld.

1 3. **Parent-Child Relationships.** Except as to the materials listed in Section V that
2 need not be preserved or collected, Parent-child relationships (the association between an
3 attachment and its parent Document) must be preserved whenever reasonable in such a way that a
4 Document and any attachments to that Document are produced in the same production set and are
5 identifiable as parent and child.

6 4. **Metadata Fields.** All required metadata fields are identified in the attached
7 Appendix A.

8 5. **Document Unitization.** If hard copy Documents are scanned into an electronic
9 form, the unitization of the document and any attachments must be maintained as it existed in the
10 original when creating the image file. For Documents that contain affixed notes, the pages will be
11 scanned both with and without the notes and those pages will be treated as part of the same
12 document. The relationship of ESI and Documents in an ESI or Document collection (*e.g.*, cover
13 letter and enclosures, e-mail and attachments, binder containing multiple documents, or other
14 documents where a parent-child relationship exists between the documents) must be maintained
15 through the scanning or conversion process.

16 6. **Redacted Documents.** ESI or Documents that contain redactions will be produced
17 in single-page TIFF format with corresponding OCR text and a Concordance-delimited DAT file
18 containing the metadata fields outlined in Appendix A to the extent that such metadata fields are
19 not part of the redaction, with the exception that if a Party utilizes technology that permits the
20 redaction of files that are not typically produced in image format (such as spreadsheets), those files
21 may be produced in native format with redactions. ESI or Documents that are produced with
22 redactions will be noted as “Redacted” in the DAT file. ESI or Documents with any metadata field
23 redacted will be produced with a Redaction Status “Metadata Redacted” indicating the metadata
24 for that document has been redacted in the DAT file.

25 7. **Production Media.** A Producing Party will produce responsive ESI and
26 Documents in an encrypted electronic form via Secure File Transfer wherever feasible. Alternative
27 means, including use of a USB thumb drive, external hard drive, or other readily accessible
28 computer or electronic media produced by hand delivery or overnight mail, should be used only

1 when an individual production is voluminous enough that use of a Secure File Transfer would be
2 onerous.

3 8. **Embedded Objects.** Graphic objects embedded within ESI or Documents or
4 emails, such as logos, signature blocks, and backgrounds should not be extracted as separate
5 Documents. To the extent that embedded images present recognition problems during processing,
6 the Parties will meet and confer to discuss any proportional and appropriate countervailing
7 measures.

8 9. **Compressed Files.** Container file types (*e.g.*, *.CAB, *.GZ, *.TAR, *.Z, *.ZIP)
9 must be decompressed in a manner that ensures any and all nested containers are also
10 decompressed into the lowest uncompressed element, resulting in individual files. The container
11 file(s) itself must not be produced.

12 10. **Linked Files.** A Producing Party must conduct an automated search of ESI and
13 Documents to be produced to identify in those ESI and Documents links to additional ESI and
14 Documents in the Microsoft 365 Environment maintained by the Party (such as OneDrive or
15 SharePoint). For any such ESI and Documents, the Producing Party must produce the document
16 corresponding with each identified link in conformance with Section VII.

17 A Receiving Party may request that the Producing Party conduct a reasonable
18 manual search for no more than 200 Documents corresponding to links identified by the Receiving
19 Party in produced documents (“manual links”). The Producing Party shall consider that request in
20 good faith, including the timing of the request. To the extent the Producing Party agrees to
21 undertake a manual collection of some or all of the requested manual links and is able to locate
22 and access the linked documents, the Producing Party shall process and produce responsive, non-
23 privileged documents corresponding with the links with reasonably available Metadata.

24 For any such manual links (“Linked Parent”), the Producing Party must populate the
25 LINKEDATTACHIDS field with the document control numbers of the attachments (“Linked
26 Attachment”) for which the Producing Party agreed to and successfully undertook a manual
27 collection; for each Linked Attachment for which the Producing Party agreed to and successfully
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1 undertook a manual collection, the Producing Party must populate the LINKEDPARENTIDS field
2 with the document control number for the Linked Parent.

