IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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CHRISTINA L. GRIFFIN,

Plaintiff, v. AT SYSTEMS SOUTHWEST, INC., Defendant.

Case No. 08-2131-JAR

ORDER

This matter comes before the court upon plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint (Doc. 4). Defendant has not filed a response, and pursuant to D. Kan. Rule 6.1(d), the time to do so has passed. Generally, "[t]he failure to file a brief or response within the time specified with Rule 6.1(d) shall constitute a waiver of the right thereafter to filed such a brief or response except upon a showing of excusable neglect. . . . If a respondent fails to file a response within the time required by Rule 6.1(d) the motion will be considered and decided as an uncontested motion, and ordinarily will be granted without further notice."¹

Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 controls the procedure for amending the pleadings. Rule 15(a) states, in pertinent part, that after a responsive pleading: "a party may amend the party's pleading only by leave of court or by written consent of the adverse party; and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires."² In considering whether to grant leave to amend, the court evaluates several factors

¹See D. Kan. Rule 7.4

²Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a).

including whether the amendment will cause undue delay or prejudice to the non-moving party.³ As defendant has not filed a response to the present motion, the amendment should not cause prejudice. Accordingly, and in the interest of justice,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that plaintiff's plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint (Doc. 4) is granted. The court directs the Clerk to file Attachment 1 to Doc. 4 as plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this <u>24th</u> day of April, 2008, at Topeka, Kansas.

<u>s/ K. Gary Sebelius</u> K. Gary Sebelius U.S. Magistrate Judge

³ Little v. Reed-Prentice Div. Of Package Mach. Co., 131 F.R.D. 591, 593 (D. Kan. 1990) (citations omitted).