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**IN THE 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,

vs.

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

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

**AMENDED ORDER**

Re Payment of Trustee's Invoices  
(March 2016 – December 2016)

On September 25, 2013, the court appointed Civile and Tang, PLLC, acting by and through its principal representative Joyce C.H. Tang, as the Trustee for the Settlement Fund. *See* Order re Appointment of Trustee, ECF No. 526. Pursuant to the terms of the appointment, the Trustee now requests compensation for work performed and expenses incurred during the months of February 2016 through November 2016. The Trustee's invoices are summarized as follows:

Month of Invoice	Professional Services	Expenses	Total
March 2016	<b>\$9,142.50</b>	<b>\$12.02</b>	<b>\$9,154.52</b>
April 2016	<b>\$2,885.00</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>	<b>\$2,892.50</b>
May 2016	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$302.55</b>	<b>\$8,052.55</b>
June 2016	<b>\$5,250.00</b>	<b>\$41.62</b>	<b>\$5,291.62</b>
July 2016	<b>\$2,825.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,825.00</b>
August 2016	<b>\$4,050.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>
September 2016	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
October 2016	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$32.05</b>	<b>\$32.05</b>
November 2016	<b>\$4,575.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,575.00</b>
December 2016	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>

Attached to this Order as Exhibits A through J are unredacted versions of these invoices, while the redacted versions of the invoices are appended as Exhibits 1 through 10.<sup>1</sup> The Clerk of Court is directed to file Exhibits A through J under seal.

The court has reviewed these invoices and finds the request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses to be reasonable. The court is satisfied with the work performed by the Trustee during this time frame. Accordingly, pursuant to the terms of the Order re Appointment of Trustee, the court hereby orders the Settlement Fund to pay the Trustee the sum of **Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$36,500.94)**. This amount represents 90 percent of the professional fees and 100 percent of all expenses incurred during the months of February 2016 through November 2016 (invoices dated March-December

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<sup>1</sup> The Trustee has redacted from the invoices personal identifiers and information that may affect pending litigation and the research of other confidential issues.

2016). The court further orders the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the Trustee the sum of **Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$9,309.78)**, which represents 10 percent of the Trustee's professional fees for this time period. Pursuant to the Order re Appointment of Trustee, the Trustee may petition for release of the 10 percent retainage on a quarterly basis, subject to the court's satisfaction of the Trustee's work and any objections to the Trustee's compensation requests. *See* Order re Appointment of Trustee, ECF No. 526, at 6. Objections to the Trustee's request for remuneration may be made within ten (10) days of this Order by the Plaintiff, Class Counsel and counsel for the CNMI Government. *Id.*

**SO ORDERED.**



**/s/ Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood**  
**Designated Judge**  
**Dated: Jan 03, 2017**