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11	SHANIECE MAYNOR, ALEJANDRO	Case No. CIV SB 2209052
12	CABALLERO, ALEX CABALLERO, NOURA MAJOR, AMIA DILWORTH,	
13	DELMAR SCHMIDTBERGER, ELIZABETH HALL, RIAZ AHMED, on	JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
14	behalf of themselves, and all others similarly situated, and as "aggrieved employees" on	SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE
15	behalf of themselves and other "aggrieved employees" under the Labor Code Private	
16	Attorneys General Act of 2004,	
17	Plaintiff(s)	
18	vs.	
19	WESTERN REFINING RETAIL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,	
20	DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,	
21	Defendant(s).	
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		NTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

This Joint Stipulation of Class and Representative Action Settlement and Release is entered into by and between Plaintiffs Alejandro Caballero, Alex Caballero, Amia Dilworth, Noura Major, Elizabeth Hall, Shaniece Maynor, Delmar Schmidtberger, and Riaz Ahmed, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated ("Plaintiffs"), and Defendant Western Refining Retail, LLC ("Defendant" or "WRR"), and is approved by their respective counsel of record, subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the Court's approval.

A. <u>Definitions</u>

1. "Actions" or "Lawsuits" means and refers to the following cases: (1) *Maynor, et al. v. Western Refining Retail, LLC*, Case No. CIV SB 2209052 (San Bernardino Superior Court); (2) *Caballero, et al. v. Western Refining Retail, LLC*, Case Nos. 8:21-00018-VAP-SK, 2:21-04194-VAP-SK (United States District Court C.D. Cal.) (removed from Orange County Superior Court); (3) *Hall, et al. v. Western Refining Retail, LLC*, Case No. 5:19-00855-VAP-SK (United States District Court C.D. Cal.) (removed from Riverside County Superior Court); (4) *Schmidtberger v. Western Refining Retail, LLC*, Case No. 2:19-04300-VAP-SK (United States District Court C.D. Cal.); and (5) *Ahmed v. Western Refining Retail, LLC*, Case No. 2:20-cv-08342-VAP-SK (United States District Court C.D. Cal.) (removed from Los Angeles County Superior Court).

2. "Agreement," "Stipulation" or "Settlement Agreement" shall mean this Joint Stipulation of Class and Representative Action Settlement and Release, including any attached Exhibits.

3. "CAFA Notice" refers to the Notification of Settlement requirements in the Class Action Fairness Act (28 U.S.C. § 1715), which Defendant will serve no later than 10 days after Plaintiffs file the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

4. "Class Counsel" refers to David G. Spivak and Caroline Tahmassian Zarneh of The Spivak Law Firm; Walter L. Haines of United Employees Law Group; Samuel A. Wong, Kashif Haque, Jessica L. Campbell, and Fawn F. Bekam of the Aegis Law Firm PC; Matthew J. Matern and Launa Adolph of Matern Law Group, PC; and Todd M. Friedman and Adrian R. Bacon of the Law Offices of Todd Friedman PC.

5. "Class Data" means a complete list of all Settlement Class Members that Defendant will diligently and in good faith compile from its records and provide to the Settlement Administrator within twenty-one (21) business days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order. The Class Data shall be on one spreadsheet and shall include each Settlement Class Member's full name; last known mailing address; last known telephone number; Social Security Number; and total Weeks Worked during the Class Period. The Class Data shall not be provided to Class Counsel, with the exception of the Class Data pertaining to the named Plaintiffs.

6. "Class Period" is the period from July 27, 2017 through February 6, 2022, excluding workweeks worked by any Class Member that were subject to a separate release and settlement that covers the claims at issue in the Actions.

7. "Class Representatives" or "Plaintiffs" means and refers to Alejandro Caballero,
Alex Caballero, Amia Dilworth, Noura Major, Elizabeth Hall, Shaniece Maynor, Delmar
Schmidtberger, and Riaz Ahmed.

8. "Consolidated Complaint" refers to the class and representative action complaint filed in the Superior Court for San Bernardino County by Plaintiffs for settlement approval purposes only, which includes all of the allegations in the Actions listed in Section A.1(2)-(5) above, as well as all claims, allegations, and legal theories raised during mediation, such as claims for split shift premiums and reporting time pay.

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"Court" refers to the San Bernardino Superior Court.

10. "Defendant" means and refers to Western Refining Retail, LLC.

11. "Defendant's Counsel" or "Defense Counsel" means and refers to William C. Martucci and Matt Light of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP.

12. "Effective Date" means the first business day following the latest of the following dates: (i) if no Class Member timely and properly intervenes, files a motion to vacate the Judgment, or objects or otherwise challenges the Settlement, then the date the Court enters an order granting Final Approval of the Settlement; (ii) if a Class Member intervenes or files a motion to vacate the Judgment, then sixty-one (61) calendar days following the date the Court enters an order granting final approval, assuming no appeal is filed; or (iii) if a timely appeal is filed, then the date of final resolution of that appeal (including any requests for rehearing and/or petitions for *certiorari*), resulting in final judicial approval of the Settlement in its entirety, with no further challenge to the Settlement being possible.

13. "Final Approval" refers to the order of the Court granting final approval of this
Settlement Agreement that disposes of all issues raised in the Actions and in the Consolidated
Complaint and entering a judgment approving this Agreement on the terms provided herein or as
the same may be modified by subsequent mutual agreement of the Parties. Per 17 U.S.C.
§ 1715(d), Final Approval shall occur no earlier than 90 days after Defendant serves the CAFA
Notice.

14. "Final Settlement Class" means, collectively, all Settlement Class Members who have not opted out of the Settlement Class by timely submitting valid Requests for Exclusion.

13 15. "Gross Settlement Amount" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Paragraph
14 48(a) below.

16. "Individual Settlement Amount" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Paragraph 48(c) below.

17. "Net Settlement Amount" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Paragraph 48(b) below.

18. "Notice" or "Class Notice" means the Notice of Pendency of Class Action
Settlement to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court to be sent to the
Settlement Class Members following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order that notifies
Settlement Class Members of the Settlement.

23 19. "Notice Response Deadline" is 45 calendar days from the date the Notice is
24 mailed to the Settlement Class Members.

25 20. "Objecting Settlement Class Member" means a Settlement Class Member, other
26 than Plaintiffs, who submits a valid and timely objection to the terms of this Agreement,
27 pursuant to Paragraph 67(c) below.

21. "PAGA Employee" means all non-exempt, hourly employees of Defendant who worked in California at some point during the PAGA Period.

22. "PAGA Payment" means the amount payable from the Gross Settlement Amount to resolve claims under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), of which seventy-five percent (75%) shall be paid to the LWDA and twenty-five percent (25%) shall be paid to Aggrieved Employees.

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23. "PAGA Period" means the period from July 27, 2017 through February 6, 2022.

24. "Participating Class Members" means any and all Settlement Class Members who do not opt-out by timely submitting valid Requests for Exclusion.

25. "Parties" or "Settling Parties" means Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, and Defendant, collectively.

26. "Preliminary Approval Date" means the date the Court approves the Settlement Agreement, and the exhibits thereto, and enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

27. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the judicial Order to be entered by the Court, upon the application or motion of the Plaintiff preliminarily approving this Settlement and providing for the issuance of the Notice to the Settlement Class, an opportunity to opt out of the Settlement, an opportunity to submit timely objections to the Settlement, and setting a hearing on the fairness of the terms of Settlement, including approval of attorneys' fees and costs. Defendant will not object to Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval, providing that it is consistent with the terms of this Agreement, but will be provided with an opportunity to review and comment upon the motion at least ten (10) calendar days before it is filed.

28. "QSF" means the Qualified Settlement Fund set up by the Settlement Administrator for the benefit of the Final Settlement Class, and from which the settlement payments shall be made.

29. "Release" shall mean the release and discharge of the Released Claims by Plaintiffs and all of the Participating Class Members, and their assignees.

30. "Released Claims" by the Participating Class Members upon the Effective Date
will include all claims for relief, whether suspected or unsuspected, which any Participating

1 Class Member has had, now has or may discover in the future, against the Released Parties or 2 any of them for the Class Period that are alleged in the Consolidated Complaint or the Actions, 3 or which could have been alleged in the Consolidated Complaint or the Actions based on the 4 allegations, facts, matters, transactions or occurrences alleged therein, specifically including 5 without limiting the generality thereof: all causes of action asserted in the Consolidated Complaint or the Actions for violations of, or remedies or penalties allowed under, Labor Code 6 7 Sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 204b, 206, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 8 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2800, and 2802, including 9 claims for unpaid overtime, minimum wages and straight time wages, failure to provide meal 10 and/or rest breaks and/or premiums, failure to maintain records, failure to pay split shift 11 premiums, failure to pay reporting time pay, failure to reimburse reasonable business expenses, 12 failure to timely pay final wages, waiting time penalties, failure to provide accurate itemized 13 wage statements, and violation of Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq. premised 14 on any claims for violations referenced above. The release of the foregoing claims extends to all 15 theories of relief regardless of whether the claim is, was or could have been alleged as separate 16 claims, causes of action, lawsuits or based on other theories of relief, whether under California 17 law, federal law, state law or common law (including, without limitation, as violations of the 18 California Labor Code, the Wage Orders, applicable regulations, California's Business and 19 Professions Code section 17200), and includes all types of relief available for the 20 above-referenced claims, including, without limitation, any claims for damages, restitution, 21 losses, penalties, fines, liens, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, debts, interest, injunctive relief, 22 declaratory relief, or liquidated damages. In addition, upon the Effective Date, all PAGA 23 Employees will release any and all claims and/or causes of action under PAGA based on the 24 allegations, facts, matters, transactions or occurrences alleged in the Consolidated Complaint or 25 in the Actions, including premised on any claims for violations referenced above. The release of 26 the foregoing claims extends to all theories of relief regardless of whether the claim is, was or could have been alleged as separate claims, causes of action, lawsuits or based on other theories 27

of relief, and includes all types of relief available for the above-referenced claims, including, 2 without limitation, penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs.

31. "Released Parties" means Defendant and each of its past and present officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, insurers and reinsurers, its company-sponsored employee benefit plans, and its successors and predecessors, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys, both individually and in their official capacities, as well as all persons acting by, through, under, or in concert with any of these persons or entities.

32. "Release Period" shall be the time period governing the Released Claims which shall be July 27, 2017 through February 6, 2022.

33. "Request for Exclusion" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Paragraph 67(a) below.

34. "Service Payments" or "Service Awards" means the amounts approved by the Court to be paid to the Class Representatives, Alejandro Caballero, Alex Caballero, Amia Dilworth, Noura Major, Elizabeth Hall, Shaniece Maynor, Delmar Schmidtberger, and Riaz Ahmed, in addition to their Individual Settlement Amounts as Participating Class Members.

35. "Settlement" shall refer to this Agreement of the Parties to settle the Released Claims as set forth and embodied in this Agreement.

36. "Settlement Administrator" means and refers to the third-party class action settlement administrator selected by the Parties, who will provide the Notice to the Settlement Class Members and distribute the settlement amounts as described in this Settlement Agreement. The Parties have selected Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions as the Settlement Administrator.

37. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Gross Settlement Amount to the Settlement Administrator for administering this Settlement, including, but not limited to, printing, distributing, and tracking documents for this Settlement, tax reporting, distributing the Gross Settlement Amount, and providing necessary reports and declarations, as requested by the Parties. The Settlement Administration Costs shall be paid

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from the Gross Settlement Amount, including, if necessary, any such costs in excess of the amount represented by the Settlement Administrator as being the maximum costs necessary to administer the Settlement.

38. "Settlement Class" is defined as all persons who worked for Defendant in California in a non-exempt, hourly position during the Class Period, excluding all persons who have previously settled all claims otherwise covered under this Agreement.

7 39. "Settlement Class Member(s)" or "Class Member(s)" refers to individual
8 members of the Settlement Class.

40. "Weeks Worked" for each Settlement Class Members means any week in which the Settlement Class Member worked for Defendant in a non-exempt, hourly position in California during the Class Period.

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Background and General Terms

41. The Actions described in Section A.1(2)-(5) above were filed at various points during 2018 and 2020 by the Plaintiffs, preceded by letters filed with the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (the "LWDA") alleging claims under PAGA. The LWDA declined to assert jurisdiction over the asserted PAGA claims.

