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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 DAVID M. APATANG, Governor of the
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
17 ("CNMI"), *et al.*,

18 Defendants.

19 CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

20 **ORDER**
re Payment of Trustee's Invoices
(June 2025 - November 2025)21 On September 25, 2013, the court appointed Civille and Tang, PLLC, acting by and through
22 its principal representative Joyce C.H. Tang, as the Trustee for the Settlement Fund. *See* Order re
23 Appointment of Trustee, ECF No. 526. Pursuant to the terms of the appointment, the Trustee now
24 requests compensation for work performed and expenses incurred during the months of June
25 through November 2025. The Trustee's invoices are summarized as follows:

Date of Invoice	Invoice No.	Professional Services	Expenses	BGRT	Total
July 9, 2025	60066	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$19.25	\$789.25
Aug. 8, 2025	60383	\$4,760.00	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$4,879.00
Sept. 11, 2025	60581	\$8,575.00	\$0.00	\$214.38	\$8,789.38
Oct. 9, 2025	60778	\$8,890.00	\$0.00	\$222.25	\$9,112.25
Nov. 7, 2025	60972	\$7,525.00	\$0.00	\$188.13	\$7,713.13
Dec. 5, 2025	61165	\$7,030.00	\$0.00	\$175.75	\$7,205.75
TOTAL		\$37,550.00	\$0.00	\$938.75	\$38,488.75

1 Attached to this Order as Exhibits 1 through 6 are unredacted invoices, while the redacted¹
 2 invoices are appended as Exhibits A through F. The court orders the Clerk of Court to file
 3 Exhibits 1 through 6 under seal.

4 The court has reviewed these invoices and finds the request for compensation and
 5 reimbursement of expenses to be reasonable. The court is satisfied with the work performed by the
 6 Trustee during this time frame. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Order re Appointment of
 7 Trustee, the court orders the Settlement Fund to pay the Trustee the sum of **Thirty-Four Thousand**
 8 **Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$34,733.75)**. This amount represents ninety
 9 percent (90%) of the Trustee's professional fees and gross receipts taxes incurred during the months
 10 of June 2025 through November 2025 (invoices dated July 2025 to December 2025).

11 The court further orders the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the Trustee the
 12 sum of **Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,755.00)**, which
 13 represents ten percent (10%) of the Trustee's professional fees for this time period. The Trustee
 14 may petition for release of this 10% retainer on a quarterly basis, subject to the court's satisfaction
 15 of the Trustee's work and any objections to the Trustee's compensation requests. *See* Order of
 16 Appointment of Trustee at 6, ECF No. 526. Objections to the Trustee's request for remuneration
 17 may be made within ten (10) days of this Order by the Plaintiff, Class Counsel and counsel for the
 18 CNMI Government. *Id.*

19 Finally, the Trustee petitions for release of the 10% retainer withheld from its invoices for
 20 services rendered during the months of January 2025 through May 2025. *See* Order re Payment
 21 of Trustee's Invoices, ECF No. 886. There being no objection to said invoices and the court being
 22 satisfied with the Trustee's work, the court orders the Settlement Fund to pay the Trustee the
 23 additional sum of **Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four and 50/100 Dollars (\$5,924.50)**.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.



25 */s/ Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood*
 26 **Designated Judge**
 27 **Dated: Dec 31, 2025**

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