IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

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MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC.,) CLES COLO DIST. OIL W.O. O. DIST. OIL W.O. O. DIST. OIL
Plaintiff,))
v.) Civil Action No. 01-2373 GV
GARY KARLIN MICHELSON, M.D., and KARLIN TECHNOLOGY, INC.,)
Defendants.))

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER AFFIRMING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S ORDER OF JANUARY 31, 2002, AND ORDER DENYING AS MOOT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REFER MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE

On January 31, 2002, Magistrate Judge Diane Vescovo entered a Protective Order in this cause. Thereafter, Plaintiff appealed the Magistrate Judge's ruling to this Court, which this Court affirmed in an Order dated May 28, 2002. On June 11, 2002 Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order Affirming Magistrate Judge's Order of January 31, 2002, or in the Alternative to Amend Order Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), and for Stay of Related Discovery Pending Disposition. Based upon comments made by the Court at Status Conferences on February 21, 2002 and July 25, 2002, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Refer its Motion for Reconsideration to the Magistrate Judge.

The Court has reconsidered and discussed with the parties at length the issues concerning the Protective Order, which the Court finds should be amended in certain respects. In all other respects, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration should be denied as moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is granted in part and denied in part. The Protective Order previously entered in this cause shall be amended in part, with an Amended Protective Order to be issued separately. Plaintiff's alternative requests

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to amend the Court's May 28, 2002 Order Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), and for Stay of Related Discovery Pending Disposition are hereby denied as moot.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Refer Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration to the Magistrate Judge shall be and is hereby denied as moot.

JUDGE JULIA S. GIBBONS
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

sitting by designation

Date: October 11, 2002



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