42. Plaintiffs are former non-exempt employees of Defendant who worked at several of its gas station convenience stores in California. Through their separate Actions, Plaintiffs sought to represent different, though overlapping, groups and classes of non-exempt retail employees of Defendant in California in connection with various claims and causes of action, including in relation to the following general allegations – failure to provide meal breaks/premiums, failure to provide rest breaks/premiums, failure to pay overtime and minimum wages, failure to timely pay wages upon termination, failure to provide and maintain accurate wage statements, and failure to reimburse business expenses. Most of the Actions were initially filed in state court and thereafter removed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California under CAFA (the *Schmidtberger* action was filed in federal court).

27 43. Defendant denies Plaintiffs' claims and allegations and denies any liability or that
28 it engaged in wrongdoing of any kind associated with any wage-and-hour practices. Defendant

maintains that it has complied at all times with California law and contends that the Actions are not suitable for class certification or representative treatment.

3 44. The Parties have conducted thorough investigations into the facts of the Actions, 4 including holding depositions of Plaintiffs and Defendant's representatives, exchanging and 5 responding to multiple sets of written discovery, briefing discovery disputes before the Court, 6 producing voluminous documents, and exchanging payroll and timekeeping records. Class 7 Counsel are knowledgeable about and have done extensive research with respect to the applicable law and potential defenses to the claims of the Settlement Class and under PAGA. Class Counsel has diligently pursued an investigation of the Settlement Class Members' claims and PAGA claims against Defendant. Based on records and data received and on their own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel is of the opinion that the settlement with Defendant for the consideration and on the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Settlement Class Members and PAGA Employees in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay and uncertainty associated with litigation, various defenses asserted by Defendant, dismissal of certain asserted causes of action, denial of class certification in one of the Actions, uncertainty of class certification in the others, and numerous potential appellate issues. While Defendant maintains that Plaintiffs' claims have no merit and do not give rise to any liability, Defendant has agreed to enter into this Settlement to avoid the continued cost and business disruption associated with defending the Actions.

45. On November 8, 2021, Plaintiffs and Defendant participated in mediation virtually via Zoom before Tripper Ortman, a highly experienced class action mediator in California. After a full-day mediation, the Parties reached a settlement and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the Parties, supervised by an experienced wage-and-hour class action mediator. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. This Agreement, made and entered into by and between the Plaintiffs (on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the Settlement Class Members)

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and Defendant, each with the assistance of their respective counsel and attorneys of record, is intended to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise and discharge the Released Claims against the Released Parties, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

46. The Parties agree that neither the Parties' Settlement, this Agreement, nor the acts to be performed or judgments to be entered pursuant to the terms of the Settlement and Agreement, shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any wrongdoing or violation of any statute or law or liability on the claims or allegations in the Actions. Neither this Agreement's acceptance by the Parties nor its filing with the Court shall, in themselves, render this Agreement admissible in evidence in any other proceeding, subject to the limited exception that it shall be admissible in an action or proceeding to approve, interpret or enforce this Agreement.

12 47. Stipulation for Class Certification. For settlement purposes only, Defendant will 13 stipulate that the Settlement Class Members described herein who do not timely and validly 14 request exclusion from the Settlement Class may be certified as a settlement class. This 15 stipulation to certification is in no way an admission that class action certification is proper and 16 shall not be admissible in this or in any other action except for the sole purposes of enforcing this 17 Agreement. If, however, the Effective Date does not occur for any reason, the Parties' 18 stipulation to class certification as part of the Settlement shall become null and void ab initio and 19 shall have no bearing on, and shall not be admissible in connection with the issue of whether or 20 not certification would be appropriate in a non-settlement context. Defendant expressly reserves 21 its rights and declares that it would continue to oppose class certification and the substantive 22 merits of the Actions if the Effective Date does not occur for any reason. Plaintiffs expressly 23 reserve their rights and declare that they will continue to pursue class certification and a trial if 24 the Effective Date does not occur for any reason.

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<u>Terms of Settlement</u>

48. The financial terms of the Settlement are as follows:

27 (a) <u>Gross Settlement Amount</u>: Subject to final Court approval and the
28 conditions specified in this Agreement, and in consideration of the mutual covenants and

promises set forth herein, the Parties agree to settle this Action for two million four hundred 2 thousand dollars (\$2,400,000.00) ("Gross Settlement Amount"). The Gross Settlement Amount 3 is the maximum amount that will be paid by Defendant (excluding the employer's share of 4 payroll taxes and withholdings), and includes Individual Settlement Amounts, attorneys' fees of 5 Class Counsel, costs and expenses, the Service Payments to the Class Representatives, all 6 Settlement Administration Costs, and payment to the California Labor and Workforce 7 Development Agency (LWDA) to resolve claims under PAGA, and any and all other amounts 8 approved by the Court in this Action. The Gross Settlement Amount does not include 9 Defendant's share of payroll taxes and withholding on the portion of the Individual Settlement 10 Amounts that is allocated to wages, which Defendant will be required to separately fund.

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(b) <u>Net Settlement Amount</u>: The "Net Settlement Amount" is defined as the Gross Settlement Amount less attorneys' fees and litigation costs as approved and awarded by the Court, the Service Payments to the Class Representatives as awarded by the Court, the Settlement Administration Costs, and the PAGA Payment, and any and all other amounts approved by the Court as costs in the Actions. In the event that the Court reduces the attorneys' fees, costs, expenses or Service Awards, the difference shall be placed in the Net Settlement Amount and allocated to the Settlement Class.

18 (c) Individual Settlement Amounts for the Settlement Class: The Individual 19 Settlement Amount for each Settlement Class Member will be calculated by the Settlement 20 Administrator using the Class Data provided by Defendant as follows. Compensable workweeks 21 will be all Weeks Worked by all Settlement Class Members during the Class Period. The dollars 22 per compensable workweek will be calculated by dividing the total Weeks Worked by 23 Settlement Class Members into the Net Settlement Amount to determine a per workweek value 24 ("Workweek Value"). The Workweek Value will be multiplied by the number of Weeks 25 Worked by each Participating Class Member during the Class Period to determine the 26 distribution, prior to legal deductions, for each Participating Class Member. If there are any 27 valid and timely submitted Requests for Exclusion, the Settlement Administrator shall 28 proportionately increase the Individual Settlement Amounts for each Participating Class Member so that the amount actually distributed to Participating Class Members equals 100% of the Net Settlement Amount. In addition, all PAGA Employees shall receive a pro rata share of the portion of the PAGA Payment allocated to PAGA Employees based on their respective number of Weeks Worked during the PAGA Period.