3 To the extent the Receiving Party agrees to undertake a manual collection of requested
4 links and is able to locate and access the linked documents, the Receiving Party's production of
5 the requested links is not a concession that the document collected is the same version as the shared
6 link. For documents produced pursuant to this Section, the Producing Party is not required to
7 conduct any further search of documents corresponding with the links.

8 11. **Text and Chat Messages.** The Parties must preserve, collect, and produce relevant
9 text and chat messages. When producing text and chat messages (*e.g.*, messages sent via SMS,
10 Teams, Slack, WhatsApp, Signal, and other short messaging platforms), those messages must be
11 unitized on the conversation/channel level into 24-hour calendar-day chunks, or conversation days,
12 with each conversation day including all messages in that conversation or channel on a given
13 calendar day. Each conversation day must be reviewed and produced as a single record, with
14 redactions for privilege as provided in Section VIII below. The records must be produced with the
15 metadata specified in the "IM/Text/Chat" column in Appendix A, including TXT-THREAD-
16 GROUP (the DOCID of the first conversation day in a given discussion/channel) and TXT-
17 PARTICIPANTS (a list of participant names).

18 12. **Ephemeral Messages.** The Parties are obligated to preserve, collect, and produce
19 ephemeral and encrypted messages (*e.g.*, messages sent via Snapchat, Signal, or WhatsApp) to the
20 extent the applications are used for business.

21 13. **Passwords and Encryption.** The Parties must provide all Documents and ESI such
22 that the Receiving Party is not blocked by any passwords or encryptions on those Documents and
23 ESI.

24 VIII. PRIVILEGE LOGS

25 1. Excluded from Privilege Logs. The Parties agree that the following privileged or
26 otherwise protected communications may be excluded from privilege logs:

27 a. documents or communications sent to or from outside counsel for a Party
28 (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of such counsel), including documents and

1 communications that include outside counsel for both Defendants that are subject to a joint-defense
2 privilege;

3 b. documents or communications sent solely between counsel for the United
4 States (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of such counsel);

5 c. documents or communications sent solely between inside counsel for a
6 Party (acting in a purely legal capacity) or between inside counsel for a Party (acting in a purely
7 legal capacity) and outside counsel for a Party (or persons employed by or acting on behalf of
8 counsel);

9 d. documents authored by Defendants' outside counsel (or persons employed
10 by or acting on behalf of such counsel) or by counsel for Plaintiff (or persons employed by or
11 acting on behalf of such counsel), that were not directly or indirectly furnished to any non-party,
12 such as internal memoranda;

13 e. privileged documents or communications between: (i) Defendant's outside
14 counsel, or Plaintiff's counsel, and that side's testifying expert, nontestifying expert and/or any
15 staff assisting the testifying expert or nontestifying expert; (ii) a testifying expert or nontestifying
16 expert and other testifying experts and nontestifying experts, as well as any staff assisting such
17 testifying experts or nontestifying experts; and (iii) testifying expert or nontestifying experts and
18 any staff assisting such testifying experts or nontestifying experts;

19 f. draft contracts;

20 g. privileged draft litigation filings; and

21 h. non-responsive privileged documents attached to responsive documents.

22 2. **Privilege Log Production.** Any Producing Party will use their best efforts to
23 produce a privilege log within 30 days after each production. For any Document withheld or
24 redacted, the Producing Party will produce privilege logs in MS Excel (.xlsx) format. For each
25 document on which a privilege is claimed, the privilege log must provide sufficient information to
26 enable the Parties to assess the applicability of the privilege claimed. A Party or Non-Party seeking
27 to withhold or redact a document under the attorney-client privilege, deliberative process privilege,
28 work product protection, or any other privilege or protection must, at a minimum, provide the

1 essential elements necessary to sustain a claim of privilege, including a description of the
2 document's subject matter with sufficient detail to enable the Parties to assess the privilege claim
3 and the facts relied upon to support the claim.

