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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.

RALPH DELEON GUERRERO TORRES,
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands ("CNMI"), *et al.*,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

ORDER
re Payment of Trustee's Invoice
(March 2018)

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 month of February 2018. The Trustee's professional services amounted to \$13,122.50, and she incurred \$14.83 in expenses, for a total invoice amount of \$13,137.33.

Attached to this Order as Exhibit 1 is the unredacted invoice, while the redacted¹ version of the invoice is appended as Exhibit 2. The court orders the Clerk of Court to file Exhibit 1 under seal.

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

1 The court has reviewed the invoice and finds the request for compensation and
2 reimbursement of expenses to be reasonable. The court is satisfied with the work performed by the
3 Trustee during the month of February 2018. Accordingly, pursuant to the terms of the Order re
4 Appointment of Trustee, the court hereby orders the Settlement Fund to pay the Trustee the sum
5 of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Eight Cents (\$11,825.08)**. This
6 amount represents ninety percent (90%) of the Trustee's professional fees and all expenses incurred
7 during the month of February 2018.

8 The court further orders the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the Trustee the
9 sum of **One Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$1,312.25)**,
10 which represents ten percent (10%) of the Trustee's professional fees for February 2018. The
11 Trustee may petition for release of this 10% retainer on a quarterly basis, subject to the court's
12 satisfaction of the Trustee's work and any objections to the Trustee's compensation requests. *See*
13 *Order of Appointment of Trustee at 6, ECF No. 526.* Objections to the Trustee's request for
14 remuneration may be made within ten (10) days of this Order by the Plaintiff, Class Counsel and
15 counsel for the CNMI Government. *Id.*

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.



/s/ **Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood**
Designated Judge
Dated: Mar 22, 2018