(d) <u>Allocation of Individual Settlement Amounts</u>: The Individual Settlement Amounts will be allocated based on the allegations in the Actions as follows: one-fourth (25%) will be paid as wages subject to all applicable withholdings, including withholding of all applicable local, state and federal taxes; and three-fourths (75%) to penalties and other non-wage items from which no taxes will be withheld. The Settlement Administrator will issue to each Settlement Class Member an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 and comparable state forms with respect to the wage allocation and a Form 1099 with respect to the penalties and other nonwage items allocation.

(e) Service Payments to Class Representative: Class Counsel will apply to the Court for approval of Service Payments in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be paid to each Class Representative. Defendant agrees not to oppose this request. The amount, if any, awarded to each Class Representative as a Service Payment will be set by the Court in its discretion, not to exceed \$15,000 for each Class Representative. The Service Payments to the Class Representatives is included in, and shall be paid out from, the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator will issue each Class Representative an IRS Form 1099 in connection with this Service Payment. The Class Representatives shall be solely and legally responsible for paying any and all applicable taxes on the Service Payment. The Parties agree that any amount awarded as Service Payments to the Class Representatives less than the requested amount shall not be a basis for Class Counsel or the Class Representatives to void the Settlement. Should the Court approve a lesser amount for the Service Payments, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to the Participating Class Members.

7(f)Attorneys' Fees and Costs:Defendant agrees to not oppose a request by8Class Counsel to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees of up to one-third of the Gross

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1 Settlement Amount, or \$800,000, plus reasonable litigation costs not to exceed \$100,000. Any 2 attorneys' fees awarded by the Court shall be allocated as follows: (i) 50% to Matern Law 3 Group, PC; (ii) 20% to The Spivak Law Firm and United Employees Law Group; (iii) 15% to 4 Aegis Law Firm, PC; and (iv) 15% to Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman, P.C. Defendant agrees 5 not to oppose any contention by Class Counsel that attorneys' fees should be based on the common fund theory. Attorneys' fees and costs are included in, and shall be paid out from, the 6 7 Gross Settlement Amount. The ultimate amount of any attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel is to be determined by the Court, and Defendant is not agreeing to pay any specific amount other than the amount awarded by the Court. Should the Court approve a lesser amount than what is sought by Class Counsel, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to the Participating Class Members. Any Court order awarding less than the amount sought by Class Counsel shall not be grounds to rescind the Settlement Agreement or otherwise void the Settlement. While Class Counsel retains the right to appeal any such reductions, such appeal will delay Defendant's obligation to make all payments set forth in this Agreement. All claims for attorneys' fees and costs that Class Counsel, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members may possess against Defendant have been compromised and resolved in this Settlement and shall not be affected by any appeal that Class Counsel may file. The Settlement Administrator shall issue to Class Counsel an IRS Form 1099 reflecting the amount of attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the Court. The Parties agree that, over and above the total amount of any attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel pursuant to this Paragraph 48(f), Plaintiffs and Defendant shall each bear their own fees and costs incurred by them or arising out of the Actions, the negotiation, execution and/or implementation of this Settlement, and/or the process of obtaining, administrating or challenging a Preliminary Approval Order and/or Final Approval. The Parties will not seek reimbursement of any such fees and/or costs from any party to this Agreement or any of the Released Parties.

(g) <u>Settlement Administration Costs</u>: The fees and other charges of the
Settlement Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount not to exceed
\$45,000.00 based on the all-in proposal provided by the Settlement Administrator. Settlement

Administration Costs are included in, and shall be paid out from, the Gross Settlement Amount.
Any unapproved amount of Settlement Administration Costs shall be allocated to the Net
Settlement Amount to be distributed to the Participating Class Members. Any Court order
awarding Settlement Administration Costs less than the amount requested by Plaintiffs shall not
be grounds to rescind the Settlement Agreement or otherwise void the Settlement.

(h) <u>PAGA Penalties</u>: Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2698, *et seq.*,
 the Parties designate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount in satisfaction of Plaintiffs' claims on their behalf and on behalf of all PAGA Employees to resolve penalties under PAGA, to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to Court approval. Of this amount, \$37,500 (75%) shall be paid to the LWDA and \$12,500 (25%) shall be paid to the PAGA Employees.

(i) <u>Responsibility for Employer's Share of Payroll Taxes</u>: As to that portion of the Settlement Class Members' settlement proceeds that constitutes wages, Defendant will be separately responsible for only its share of any employer payroll taxes, including the employer FICA, FUTA and SDI contributions, which shall not be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Defendant an estimate of the employer's share of payroll taxes within five (5) calendar days of sending out the Class Notice. Upon calculation of each Participating Class Member's Settlement Share, and by three (3) calendar days after Final Approval (if not sooner), the Settlement Administrator shall advise Defendant of the amount of the employer's share of payroll taxes. Defendant will provide that amount to the Settlement Administrator within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date. The Settlement taxing authorities.

(j) <u>Tax Liability</u>: Class Counsel and Defendant make no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members are not relying on any statement or representation by Class Counsel or Defendant in this regard. Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members understand and agree that they will be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on their respective payments described herein. The amount of federal income tax withholding will be based upon a

flat withholding rate for supplemental wage payments in accordance with Treas. Reg. 2 § 31.3402(g)-1(a)(2) as amended or supplemented. Income tax withholding will also be made 3 pursuant to applicable state and/or local withholding codes or regulations. Forms W-2 and/or 4 Forms 1099 will be distributed at times and in the manner required by the Internal Revenue Code 5 of 1986 (the "Code") and consistent with this Agreement. If the Code, the regulations 6 promulgated thereunder, or other applicable tax law is changed after the date of this Agreement, 7 the processes set forth in this Section may be modified in a manner to bring Defendant into 8 compliance with any such changes.