4 3. **Placeholder Slipsheets.** If any member of a produced Document family is withheld
5 on grounds of privilege or work-product, the Producing Party will produce a Bates stamped
6 placeholder slipsheet that identifies the Document as withheld as privileged and will identify the
7 Document in the Privilege Log by the Bates number on the placeholder slipsheet. If the withheld
8 Document is part of a responsive Document family, the Parties will insert a placeholder to indicate
9 that the Document has been withheld from that family and will produce all non-privileged
10 Documents in the family.

11 4. **Privilege Log Contents.** Privilege logs must contain the following information, to
12 the extent reasonably available:

- 13 a. BegBates;
- 14 b. EndBates;
- 15 c. Where applicable, Parent BegBates;
- 16 d. Author/Sender;
- 17 e. All addressees, including CC and BCC (copyees and blind copyees shall
18 appear in separate fields);
- 19 f. The date of the document;
- 20 g. The number of pages;
- 21 h. The title of the Document or email subject line or Document file name,
22 according to Document metadata;
- 23 i. A description, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(A)(ii), of the contents of
24 the withheld Document that is sufficient to enable other Parties to understand the general subject
25 matter of the Document and assess the basis of the claim of privilege or other protection from
26 disclosure;

1 j. The name of the attorney(s) or, only when that information is not reasonably
2 available, legal department who provided the legal advice at issue and/or who requested or
3 prepared the Document; and

4 k. The privilege or protection asserted (i.e., attorney-client privilege, work
5 product doctrine).

6 5. **Accompanying Legends.** Each privilege log must include a separate legend
7 containing an alphabetical list (by last name) of each person included on the privilege log, and for
8 those individuals employed by any Party, the person’s title and affiliation. Attorneys who acted in
9 a legal capacity must be marked with the designation ESQ after their last name (include a space
10 before and after “ESQ”).

11 6. **Categorical Privilege Designations.** If a Producing Party contends that all
12 Documents of a particular type or category are privileged, or requiring the creation of an
13 individualized privilege log is not reasonable or proportionate for documents of a particular type
14 or category, they will meet and confer with the Receiving Party on identifying such Documents on
15 a privilege log by category rather than individually. The Receiving Party will consider any such
16 request in good faith. The Producing Party’s categorical privilege log entry must still provide the
17 Requesting Party, and the Court if necessary, with information sufficient to evaluate the Producing
18 Party’s privilege claims.

19 7. **Single Entries.** A single Document containing multiple email messages in the body
20 of the document (i.e., in an email chain) may be logged as a single entry.

21 8. **Assert All Bases.** If the Producing Party contends that more than one basis for
22 withholding applies to a single document, all bases must be asserted in the privilege log.

23 9. **Redactions.** A Party or nonparty asserting a privilege claim must redact only those
24 portions of the document that are protected by the privilege. If a document contains both privileged
25 and non-privileged communications, the nonprivileged communications must be produced. The
26 redactions will be narrowly applied so the Receiving Party has the ability to discern to the
27 maximum extent practicable the privilege assertion within the document and to view all non-
28 privileged communications and material. Redactions based on relevance, responsiveness, or

1 confidentiality are disallowed. The Parties do not waive any objections to the production,
2 discoverability, admissibility, or confidentiality of documents.

3 10. **Privilege Disputes.** The Parties will comply with L. Civ. R. 37.1 to address any
4 dispute over a Party's claim of privilege or privilege log before seeking the Court's intervention.

5 **IX. DATABASES, DATA SOURCES, AND STRUCTURED DATA**

6 1. The Parties must meet and confer in good faith regarding any requests for the
7 production of data or data compilations, including the production format and scope of data to
8 ensure that any information produced is reasonably usable by the Receiving Party and that its
9 production does not impose an undue burden on the Producing Party. To avoid doubt, information
10 will be considered reasonably usable when produced in CSV format or other commonly used
11 electronic formats, including other character-delimited text format, Microsoft Excel format, or
12 Microsoft Access format. Subject to objections, for responsive sources of data or data
13 compilations, the Parties will make good faith efforts to produce (a) data samples for data sources
14 for which no such samples were previously provided during the Investigation (if any), and (b) data
15 dictionaries, to the extent not previously provided during the Investigation, or a written or verbal
16 explanation from the Producing Party sufficient to describe the data to permit it to be reasonably
17 useable, no later than 10 days after service of the requests, will make good faith efforts to
18 substantially complete production of data or data compilations no later than 21 days after
19 production and agreement as to the data sample provided, and will make good faith efforts to
20 finally complete production of data or data compilations no later than 28 days after production and
21 agreement as to the data sample provided.

22 **X. PAPER DOCUMENTS**

23 1. A Producing Party must scan and OCR paper Documents. The following
24 information must be produced in the load file accompanying production of paper Documents
25 produced by scan and OCR to the extent reasonably practicable: (a) DOCID (b) ENDDOC, (c)
26 CUSTODIAN, (d) BEGDOC, (e) BEGATTACH, and (f) ENDATTACH, and (g)TEXTLINK.
27 Paper Documents should be logically unitized for production to the extent reasonably practicable
28 as outlined in Section VII. Generally, when scanning paper Documents for production, distinct

1 Documents should not be merged into a single record and single Documents should not be split
2 into multiple records. The Parties will make reasonable efforts to unitize documents correctly.
3 Where a Document or a Document group—such as a folder, clipped bundle, or binder—has an
4 identification spine or other label, the information on the label must be scanned and produced as
5 the first page of the Document or grouping to the extent reasonably practicable.

6 **XI. DEFINED TERMS**

7 For purposes of this ESI Order, the Definitions below shall apply.

8 1. “Action” means the action filed in this Court under the caption *United States, et al.*
9 *v. Hewlett Packard Enterprises Co. and Juniper Networks, Inc.*, 4:25-cv-00951 (PCP), as well as
10 any additional actions subsequently consolidated with this Action, including any consolidated
11 discovery, pretrial, trial, post-trial, or appellate proceedings. For the avoidance of doubt, “Action”
12 excludes pre-Complaint investigations by Plaintiff.

13 2. “Investigation” means any pre-Complaint review, assessment, or investigation of
14 the Proposed Transaction, including of any defense to any claim that the Proposed Transaction
15 would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

16 3. “Electronically Stored Information” or “ESI” carries its broadest possible meaning
17 consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), including but not limited to Emails, calendar items, Instant
18 Messages, Text Messages, Chat Messages, and Other ESI.

19 4. “DeNIST” means the act of filtering and removing system files, executable files,
20 application files, program files, and other non-user created data from ESI that has been collected

21 5. “Document” carries its broadest meaning consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 and
22 includes ESI, hard copy discovery, and tangible things.

23 6. “Format” means the internal structure of a file, which defines the way it is stored
24 and used.

25 7. “Native File(s)” or “Native Format” means ESI that is a file or datum created by a
26 computer-based, cloud-based, or artificial intelligence-based application (including, for example,
27 Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access, video and audio files, *.eml, *.msg, *.pst, and *.pdf files).

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1 8. “Non-Custodial Data Source” means a system or container that stores ESI, but over
2 which an individual Custodian does not organize, manage, or maintain the ESI in the system or
3 container, such as an enterprise system or database.

4 9. “Producing Party” means a Party that produces documents.

5 10. “Proposed Transaction” means Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company’s proposed
6 acquisition of Juniper Networks, Inc.

7 11. “Receiving Party” means a Party to whom documents are produced.

8 12. “Responsive Document” means any document that the Producing Party has agreed
9 to produce or log, or that the Producing Party has been ordered to produce by the Court.

10 13. “Bates Number” means a unique alphanumeric identifier associated with every
11 physical sheet of paper, electronic file, electronically stored TIFF image, or other tangible thing,
12 consisting of:

13 a. An alphanumeric portion identifying the Producing party and/or other
14 characteristics of the production; and

15 b. A numeric portion incremented according to a scheme defined at the
16 Producing Party’s discretion to ensure that the alphanumeric identifier for each physical sheet of
17 paper, electronic file, electronically stored TIFF image, or other tangible thing is unique. The
18 alphanumeric identifier shall be no more than 16 characters in length.

19 14. “Metadata” means non-privileged information (i) embedded in a Native File that is
20 not ordinarily viewable or printable from the application that generated, edited, or modified such
21 Native File; and (ii) generated automatically by the operation of a computer or other information
22 technology system when a Native File is created, modified, transmitted, deleted, or otherwise
23 manipulated by a user of such system.

24 15. “Static Image(s)” means a representation of ESI produced by converting a Native
25 File into a standard image format capable of being viewed and printed on standard computer
26 systems. A Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) image is an example of a Static Image.

27 16. “Load/Utilization File” means an electronic file containing information identifying
28 a set of paper-scanned images or processed ESI and indicating where individual pages or files

1 belong together as documents, including attachments, and where each document begins and ends.
2 A Load/Utilization File also contains data relevant to the individual Documents, including
3 extracted and user-created Metadata, coded-data, as well as OCR or Extracted Text.

4 17. “OCR” means the optical character recognition file which is created by software
5 used in conjunction with a scanner that is capable of reading text-based documents and making
6 such documents searchable using appropriate software.

7 18. “Extracted Text” means the text extracted from a Native File and includes all
8 header, footer, document body information, and tracked changes content (comments, markup,
9 etc.).

10 **XII. NON-PARTY DISCOVERY**

11 1. A party that issues a non-party subpoena shall include a copy of this ESI Order with
12 the subpoena.

13 **XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

14 1. **Costs of Production.** Unless this Court orders otherwise for good cause shown,
15 each Party and nonparty will bear the costs of collecting, processing, reviewing, and producing its
16 own documents.

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT SO ORDERED.

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ATTORNEY ATTESTATION

I, Jeremy M. Goldstein, am the ECF user whose identification and password are being used to file the STIPULATED ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION. In compliance with Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), I hereby attest that all signatories hereto concur in this filing.

/s/ Jeremy M. Goldstein
Jeremy M. Goldstein

Appendix A

Specifications for Unicode Compliant Production of ESI and Other Documents

Field Name	Field Description	Field Type	Hard Copy	Email	Other ESI	Calendar Items	IMs, Texts, Chats
DOCID	The unique sequential document control number of the first page of the document. Cannot contain spaces or special characters.	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ENDDOC	The unique sequential control number of the last page of the document. Cannot contain spaces or special characters.	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMPANIES	Globally populated field containing the name of producing party (not the law firm or vendor name). Not pulled from metadata.	Multi-Entry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CUSTODIAN	Name of the individual, or group/department for shared resources, from whose files the document originated. Format: Last, First or ABC Dept. Use consistent naming and formatting across all productions.	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALLCUSTODIANS	All custodians who were in possession of a deduplicated document, including the person or group identified in the CUSTODIAN field. Format: Last, First or ABC Dept. Use consistent naming and formatting across all productions.	Multi-Entry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MEDIAID	The unique identifier applied to each physical piece of media delivered (e.g., ABC001).	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VOLUMENAME	Unique production volume identifier applied (e.g., ABC001-001).	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEGATTACH	Used for documents in a family group (e.g. an email with attachments). Populated with the document control number of the parent document. Populated for each child document as well as the parent document.	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ENDATTACH	Used for documents in a family group (e.g. an email with attachments). Populated with the ENDDOC of the last child record in the family group. Populated for each child document as well as the parent document.	Note Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Field Name	Field Description	Field Type	Hard Copy	Email	Other ESI	Calendar Items	IMs, Texts, Chats
TIMEZONE	The TimeZone is either the time zone in which the custodian is normally located or Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).	Note Text		✓	✓	✓	✓
FROM	Sender of the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat, or Calendar item.	Note Text		✓		✓	✓
TO	Primary recipients of the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat, or Calendar Item. Separate multiple entries with a semi-colon followed by a space.	Multi-Entry		✓		✓	✓
CC	Copyees of the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat or Calendar Item. Separate multiple entries with a semi-colon followed by a space.	Multi-Entry		✓		✓	✓
BCC	Blind Copyees of the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat or Calendar Item. Separate multiple entries with a semi-colon followed by a space.	Multi-Entry		✓		✓	✓
SUBJECT	Subject line of the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat, calendar item, or Notes item.	Note Text		✓		✓	✓
DATEHC	Date of hard copy documents, if coded. Format: MM/DD/YYYY. Leave time segment blank.	Date	✓				
DATESENT	Date and time the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat or Calendar Item was sent. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included).	Date-Time		✓		✓	✓
DATERECEIVED	Date and time the Email, Instant Message, Text Message, Chat or Calendar Item was received. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included.	Date-Time		✓		✓	✓
HEADER	The internet header information from each Email.	Note Text		✓		✓	

