

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BETTY JOHNSON, on behalf of herself, and as
a representative of a class of similarly-situated
persons,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ELOY S. INOS, Governor of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
("CNMI"), *et al.*,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

ORDER

re January 13, 2014 Status Hearing

This matter is scheduled to come before the court on January 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. for a status hearing. *See* Order, ECF No. 571. The agenda for said hearing will be as follows: (1) the CNMI Government shall report on its compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (2) the appointed Trustee, Civile & Tang, PLLC, acting by and through its principal representative Joyce C.H. Tang, shall present an update on the status of the Settlement Fund; and (3) the parties shall present argument on the various petitions for attorneys fees.¹ Counsel are reminded to coordinate with the court staff in advance of said hearing if counsel anticipates the need for equipment that is in addition to the technology equipment presently available in the courtroom.

¹ The court will hearing argument on the petitions for attorneys fees in the following order: (1) Bronster Hoshibata's petition; (2) Bruce Jorgensen's petition; (3) Stephen Woodruff's petition; and (4) Timothy Lord's petition.

1 The court notes that the Bronster Hoshibata petition requests reimbursement for a tax on
2 fees totaling \$48,349.88 and a tax on costs in the amount of \$37.62. The Bronster Hoshibata
3 petition does not indicate how these taxes were computed, nor does the petition provide any legal
4 authority to justify reimbursement of said taxes. Accordingly, Bronster Hoshibata is directed to file
5 a response to this Order which (i) explains how the taxes were computed and (ii) provides legal
6 authority to justify the reimbursement of said taxes. Said response shall be filed no later than
7 Friday, January 10, 2014, at 12 noon.

8 Finally, the court grants the following motions related to the upcoming hearing: Motion for
9 Leave to Appear Telephonically, filed by Timothy Lord (ECF No. 585); Motion for Leave to File
10 Reply Brief, filed by Timothy Lord (ECF No. 586); Motion for Leave to Appear via VTC System,²
11 filed by Bruce Jorgensen (ECF No. 589).

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.



/s/ **Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood**
Designated Judge
Dated: Jan 08, 2014

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27 ² The motion seeks leave for the law firm of Thompson Gutierrez Alcantara, LLC,
28 together with Bruce Jorgensen to appear and participate via videoconference from the District
Court of Guam. *See* ECF No. 589.