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9 (k) CIRCULAR 230 DISCLAIMER. EACH PARTY TO THIS 10 AGREEMENT (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE "ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY" 11 AND EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING 12 PARTY, AN "OTHER PARTY") ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (1) NO 13 PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR 14 DISCLOSURE BETWEEN OR AMONG THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS AND 15 OTHER ADVISERS, IS OR WAS INTENDED TO BE, NOR SHALL ANY SUCH 16 COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED OR BE 17 RELIED UPON AS, TAX ADVICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF UNITED STATES 18 TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230 (31 CFR PART 10, AS AMENDED); (2) THE 19 ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY (A) HAS RELIED EXCLUSIVELY UPON HIS, HER OR ITS 20 OWN, INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL FOR ADVICE (INCLUDING TAX 21 ADVICE) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, (B) HAS NOT ENTERED INTO 22 THIS AGREEMENT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ANY OTHER PARTY 23 OR ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY OTHER PARTY, AND (C) IS NOT ENTITLED TO RELY UPON ANY COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BY ANY 24 25 ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY TO AVOID ANY TAX PENALTY 26 THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY; AND (3) NO 27 ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY HAS IMPOSED ANY LIMITATION 28 THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY SUCH ATTORNEY'S OR

ADVISER'S TAX STRATEGIES (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIMITATION IS LEGALLY BINDING) UPON DISCLOSURE BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY OF THE TAX TREATMENT OR TAX STRUCTURE OF ANY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

49. <u>No Determination of Eligibility for Employee Benefits</u>. Defendant will not use the Individual Settlement Amounts for determination of eligibility for, or calculation of, any employee benefits (*e.g.*, vacations, holiday pay, retirement plans, etc.) of the Participating Class Members, and Defendant will not modify the Participating Class Members' previously credited hours of service or other eligibility criteria under any employee pension benefit plan or employee welfare plan sponsored by Defendant, unless otherwise required by law. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Settlement Class Members may be entitled under any benefit plans.

50. <u>"Non-Reversionary" Settlement</u>. Participating Class Members are entitled to
100% of the Net Settlement Amount. This is a "non-reversionary" settlement. Under no
circumstances will any portion of the Gross Settlement Amount revert to Defendant.
Participating Class Members will not have to make a claim in order to receive an Individual
Settlement Amount. Distributions, in the form of Individual Settlement Amounts, will be made
directly to each Participating Class Member.

51. Class Counsel and Plaintiffs believe that the Settlement is fair and reasonable, and will so represent same to the Court.

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Release by the Settlement Class

52. Upon entry of the Final Approval Order, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class (other than those who submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion) will forever completely release and discharge the Released Parties from the Released Claims for the Release Period.

26 53. Each Settlement Class Member will be deemed to have made the foregoing
27 Release as if by manually signing it. The Class Notice will advise all Settlement Class Members

of the binding nature of the foregoing Release and such notice shall have the same force and effect as if the Agreement were executed by each Class Member.

54. Plaintiffs and Defendant intend that the Settlement described in this Agreement will Release and preclude any further claim, whether by lawsuit, administrative claim or action, arbitration, demand, or other action of any kind, by each and all of the Participating Class Members to obtain a recovery based on, arising out of, and/or related to any and all of the Released Claims. The Settlement Class Members shall be so notified in the Notice. This Settlement shall constitute, and may be pleaded as, a complete and total defense to any such Released Claims if raised in the future. This Paragraph 54 does not apply to any Settlement Class Member who timely and validly opts out of the Settlement, except that Settlement Class Members do not have the right to opt-out of the settlement of the PAGA claims.

55. The Class Representatives, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, acknowledge and agree that the claims for unpaid wages and untimely payment of wages in the Actions, are disputed, and that the payments set forth herein constitute payment of all sums allegedly due to them. The Class Representatives, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, acknowledge and agree that California Labor Code Sections 2804 and 206.5 are not applicable to the Parties hereto. Section 206.5 provides in pertinent part as follows:

> An employer shall not require the execution of any release of any claim or right on account of wages due, or to become due, or made as an advance on wages to be earned, unless payment of those wages has been made.

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Release by the Class Representatives

56. The Class Representatives do hereby, for themselves and for their respective spouses, heirs, successors, beneficiaries, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, trustees, conservators, guardians, personal representatives, and assigns forever and completely release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all charges, complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts, and expenses (including back wages, statutory penalties, civil penalties, liquidated damages, exemplary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs) of any nature whatsoever, from the beginning of time through the Preliminary Approval Date,
 whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, including but not limited to all claims
 arising out of, based upon, or relating to the Class Representatives' employment with Defendant
 or the remuneration for or termination of such employment.

5 57. The Class Representatives expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits
6 afforded by Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California and do so understanding
7 and acknowledging the significance of the waiver of Section 1542. Section 1542 of the Civil
8 Code of the State of California states:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

¹³ **F.** <u>Interim</u>

Interim Stay of Proceedings

58. The Parties agree to a stay of all proceedings in the Actions referenced in Section A.1 above while the Parties carry out the Settlement through a state court approval process, except such as are necessary to effectuate the Settlement. Within 10 days of the execution of this Agreement, Class Counsel agree to file notices of settlement in all of the referenced Actions, requesting from the court a stay of all proceedings while the Parties carry out the Settlement. If for any reason, the state court does not approve the Settlement or the Settlement is terminated for any other reason, the Parties agree that Class Counsel will promptly dismiss the Consolidated Complaint and Defendant will not be deemed to have waived federal court jurisdiction by participating in the settlement approval process.

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G. <u>Notice Process</u>

59. <u>Appointment of Settlement Administrator</u>. The Parties have agreed to the appointment of the Settlement Administrator to perform the duties of a settlement administrator, including calculating Individual Settlement Amounts, mailing the Notice, using standard devices to obtain forwarding addresses, independently reviewing and verifying documentation associated with any claims or opt-out requests, resolving any disputes regarding the calculation or

application of the formula for determining the Individual Settlement Amounts, drafting and mailing the settlement checks to Participating Class Members and PAGA Employees, issuing W-2 and 1099 Tax Forms, and performing all such other tasks as set forth herein or as the Parties mutually agree or that the Court orders. The Settlement Administrator shall also be responsible for calculating, withholding from the Individual Settlement Amounts, and remitting to applicable government agencies sufficient amounts, if any, as may be owed by Participating Class Members for applicable employee taxes, as well as for issuing any other tax forms as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall also be responsible for setting up all necessary tax accounts, preparing and sending all notices, and forwarding all payroll taxes, notices, and penalties to the appropriate government authorities.

