

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA**

Offshore Liftboats, LLC v. GOL, LLC

Offshore Liftboats · No. 24-1632 · Decided January 15, 2026

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA OFFSHORE LIFTBOATS, LLC CIVIL ACTION VERSUS NO: 24-1632 GOL, LLC SECTION: T (5) ORDER AND REASONS Before the Court is Plaintiff's, Offshore Liftboats, LLC ("OLB"), Motion to Stay Discovery (R. Doc. 42). Defendant, GOL, LLC ("GOL") initially opposed the Motion, R. Doc. 46, but it has since withdrawn its opposition, R. Docs.

50, 51; accordingly, the Motion is deemed to be unopposed. The Court has reviewed the Motion, the applicable law,¹ and the withdrawal of opposition from GOL, and concludes that the Motion has merit. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that the matter is STAYED and ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED pending the appeal in Seacor Marine, LLC v. GOL, LLC, No. 24-cv-2409, in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Upon final resolution of the 1 District courts maintain "broad discretion and inherent power to stay discovery until preliminary questions that may dispose of the case are determined." *Fujita v. United States*, 416 F. App'x 400, 402 (5th Cir. 2011) (quoting *Petrus v. Bowen*, 833 F.2d 581, 583 (5th Cir. 1987) (holding proper district court's deferral of discovery while deciding whether defendants were proper parties to action)).

Specifically, under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), "[t]he court may, for good cause, issue an order to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1). 1 appeal, either party may file a motion to lift the stay and request a scheduling conference to reset unexpired deadlines in the Scheduling Order (R.

Doc. 37). New Orleans, Louisiana, this 15 day of January 2026. REG GERARD GUIDRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE