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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.

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

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

**ORDER**

re Payment of Trustee's Invoices  
(June 2025 - November 2025)

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 June 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
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$37,550.00	\$0.00	\$938.75	\$38,488.75

Attached to this Order as Exhibits 1 through 6 are unredacted invoices, while the redacted<sup>1</sup> invoices are appended as Exhibits A through F. The court orders the Clerk of Court to file Exhibits 1 through 6 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. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Order re Appointment of Trustee, the court orders the Settlement Fund to pay the Trustee the sum of **Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$34,733.75)**. This amount represents ninety percent (90%) of the Trustee's professional fees and gross receipts taxes incurred during the months of June 2025 through November 2025 (invoices dated July 2025 to December 2025).

The court further orders the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the Trustee the sum of **Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,755.00)**, which represents ten percent (10%) of the Trustee's professional fees for this time period. The Trustee may petition for release of this 10% retainer 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 of Appointment of Trustee at 6, ECF No. 526. 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.*

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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

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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.