

**ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT
TAX TRIBUNAL**

CABELA’S RETAIL IL, INC.,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	14 TT 181
)	Chief Judge James M. Conway
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT)	
OF REVENUE,)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER

The parties having appeared before the Tribunal today for a status conference, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. In the Tribunal’s last Order dated August 5, 2016, this court wrote that it was mystified by the lack of any response from the Department’s audit section on the Petitioner’s settlement offer. In an effort to goad the audit section to take some action, this court said that further delays would result in the Department being “penalized” during a final hearing phase if no response was forthcoming. During today’s status conference, no response was provided, yet again making the taxpayer wait. The court is mindful that some settlements may be very complex and negotiations protracted, but no one has suggested that is the case in this matter and the court is not privy to the details of the settlement. So the delay by the audit section is still unexplained;

2. A draft pretrial order is to be submitted by September 23, 2016. The Tribunal’s Standing Pretrial Order, found at <http://www.illinois.gov/taxtribunal/forms/Documents/Standing-Pre-trial-Order.pdf> requires the Petitioner to draft the Order pursuant to paragraph 2(b). In this case, the Department will bear the burden of preparing the order due to the Department’s delay in responding to the settlement offer; and

3. A final pretrial conference will be held on October 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in person. A trial date will be set at that time.

s/ James Conway
JAMES M. CONWAY
Chief Administrative
Law Judge

Date: August 19, 2016