Field Name	Field Description	Field Type	Hard Copy	Email	Other ESI	Calendar Items	IMs, Texts, Chats
INTERNETMSGID	Internet message ID assigned by the outgoing mail server which typically includes messageid and a domain name. Example: 0E6648D558F338179524D555@m1p.innovy.net	Note Text		✓		✓	
MESSAGEID	Unique identifier of email messages in mail stores. EntryID for Microsoft Outlook, the UniqueID (UNID) for Lotus Notes, or equivalent value for other proprietary mail store formats.	Note Text		✓		✓	
INREPLYTOID	Internet message ID of the Email being replied to.	Note Text		✓		✓	
CONVERSATIONINDEX	Conversation index value for Microsoft Exchange emails.	Note Text		✓		✓	
IMPORTANCE	Indicates priority level set for message.	Note Text		✓		✓	✓
DELIVERYRECEIPT	Delivery receipt request notification for Email messages.	Note Text		✓		✓	
READRECEIPT	Read Receipt request notification for Email messages.	Note Text		✓		✓	
SENSITIVITY	Sensitivity field from Email messages or calendar items.	Note Text		✓		✓	
REVISION	Revision number extracted from metadata of native file.	Note Text			✓		
DATECREATED	Date and time the electronic file was created. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included).	Date-Time			✓		✓
DATESAVED	Date and time the electronic file was last modified. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included.	Date-Time			✓		✓
EAUTHOR	Author field value pulled from the metadata of a native file.	Note Text			✓		
LASTAUTHOR	Last Saved By field value pulled from metadata of a native file.	Note Text			✓		
ESUBJECT	Title or Subject field value pulled from metadata from electronic file.	Note Text			✓		
FILENAME	Original file name of the native file, including file extension.	Note Text		✓	✓	✓	✓
APPLICATION	Application used to create or transmit the original native files, document, message, appointment (e.g., WhatsApp, Excel, Slack, Outlook, Snapchat, Word, Twitter, Gmail, Tango).	Note Text		✓	✓	✓	✓
FILEEXTENSION	File extension of original native file; e.g. XLSX, PDF, DOCX	Max 5 chars		✓	✓	✓	

Field Name	Field Description	Field Type	Hard Copy	Email	Other ESI	Calendar Items	IMs, Texts, Chats
FILEPATH	Full qualified original path to the native when collected, including original file name. Prepend with recognizable Custodian Name; e.g. Smith, James-C\My Documents\Sales Info\ACME\2017-Monthly-Sales.xlsx	Multi-Entry		✓	✓	✓	
DOCLINK	File path location to the current native file location on the delivery medium.	Note Text			✓		
DATESTART	Start date and time of calendar appointments, voice messages, chats, text message conversations. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included.	Date-Time				✓	✓
DATEEND	End date and time of calendar appointments, voice messages, chats, text message conversations. Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (use 24 hour times, e.g., 13:32:00 for 1:32 pm); time zone indicators cannot be included.	Date-Time				✓	✓
ACCOUNT	Unique account ID	Note Text					✓
DURATION	The elapsed time of the audio, video, voice message. Format HH:MM:SS	Note Text			✓		
TXT-PARTICIPANTS	List of participant names and/or telephone numbers.	Note Text					✓
TXT-THREAD-GROUP	Populate with the DOCID of the first text in a conversation or chat or with a separate hash value to identify the thread.	Note Text					✓
HASHMD5	Document MD5 hash value (used for deduplication or other processing).	Note Text		✓	✓	✓	✓
HASHSHA	Document SHA hash value (used for deduplication or other processing).	Note Text		✓	✓	✓	✓