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| <ol> <li>13</li> <li>14</li> <li>15</li> <li>16</li> <li>17</li> <li>18</li> <li>19</li> </ol> | EUGENIO AND ROSA CONTRERAS,<br>WILLIAM PHILLIPS, TERESA BARNEY,<br>KEITH AND TERESA MARCEL, SHERLIE<br>CHARLOT, and JENNIE MILLER, on behalf<br>of themselves and all others similarly situated,<br>Plaintiffs,<br>v.   | No. 2:16-cv-00302-MCE-JDP<br>PLAINTIFFS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF<br>UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR FINAL<br>APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT<br>AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF<br>SETTLEMENT CLASS AND MOTION FOR<br>ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT<br>OF EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARDS |               |  |
| <ul> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> </ul>                         | NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, a<br>Delaware Limited Liability Company;<br>SOLUTIONSTAR HOLDINGS LLC (N/K/A<br>XOME HOLDINGS LLC), a Delaware<br>Limited Liability Company; and<br>SOLUTIONSTAR FIELD SERVICES LLC, a<br>Delaware Limited Liability Company,<br>Defendants.   | Date:<br>Time:<br>Ctrm:<br>Judge:  |               | , 2022<br>deoconference<br>n C. England, Jr. |
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Plaintiffs Eugenio and Rosa Contreras, Sherlie Charlot, and Jennie Miller ("Named Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys, respectfully submit this reply memorandum ("Reply") in support of their Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Settlement Agreement and Certification of Settlement Class ("Final Approval Motion"), ECF No. 163, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Service Awards ("Fee Motion"), ECF No. 164 (together, the "Approval Motions").

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Approval Motions seek final approval of a Settlement Agreement ("SA")<sup>1</sup> completely resolving this matter, and further seek approval of awards of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses, and Service Awards to Named Plaintiffs. For the reasons set forth in this Reply and its attachments, in the Approval Motions and their supporting memoranda, and in the Joint Declaration of Class Counsel, the combined \$8.6 million, non-reversionary Settlement before the Court is fair, adequate, and reasonable, and should be finally approved pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). Further, the total requested awards of \$2.15 million in Class Counsel's attorneys' fees, \$226,585.83 in reimbursement of expenses, and for Service Awards for the three Named Plaintiffs of \$10,000 each, should be approved.

# II. THE APPROVAL MOTIONS SHOULD BE GRANTED

A. Notice of the Settlement Was Properly Given.

As more fully described at pages 5 through 8 of the Final Approval Motion and its supporting Joint Declaration, notice of the Settlement and the November 10, 2022 Final Approval Hearing was given to the Settlement Class by email and mail by the deadlines set in the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Order"), ECF No. 162. In

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A true copy of the Settlement Agreement and Release dated March 30, 2022, is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Joint Declaration of Laura R. Gerber and Thomas E. Loeser ("Joint Declaration" or "Joint Decl."), ECF No. 165-1. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Reply shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement.

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accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the notice program included the following elements: 1) Email Notice to Settlement Class Members with valid email addresses; and 2) for Settlement Class Members without a valid email address, or if an email bounce-back was received, Postcard Notice via first class mail. Final Approval Motion at 7. The Email Notice was sent to the email addresses of 298,703 Settlement Class Members, and the Postcard Notice was sent to the last known addresses of 81,483 Settlement Class Members for whom no email address was available or the Email Notice was undeliverable. Supplemental Declaration of Mark Cowen in Support of Plaintiffs' Reply to Final Approval Motions ("Cowan Supplemental Declaration" or "Cowan Suppl. Decl.") ¶¶ 6, 9, concurrently filed herewith. By July 26, 2022, the Settlement Administrator, A.B. Data, also posted and linked the Complaint, the Settlement Agreement, the Long-Form Notice, and other relevant documents on the Settlement Website. Final Approval Motion at 8. Previously, on May 9, 2022, notice of the Settlement was properly given by defense counsel under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715(a)(1) and (b). *Id.* at 8–9.

