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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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

and

ROSA A. CAMACHO, Retiree and Member of the Settlement Class,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS, Governor of the Commonwealth
of the Northern Mariana Islands,
Defendant,

and

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SETTLEMENT FUND,
Defendant-Appellee.

SUPREME COURT NO. 2024-SCC-0024-CQU

**ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR REHEARING AND
GRANTING MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

¶1 Appellant has filed a petition for rehearing of this Court's November 3, 2025 Opinion answering the certified question from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Under Rule 40, a petition for rehearing is granted only when the Court has overlooked or misapprehended a material point of law or fact. NMI Sup. Ct. R. 40. The petition identifies no argument or authority the Court overlooked, and it presents no showing that the Opinion misapprehended controlling law. Instead, the petition repeats arguments previously considered and resolved. Because the petition fails to meet the standard for rehearing, it is DENIED.

¶2 Appellant has also filed a motion asking the Court to clarify that the petition for rehearing remained pending when the Ninth Circuit certified the question. The docket reflects that the petition was pending at that time and has remained pending until this Order. The motion for clarification is therefore GRANTED to confirm the procedural status of the case.

¶3 The Court's answer to the certified question is now final.
So ORDERED this 3rd day of December, 2025.

/s/
ROBERT J. TORRES, JR.
Justice Pro Tempore