60. <u>Disputes Regarding Settlement Administration</u>. Any and all disputes relating to administration of the Settlement by the Settlement Administrator (except for disputes regarding Class Data) shall be referred to the Court, if necessary, which will have continuing jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement, until Plaintiffs and Defendant notify the Court that all payments and obligations contemplated by this Settlement Agreement have been fully carried out. Prior to presenting any issue to the Court, counsel for the Parties will confer in good faith to resolve the dispute without the necessity of Court intervention and shall submit the dispute to mediator Tripper Ortman, who will attempt to resolve the dispute between the Parties.

61. <u>CAFA Notice</u>. Within ten (10) days after filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall serve the CAFA Notice.

62. <u>Class Data</u>. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator the Class Data. The Settlement Administrator will run a check of the Settlement Class Members' addresses against those on file with the U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address List. The Class Data provided to the Settlement Administrator will remain confidential and will not be used or disclosed to anyone else, including Class Counsel, except as required by applicable tax authorities, pursuant to Defendant's express written consent, or by order of the Court. The

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Settlement Administrator shall represent and warrant that it will: (a) provide reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards for any personally identifiable information ("PII") which it receives from Defendant, and (b) promptly provide Defendant with notice if PII is subject to unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

63. <u>Notice</u>. The Notice, as approved by the Court, shall be sent by the Settlement Administrator to the Settlement Class Members, by first class mail, in English and Spanish, within ten (10) calendar days following the Settlement Administrator's receipt of the Class Data. The Settlement Administrator shall use standard devices, including a skip trace, to obtain forwarding addresses of Settlement Class Members if any envelopes with Notices are returned.

64. <u>Returned Notices</u>. The Settlement Administrator will take reasonable steps to ensure that the Notice is sent to all Settlement Class Members, including utilization of the National Change of Address Database maintained by the United States Postal Service to review the accuracy of and, if possible, update a mailing address. Notices will be re-mailed to any Class Member for whom an updated address is located within ten (10) calendar days following both the Settlement Administrator learning of the failed mailing and its receipt of the updated address. The Notice shall be identical to the original Notice, except that it shall notify the Class Member that the exclusion (opt-out) request or objection must be returned by the later of the Notice Response Deadline or fifteen (15) days after the remailing of the Notice. However, any Notices that are returned more than fifteen (15) days after the Notice Response Deadline will be remailed if an updated mailing address is located within ten (10) days following both the Settlement Administrator learning of the failed mailing and its receipt of an updated address, but such Notices shall not have any additional extended or additional objection or opt-out period.

65. <u>Disputes Regarding Class Data</u>. Settlement Class Members are deemed to participate in the Settlement, unless they timely and validly opt-out. The Notice will inform each Settlement Class Members of his/her estimated Individual Settlement Amount and his/her number of Weeks Worked. Settlement Class Members may dispute their Weeks Worked if they believe they worked more Work Weeks in the Class Period in California than Defendant's records show by timely submitting evidence to the Settlement Administrator. Defendant's

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records will be presumed determinative absent reliable evidence to rebut Defendant's records, but the Settlement Administrator will evaluate the evidence submitted by the Class Member and provide the evidence submitted to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel who agree to meet and confer in good faith about the evidence to determine the Class Member's actual number of Weeks Worked and estimated Individual Settlement Amount. If Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are unable to agree, they agree to submit the dispute to the Settlement Administrator to render a final decision. The Settlement Administrator's determination is final and binding without a right of appeal. Except as noted above for returned and re-mailed Notices, Settlement Class Members will have until the Notice Response Deadline to dispute Weeks Worked, object or opt out, unless extended by the Court.

66. <u>Declaration of Due Diligence</u>. The Settlement Administrator shall provide counsel for the Parties, at least twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to the final approval hearing, a declaration of due diligence and proof of mailing with regard to the mailing of the Notice that includes the results of the Settlement Administrator's mailings, including re-mailing efforts, Settlement Class Members' responses to the mailings and additional information deemed necessary to approve the Settlement.

67. <u>Settlement Class Members' Rights</u>. Each Settlement Class Member will be fully advised of the Settlement, the ability to object to the settlement, and the ability to opt-out or request exclusion from the Settlement, except as to the PAGA portion of the Settlement. The Notice will inform the Settlement Class Members of the Court-established deadlines for filing objections or requesting exclusion from the Settlement in accordance with the following guidelines:

(a) <u>Requests for Exclusion</u>. Any Settlement Class Member, other than the
 Class Representatives, may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class, except as to the
 PAGA portion of the Settlement, by submitting a "Request for Exclusion" to the Settlement
 Administrator, postmarked on or before the Notice Response Deadline. The Request for
 Exclusion should state:

"I WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IN THE MAYNOR v. WESTERN REFINING RETAIL

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LAWSUIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY ASKING TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, I WILL NOT RECEIVE A SETTLEMENT PAYMENT AS A CLASS MEMBER."

Any Request for Exclusion must include the full name, address, telephone number, last four digits of the social security number or date of birth, and signature of the Settlement Class Member requesting exclusion. The Request for Exclusion must be returned by mail to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address and must be postmarked before the Notice Response Deadline or as otherwise extended for re-mailed Notices. Any such Request must be made in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice. A Request for Exclusion will be timely only if postmarked by the Notice Response Deadline or as otherwise extended for remailed notices, unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing. Any Settlement Class Member who timely requests exclusion in compliance with these requirements: (i) will not have any rights under this Agreement, including the right to object, appeal or comment on the Settlement; (ii) will not be entitled to receive any payments under this Agreement, except as to their portion of the PAGA penalties; and (iii) will not otherwise be bound by this Agreement, or the Judgment. The Parties agree that there is no statutory right for any PAGA Employee to object, opt out or otherwise exclude themselves from the PAGA portion of the Settlement.