The Class Notice was prepared in three forms, the Long-Form Notice, the Email Notice, and the Postcard Notice. The Long-Form Notice provided detailed information about the Settlement to the Settlement Class Members, including a comprehensive summary of the Settlement's terms; notice of Class Counsel's intent to request Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and Service Awards for the services performed by Named Plaintiffs; detailed information about the Released Claims; the Final Approval Hearing date; the procedure and deadlines to opt-out of the Settlement or to object to the Settlement; how to receive additional information about the Settlement; provided Settlement Class Members with contact information for Class Counsel; information on the toll-free phone number for inquiries to the Settlement Administrator; and the Settlement Website address for further information. Decl. of Mark Cowen in Supp. of Pls.' Unopposed Mot. for Final Approval of Settlement Agreement & Certification of Settlement Class ("Cowan Decl.') Ex. 4, ECF No. 166-4. The Email and Postcard Notice included

substantially similar information and provided a link to the website with the Long-Form Notice. *Id.* Ex. 1 (Email Notice), ECF No. 166-1; Ex. 2 (Postcard Notice), ECF No. 166-2. Notice has been fully and timely given.

# **B.** Notice to the Settlement Class.

The parties went to great lengths to notify the Settlement Class about the terms of the Settlement, and to educate the Settlement Class about the effects of the Settlement on the Class. Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are pleased to report that these efforts were extremely successful, as evidenced by the fact that 2,019 people contacted the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel to inquire about the Settlement, but none of the inquiries have resulted in an objection. This is a remarkable result given that 380,186 notices were emailed or mailed to Settlement Class Members of the Settlement terms, their right to object or opt-out, and how to go about doing so.

Efforts to maximize notice to the Settlement Class continued after the Approval Motions were filed. The Settlement Administrator reports that between September 8, 2022 and September 20, 2022, an additional 37,775 Email Notices were sent to borrowers where multiple borrower email addresses were associated with a single loan, and 2,245 Postcard Notices were re-mailed. Cowan Suppl. Decl.

In sum, of the 380,186 notices given, after tracing and re-mailing efforts, there were only about 3,570—.93%—for which no address could be found. *See id.* ¶¶ 6, 8. The total number of records for whom no addresses could be determined—3,570—is also just under one percent of the 358,727 unique Settlement Class Members.<sup>2</sup>

A.B. Data has responded to 682 email inquiries in response to the Class Notice. Cowan Suppl. Decl. ¶ 12. Separately, Class Counsel have received and responded to 16 email and phone inquiries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As explained at note 4 to the Final Approval Motion, "[a]fter analyzing and deduplicating the 368,848 records received [from Nationstar], A.B. Data determined there were 358,727 unique records[.]" Final Approval Motion at 7 n.4.

Declaration of Laura R. Gerber in Support of Plaintiffs' Reply to Final Approval Motions ¶ 6, concurrently filed herewith.

#### C. Four Class Members Submitted Exclusion Requests in Proper Form.

The Settlement Agreement provided Class members with opt-out rights if they did not wish to be bound by any orders or judgments relating to the Settlement. SA ¶ 10.1–10.2. Thirty-four individuals submitted opt-out or exclusion requests to the Settlement Administrator. Cowan Suppl. Decl. ¶ 14. All of the exclusion requests are attached as Exhibit A through D to the Cowan Supplemental Declaration. Four Class members submitted timely exclusion requests in proper form. Id. ¶¶ 15, 16. Thirty Class members submitted timely opt-out requests that were not in proper form. Id. ¶ 17; see SA ¶ 10.1 ("Mass or class opt outs and electronic or facsimile signatures shall not be allowed."). Finally, one individual, David Lawson, submitted a letter indicating he did not satisfy the definition of the Class, and therefore is not a Settlement Class member. Cowan Suppl. Decl. ¶ 18; Ex. D. Following receipt of the exclusion requests, the Settlement Administrator emailed all individuals for whom an email address was available to inform them if their request was timely received and in proper form. Id. ¶¶ 15, 16, 17.

