

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA

ROY L. DENTON,)
)
 Plaintiff,)
) 1:07-CV-211
 v.)
) Chief Judge Curtis L. Collier
 STEVE RIEVLEY)
)
 Defendant.)

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant Steve Rievley's motion for an extension of time (Court File No. 22) to respond to Plaintiff Roy L. Denton's motion for partial summary judgment.¹ The summary judgment motion was filed on May 12, 2008. Therefore, a response would be due June 1. *See* E.D.TN. LR 7(a).

As grounds for a delay, Defendant states his counsel had a trial on May 22; had another case scheduled for trial, which he learned on May 20 was postponed; and has a case scheduled for trial on June 4. As a result, counsel states "he has not had the time or opportunity to address" the motion. He requests an extension of the deadline, inexplicably, to July 27, 2008.

Counsel needs to dedicate time to responding. It seems excessive to allow four times the normal 20 day response period, and counsel has given no reason to allow anywhere near such a lengthy extension. The Court will allow only an additional 20 days. Accordingly, Defendant's motion for an extension is **GRANTED-IN-PART** and the new deadline is **June 21, 2008** (Court File No. 22).

¹Defendant also requests an extension of time to respond to requests for admission. That request will be addressed by the assigned magistrate judge (*See* Court File No. 23).

SO ORDERED.

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/s/ _____
CURTIS L. COLLIER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE