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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.

ELOY S. INOS, 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
(Oct 2015 - Jan 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 October 2015 to January 2016. The Trustee's invoices are summarized as follows:

Month	Professional Services	Expenses	Total
October 2015	\$ 9,433.75	\$ 58.75	\$ 9,492.50
November 2015	\$ 13,787.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,787.50
December 2015	\$ 7,217.25	\$ 576.28	\$ 7,793.53
January 2016	\$ 7,735.50	\$ 387.89	\$ 8,123.39
TOTALS	\$ 38,174.00	\$ 1,022.92	\$ 39,196.92

1 Attached to this Order as Exhibits 1 through 4 are unredacted versions of these invoices and
2 supporting documents. The Clerk of Court is directed to file Exhibits 1 through 4 under seal. The
3 Trustee shall file the redacted versions of these invoices and supporting documents with the court
4 no later than June 10, 2016.

5 The court has reviewed these invoices and finds the request for compensation and
6 reimbursement of expenses to be reasonable. The court is satisfied with the work performed by the
7 Trustee during this time frame. Accordingly, pursuant to terms of the Order re Appointment of
8 Trustee, the court hereby orders the Settlement Fund pay the Trustee the sum of Thirty-Five
9 Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$35,379.52). This amount represents 90% of the
10 professional fees and 100% of all expenses incurred during the months of October 2015 through
11 January 2016. The court further orders the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the
12 Trustee the sum of Three Thousand Eight Seventeen and 40/100 Dollars (\$3,817.40), which
13 represents 10% of the Trustee's professional fees for this time period. Pursuant to the Order re
14 Appointment of Trustee, the Trustee may petition for release of the 10% retainage on a quarterly
15 basis, subject to the court's satisfaction of the Trustee's work and any objections to the Trustee's
16 compensation requests. *See* Order re Appointment of Trustee, ECF No. 526 at 6. Objections to the
17 Trustee's request for remuneration may be made within ten days of this Order by the Plaintiff, Class
18 Counsel and counsel for the CNMI Government. *Id.*

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.



/s/ Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood
Designated Judge
Dated: Jun 03, 2016