#### D. The Absence of Objections Supports Approval of the Settlement and the Fee Motion.

When Named Plaintiffs filed the Final Approval Motion in early September, the Class members' response to the Settlement was the one factor they could not definitively address, since the objection deadline was not until a month later. Now that the deadline has passed, and no objections have been filed, it is readily apparent that the Class approves of the Settlement. "It is established that the absence of a large number of objections to a proposed class action settlement raises a strong presumption that the terms of a proposed class settlement action are favorable to the class members." Ontiveros v. Zamora, 303 F.R.D. 356, 371–72 (E.D. Cal., 2014) (quoting National Rural Telecomms. Coop. v. DIRECTV, Inc., 221 F.R.D. 523, 529 (C.D. Cal. 2004)). Accordingly, this factor weighs in favor of the Court's approval of the settlement.

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The Final Approval Brief extensively demonstrated that the Settlement is "fair, reasonable, and adequate," as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2). Named Plaintiffs can now buttress that analysis with the complete absence of objections to the Settlement, indicating class-wide support. The Settlement should be fully and finally approved.

Similarly, Named Plaintiffs are also now able to report that the objection deadline has passed and no objections to the Fee Motion—encompassing fees, expenses, and Service Awards—have been received. As with the Settlement itself, absence of objections by settlement class members is a strong indication that the fee request is fair and reasonable. *See Reed v. 1-800 Contacts, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-02359 JM (BGS), 2014 WL 29011, at \*8–9 (S.D. Cal. Jan 2, 2014) (relying on absence of objections in approving fee award). The Long-Form Notice informed Settlement Class Members that Class Counsel would seek an attorneys' fee award of 25% of the Settlement funds, plus reimbursement of their costs and expenses, and for Service Awards for the three Named Plaintiffs. Cowan Decl. Ex. 4, at 5–6, ECF No. 166-4.

In addition, the Fee Motion explained why the requests, separate and apart from the relief to the Settlement Class, are fair and reasonable and supported by, among other factors, the result achieved in the face of significant risks and the contingent nature of the litigation. The Fee Motion is supported by the Joint Declaration of Class Counsel, which includes a detailed explanation of fees and expenses and the reasons they were incurred, and is supported by the Named Plaintiffs, who were active participants in the litigation and the settlement process. Joint Decl. ¶¶ 31–46; Exs. 10–12.

The Fee Motion, and the detailed support therefor, did not attract one objection, strongly indicating that the request is fair and reasonable. Accordingly, the approval of Settlement Class Members in this Action supports approval of the request for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses, and Service Awards to Named Plaintiffs.

# III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Named Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court: (a) grant final approval of the Settlement because it is a fair and reasonable result when viewed in the light of the governing standard; (b) grant final certification of the Settlement Class because they meet all the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23; (c) grant final approval of the requested attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses, and Service Awards to Named Plaintiffs; and (d) grant such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

DATED this 3rd day of November 2022.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 3, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of

the Court using the CM/ECF system, which in turn sent notice to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Laura R. Gerber</u> Laura R. Gerber

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| of themselves and all others similarly situated,   | [PROPOSED] FINAL APPROVAL<br>ORDER AND JUDGMENT  |  |  |  |
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|  | TAC Filed: May 6, 2020   |  |  |  |
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| No. 163, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Service Awards,  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ECF No. 164, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement'),  |  |  |  |
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Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, ECF No. 162, and the Court
 having considered all papers filed and proceedings had herein and otherwise being fully
 informed of the promises and good cause appearing therefore, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
 AND DECREED THAT:

This Final Approval Order and Judgment ("Final Approval Order") incorporates by
 reference the definitions in the Settlement Agreement. All capitalized terms used herein shall
 have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise set forth
 herein.

9 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Litigation and over all of
10 the Parties to the Litigation.

3. For purposes of settlement only, the Parties have stipulated to the certification of
three Settlement Classes under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, defined as all Settlement Class Members who
do not request exclusion from the Settlement and meet the following criteria:

(1) <u>California Class</u>: all residents of California, who, from February 1, 2012 to
February 14, 2022, made a payment to Nationstar on a residential mortgage loan over the phone
or online that included a Convenience Fee at Issue charged by Nationstar for using the phone or
internet;

18 (2) <u>Florida Class</u>: all residents of Florida, who, from February 1, 2012 to February
19 14, 2022, made a payment to Nationstar on a residential mortgage loan over the phone or online
20 that included a Convenience Fee at Issue charged by Nationstar for using the phone or internet;
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(3) <u>Illinois Class</u>: all residents of Illinois, who, from February 1, 2013 to February
14, 2022, made a payment to Nationstar on a residential mortgage loan over the phone or online
that included a Convenience Fee at Issue charged by Nationstar for using the phone or internet.
Excluded from the Settlement Classes are: (i) individuals who are or were officers or
directors of the Defendants or any of their respective affiliates; (ii) any justice, judge, or
magistrate judge of the United States; and (iii) all individuals who file a timely and proper
request to be excluded from the Settlement Class.