(b) <u>Binding Effect on Final Settlement Class Members</u>. Except for those Settlement Class Members who timely and validly opt out and exclude themselves in compliance with the procedures set forth above, all Settlement Class Members will: (i) be deemed to be Participating Class Members for all purposes under this Agreement; (ii) will be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Judgment, and the Releases set forth herein; and (iii) except as otherwise provided herein, will be deemed to have waived all objections and oppositions to the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

(c) <u>Objections to Settlement</u>. Any Settlement Class Member, other than the
 Class Representatives, may object to the terms of this Agreement. To object, a Settlement Class
 Member shall inform the Settlement Administrator, in writing, of his or her objection which must
 be postmarked by the Notice Response Deadline at the address set forth in the Notice. Such
 objection shall include the full name, address, telephone number, dates of employment with

Defendant of the Objecting Settlement Class Member, the case name and number, the basis for 2 the objection, including any legal support and each specific reason in support of the objection, as 3 well as any documentation or evidence in support thereof, and, if the Objecting Settlement Class 4 Member is represented by counsel, the name and address of his or her counsel. If any Objecting 5 Settlement Class Member wishes to speak at the Final Approval Hearing, that Objecting 6 Settlement Class Member's written submission should include a request to be heard, and the 7 Court will determine whether Objecting Settlement Class Members will be permitted to speak. 8 Any attorney who intends to represent an individual objecting to the Settlement must file a notice 9 of appearance with the Court and serve counsel for all parties on or before the Notice Response 10 Deadline. The Settlement Administrator shall provide objections, if any, to Class Counsel and 11 Defense Counsel within three (3) days of receipt, and the Settlement Administrator shall attach 12 the same to its declaration of due diligence and file with the Court prior to the Final Approval 13 Hearing. Any Participating Class Member who files an objection remains eligible to receive 14 monetary compensation from the Settlement. If a Class Member timely submits both an 15 objection and a Request for Exclusion, the objection will be considered invalid. Plaintiffs and 16 Defendant shall not be responsible for any fees, costs, or expenses incurred by any Class 17 Member and/or his or her counsel related to any objections to the Settlement. Submitting an 18 objection does not preserve the right to appeal a final judgment. Rather, the right to appeal is 19 preserved by becoming a party of record by timely and properly intervening or filing a motion to 20 vacate the judgment.

Failure to Object. Any Settlement Class Member who desires to object (d) but fails to timely submit a written objection waives any right to object and will be foreclosed from making any objection to this Settlement. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and properly become a party of record by intervening or filing a motion to vacate the judgment waives any and all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to any postjudgment proceeding and appellate proceeding, such as a motion to vacate judgment, motion for new trial, and extraordinary writs.

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(e) <u>Responses to Objections</u>. Counsel for the Parties may file a response to any objections submitted by Objecting Settlement Class Members at least five (5) court days before the date of the Final Approval Hearing.

68. Settlement Class Members will have until the Notice Response Deadline to object or submit a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator by U.S. Mail. The Settlement Administrator shall disclose jointly to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel what objections or Requests for Exclusion were timely and validly submitted on a weekly basis, and upon the request of Class Counsel or Defense Counsel. Within seven (7) days of the Notice Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel a final report listing the number of Settlement Class Members who submitted objections or Requests for Exclusion.

69. <u>Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount</u>. Defendant shall make a one-time deposit into the QSF of the Gross Settlement Amount within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date and separately pay its share of payroll taxes. Upon Defendant's transfer of the Gross Settlement Amount to the QSF, Defendant, the Released Parties and Defendant's Counsel shall have no further monetary liability or financial responsibility to Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, the Settlement Administrator, or any vendors or third parties employed by Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, and/or the Settlement Administrator in connection with the Actions. Defendant shall not be obligated to make any payments contemplated by this Agreement unless and until the Court enters the Final Approval Order and Final Judgment, and after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

70. <u>Distribution of Funds</u>. No later than ten (10) calendar days after the deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount into the QSF, the Settlement Administrator will mail the payments to the Participating Class Members, the payment for the attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, any Service Payments to the Class Representatives, the payment to the LWDA for PAGA penalties, and will pay itself the Settlement Administration Costs.

71. <u>Deadline for Cashing Settlement Checks</u>. Settlement Class Members shall have 180 calendar days after mailing by the Settlement Administrator to cash their settlement checks.

If any Settlement Class Member's check is not cashed within that period, the check will be void 2 and a stop-payment will be issued, and the Settlement Administrator shall issue the unclaimed 3 funds to the California State Controller's Office in the name of the Settlement Class Member, unless the Court directs the Parties to issue the unpaid residue to some other fund. The Release 4 5 will be binding upon all Participating Class Members who do not cash their checks within the 6 180-day period. In the event that any settlement check is returned to the Settlement 7 Administrator within 180 days of mailing, the Settlement Administrator will, within five (5) 8 business days of receipt of the returned settlement check, perform a skip trace to locate the 9 individual, and notify Defense Counsel and Class Counsel of the results. If a new address is 10 located by these means, the Administrator will have ten (10) business days to re-issue the check. 11 Neither Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, nor the Settlement 12 Administrator will have any liability for lost or stolen settlement checks, forged signatures on 13 settlement checks, or unauthorized negotiation of settlement checks. Without limiting the 14 foregoing, in the event a Settlement Class Member notifies the Settlement Administrator that he 15 or she believes that a settlement check has been lost or stolen, the Settlement Administrator shall 16 immediately stop payment on such check. If the check in question has not been negotiated prior 17 to the stop payment order, the Settlement Administrator will issue a replacement check. No 18 person shall have any claim against the Settlement Administrator, Defendant, Class Counsel, 19 Defendant's Counsel, or any other agent designated by Plaintiffs or Defendant based upon the 20 distribution of Individual Settlement Payments made substantially in accordance with this Agreement or further orders of the Court.

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Duties of the Parties Prior to the Court's Approval

72. Promptly after execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel will file the 24 Consolidated Complaint in the Superior Court for San Bernardino County for settlement 25 approval purposes only. The Consolidated Complaint shall include all claims, allegations, and 26 legal theories set forth in the Actions listed in Section A.1 above, as well as all claims, 27 allegations, and legal theories raised during mediation, such as claims for split shift premiums 28 and reporting time pay. Thereafter, and after providing Defendant's Counsel with ten (10)

1 business days for review and comment, Plaintiffs will move the Court for Preliminary Approval 2 of this Settlement and entry of the Preliminary Approval Order accomplishing the following, and 3 submit the proposed settlement to the LWDA at the same time in compliance with Labor Code 4 § 2699(1):

5 (a) Scheduling the Final Approval Hearing on the issue of whether this 6 Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as to the Settlement Class 7 Members and a hearing on fees, costs and the Service Payments;

8 (b) Approving as to form and content the proposed Notice, attached hereto as 9 Exhibit A;

10 (c) Directing the mailing of the Notice by first class mail to the Settlement Class Members: 11

12 (d) Preliminarily approving this Settlement and the terms set forth in this 13 Agreement; and

