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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
for the Northern Mariana Islands  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy Clerk)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**

On July 17, 2014, Ivan Muna Igitol wrote a letter to the court requesting that he be permitted to terminate his membership in the Retirement Fund. *See* ECF No. 660. Thereafter, the court directed the Settlement Trustee to examine this matter to determine whether there was any basis for Mr. Igitol to terminate his membership. *See* ECF No. 661.

On August 6, 2014, the Settlement Trustee filed a Report which concluded that under the circumstances, the time in which Mr. Igitol had to withdraw from the Defined Benefits Plan under Public Law 17-82, as amended by Public Law 18-02, and under paragraph 12.0 of the Settlement Agreement was tolled under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act during the period of his military service. *See* ECF No. 667. Accordingly, the Settlement Trustee recommended that Mr. Igitol's letter requesting termination of his membership in the Retirement Fund be considered a timely filed request. *Id.* The CNMI Government agreed with the Settlement Trustee's Report and recommendation. *Id.*

The court hereby concurs with the Settlement Trustee's analysis as detailed in her Report. Accordingly, the court ORDERS the Settlement Trustee and the CNMI to promptly process Mr. Igitol's request to withdraw from the Defined Benefits Plan.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood  
Designated Judge  
Dated: Aug 20, 2014