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1 4. Certification. As to the Settlement Classes, the Court finds that the class action 2 prerequisites of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) have been satisfied. Specifically, the Court finds that: (i) 3 the Settlement Classes are so numerous that joinder would be impractical; (ii) common questions 4 of law and fact exist as to the Settlement Classes; (iii) that the claims or defenses of the Named 5 Plaintiffs are typical of the claims or defenses of the Settlement Classes; and (iv) that the Named 6 Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Classes. As to the 7 Settlement Classes, the Court also finds "that the questions of law or fact common to class 8 members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and that a class 9 action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the 10 controversy." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Because all the class certification requirements of Fed. R. 11 Civ. P. 23 have been met as to the Settlement Classes, the Court certifies the Settlement Classes 12 for purposes of this Settlement.

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5. The Court appoints Keller Rohrback L.L.P. and Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro 14 LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Classes, and Named Plaintiffs Eugenio and Rosa 15 Contreras, Sherlie Charlot, and Jennie Miller as class representatives for the Settlement Classes.

16 6. The Class Notice provided to the Settlement Classes conformed with the 17 requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law, 18 and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, by providing individual 19 notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and by 20 providing due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein to the 21 other Settlement Class Members. The Class Notice fully satisfied the requirements of Due 22 Process.

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7. No Settlement Class Members have objected to the terms of the Settlement.

24 8. A list of Settlement Class Members who timely requested exclusion in proper form 25 pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

9. 26 The Court finds that Defendants properly and timely notified the appropriate 27 government officials of the Settlement Agreement, pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 28 2005 ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715. The Court has reviewed the substance of Defendants' notice

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sent on May 9, 2022 and finds that it complied with all applicable requirements of CAFA.Further, more than ninety (90) days have elapsed since Defendants provided notice pursuant toCAFA to the appropriate state officials and the date set for the Final Approval Hearing.

4 10. This Court now gives final approval to the Settlement and finds that the Settlement 5 Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Classes. The 6 Settlement consideration provided under the Settlement Agreement constitutes fair value given 7 in exchange for the release of claims against the Released Persons. The Court finds that the 8 consideration to be paid or provided to Settlement Class Members is reasonable and in the best 9 interests of the Settlement Classes considering the disputed facts and circumstances of and 10 affirmative defenses asserted in the Litigation and the potential risks and likelihood of success of 11 pursuing litigation on the merits. The complex legal and factual posture of this Litigation, the 12 amount of discovery completed, and the fact that the Settlement is the result of arm's-length 13 negotiations between the Parties, including negotiations presided over by the Honorable William 14 J. Cahill (Ret.) of JAMS, support this finding. The Court finds that these facts demonstrate that 15 there was no collusion present in the reaching of the Settlement Agreement, implicit or 16 otherwise. See In re Bluetooth Headset Prods. Liab. Litig., 654 F.3d 935, 947 (9th Cir. 2011).

17 11. The Court has specifically considered the factors relevant to class settlement 18 approval as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2) including, *inter alia*, whether Named Plaintiffs 19 and Class Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Classes, whether the Settlement 20 was negotiated at arm's length, the relief provided to the Settlement Classes, taking into account 21 the costs, risks and delay of trial and appeal, the effectiveness of distributing payments to 22 Settlement Class Members; the terms of the proposed attorneys' fees, including timing of 23 payment, and any agreements required to be identified under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(3); and 24 whether the proposal treats Settlement Class Members equitably relative to one another-and 25 upon consideration of such factors finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to 26 all concerned.

27 12. Accordingly, the Settlement is hereby finally approved in all respects, and the
28 Parties are hereby directed to implement and consummate the Settlement Agreement according

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to its terms and provisions.

13. The terms of the Settlement Agreement and of this Final Approval Order, including
all exhibits thereto, shall be forever binding in all pending and future lawsuits maintained by the
Named Plaintiffs and all other Settlement Class Members, as well as their family members, heirs,
administrators, successors, and assigns.

6 14. Upon entry of this Final Approval Order, compensation to Settlement Class
7 Members shall be effected pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

8 15. In addition to any recovery that the Named Plaintiffs may receive under the
9 Settlement, and in recognition of the Named Plaintiffs' efforts and risks taken on behalf of the
10 Settlement Classes, the Court hereby approves the payment of Service Awards to the three
11 Named Plaintiffs in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ total.

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15 17. The Court approves and orders payment to the Settlement Administrator, A.B.
16 Data, Ltd., in the amount of \$104,554.92 for its performance of its settlement claims
17 administration services provided to date, and further approves and orders payment to A.B. Data,
18 Ltd. from the Settlement Fund for future services rendered to the Settlement Classes upon proper
19 submission of invoices for such services to Class Counsel.

20 18. The Releases, which are set forth in Section 9 of the Settlement Agreement, are 21 expressly incorporated herein in all respects and are effective as of the Final Settlement Date. 22 Upon the Final Settlement Date, the Settlement Class Members, (except any excluded 23 individuals referenced in Exhibit 1 of this Final Approval Order), shall, by operation of the Final 24 Approval Order, be deemed to have fully, conclusively, irrevocably, forever, and finally 25 released, relinquished, and discharged the Released Persons from any and all claims, actions, 26 causes of action, suits, debts, sums of money, payments, obligations, promises, damages, 27 penalties, attorneys' fees and expenses, liens, judgments, and demands of any kind whatsoever 28 that each member of the Settlement Classes may have on or before February 14, 2022 or may

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1 have had in the past, whether in arbitration, administrative, or judicial proceedings, whether as 2 individual claims or as claims asserted on a class basis, whether past or present, mature or not yet 3 mature, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, whether based on federal, state, or local 4 law, statute, ordinance, regulations, contract, common law, or any other source, that were or 5 could have been alleged in the Litigation that relate, concern, arise from, or pertain in any way to 6 the Released Persons' conduct, policies, or practices concerning Convenience Fees at Issue 7 charged by Nationstar to the Settlement Classes during the applicable Class Periods outlined in 8 Paragraph 3.1 of the Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to claims related to charges 9 for making payments to Nationstar over the phone or internet and claims or causes of action 10 based on such charges for breach of contract, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and 11 fair dealing, unjust enrichment, violation of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 12 violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, violation of the Florida Deceptive and 13 Unfair Trade Practices Act, and violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act.

14 19. Furthermore, Named Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members are hereby barred 15 and permanently enjoined from: (a) filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, promoting, 16 or participating (as class members or otherwise) in any action in any jurisdiction based on any of 17 the Released Claims or the facts and circumstances relating thereto; and (b) organizing 18 Settlement Class Members who have not been excluded from the Settlement Classes into a 19 separate class for purposes of pursuing as a purported class action (including by seeking to 20 amend a pending complaint to include class allegations, or seeking class certification in a 21 pending action) based on any of the Released Claims or the facts and circumstances relating 22 thereto.

23 20. This Final Approval Order, the Settlement, and all negotiations, statements,
24 documents, and/or proceedings in connection with this Settlement are not and shall not be
25 construed as an admission by Defendants of any liability or wrongdoing in this or in any other
26 proceeding.

27 21. This Final Approval Order is intended to be a final disposition of the above
28 captioned action in its entirety and is intended to be immediately appealable.

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| 1  | 22. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters related to the                  |
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| 2  | administration and consummation of the Settlement, and any and all claims, asserted in, arising      |
| 3  | out of, or related to the subject matter of the Litigation, including but not limited to all matters |
| 4  | related to the Settlement and the determination of all controversies related thereto.                |
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| 5        | 3.<br>4.    | Guadalupe Vera<br>David Hale            | -                     |                |             |
| 6        | 4.          | David Hale                              |                       |                |             |
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