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(e) Preliminarily certifying the class solely for purposes of this Settlement. 73. Confidentiality and Communications. Neither Plaintiffs nor Class Counsel shall issue any press release or announcement of any kind related in any way to the Settlement. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel further agree that, prior to filing for preliminary approval of the Settlement, they will keep the terms of the Settlement confidential except for purposes of communicating with Plaintiffs only. Plaintiffs shall be informed that the Settlement is confidential and shall be advised to keep the Settlement confidential. From and after the filing of the motion for preliminary approval, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel may: (1) as required by law; (2) as required under the terms of the Settlement; or (3) as required under counsel's duties and responsibilities as Class Counsel, comment regarding the specific terms of the Settlement. In all other cases, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree to limit their statements regarding the terms of the settlement, whether oral, written or electronic, to say the Actions have been resolved and that Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are satisfied with the settlement terms. Notwithstanding the above, Class Counsel may list public information about the Actions in their declarations listing their qualifications to act as counsel in other cases, and Defendant may disclose this Settlement in

connection with its public earnings disclosures. Nothing in this Paragraph is intended to
 interfere with Class Counsel's duties and obligations to faithfully discharge their duties as Class
 Counsel, including but not limited to, communicating with the Settlement Class about the
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Duties of the Parties Following Court's Final Approval

74. In connection with the Final Approval Hearing provided for in this Settlement Agreement, after providing Defendant's Counsel with five (5) business days for review and comment, Class Counsel shall submit a proposed Final Approval Order:

(a) Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair, reasonable and adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;

(b) Approving Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and
reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses, the Service Payments to the Class
Representatives, and the payment to the Settlement Administrator for costs of administering the
settlement; and

(c) Entering judgment approving the Settlement, thereby permanently barring all
 Settlement Class Members and PAGA Employees from prosecuting any Released Claims against
 any of the Released Parties.

75. <u>Waiver of Appeal.</u> Subject to the Preliminary Approval Order and Final Approval, Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members, except those Settlement Class Members who timely and properly intervene or file a motion to vacate the Judgment, expressly waive the right to appeal.

76. <u>Dismissal of the Actions.</u> After the Court issues the Final Approval Order, the
Parties agree that the Actions listed in Section A.1 above shall be dismissed with prejudice. To
facilitate dismissal, the Parties agree to prepare and file joint stipulations of voluntary dismissal
with prejudice in each Action within ten (10) calendar days of the Effective Date of the
Settlement. Class Counsel will submit a copy of the court's judgment to the LWDA within 10
days after entry of the judgment in compliance with Labor Code § 2699(1)(3).

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Voiding the Agreement

77. If the Court fails or refuses to issue the Final Approval Order or fails to approve any material condition of this Settlement Agreement, except as otherwise specifically noted herein, which effects a fundamental change of the Settlement, and the Parties do not mutually agree to such fundamental change, the entire Settlement Agreement shall be rendered voidable and unenforceable as to all Parties herein at the option of either Party. Material conditions include any modification to the definitions of the Gross Settlement Amount, Settlement Class, Class Period, Released Claims, and/or Released Parties.

9 78. Impact of Timely and Valid Requests for Exclusion. If either (a) 10% or more of 10 the Settlement Class, or (b) a number of Settlement Class Members whose share of the Net Settlement Amount is 10% or more timely submit valid Requests for Exclusion, then within 12 fifteen (15) calendar days after the Settlement Administrator notifies the Parties of the final 13 number of opt-outs, Defendant may, at its election, rescind this Settlement Agreement. If 14 Defendant exercises this option, it will be responsible for the Settlement Administration Costs 15 incurred to date and for the cost of notifying the Settlement Class of the rescission.

79. Impact of Class Size Increase. If the total number of Settlement Class Members exceeds 8,115 by more than 10%, Defendant has the option to increase the Gross Settlement Amount pro rata per additional Settlement Class Member that is above the 10%. If Defendant elects not to exercise its option to increase the Gross Settlement Amount, then Plaintiffs will have the option to rescind the Settlement. If, in that scenario, Plaintiffs exercise the option to rescind, Plaintiffs and Defendant shall share equally in paying all Settlement Administration Costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator up to the date of Plaintiffs' notice to rescind. In the event the Settlement is terminated, the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Settlement Agreement had not been executed and Plaintiffs will promptly dismiss the Consolidated Complaint.

26 80. If for any reason the Effective Date does not occur, the Settlement shall be null 27 and void and the orders, judgment, and dismissal to be entered pursuant to this Agreement shall 28 be vacated; Plaintiffs and Defendant will have no further obligations under the Settlement,

including any obligation by Defendant to pay the Settlement Amount, or any amounts that
otherwise would have been owed under this Settlement; the Parties will be returned to the status
quo prior to entering this Agreement, and the Parties do not waive, and instead expressly reserve,
their respective rights to prosecute and defend the Actions as if this Agreement never existed. In
such event, the Agreement and all negotiations, court orders and proceedings relating thereto
shall be without prejudice to the rights of any and all Parties hereto, and evidence relating to the
Agreement and all negotiations shall not be admissible or discoverable in the Actions or
otherwise.

81. If for any reason the Effective Date does not occur, any costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator shall be borne equally by Defendant and Plaintiffs, unless otherwise expressly specified in this Agreement.

82. If for any reason the Court does not approve the settlement and the Effective Date does not occur, Plaintiffs agree to dismiss with prejudice the Consolidated Complaint filed in state court for settlement approval purposes only.

K. <u>Other Terms</u>

83. <u>Waiver</u>. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by another
Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Agreement.
84. <u>Parties' Authority</u>. The signatories hereto represent that they are fully authorized
to enter into this Settlement Agreement and bind the Parties hereto to the terms and conditions
hereof.

85. <u>Mutual Full Cooperation</u>. The Parties agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to, execution of such documents and to take such other action as may reasonably be necessary to implement the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties to this Settlement Agreement shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Settlement Agreement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this Settlement Agreement and the terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall, with the assistance and cooperation of

Defendant and Defendant's counsel, take all necessary steps to secure the Court's preliminary 2 and final approval of the settlement, and the final entry of judgment.

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86. No Prior Assignments. The Parties hereto represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not, directly or indirectly, assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights Released and discharged by this Settlement Agreement.

7 87. No Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Agreement to resolve the 8 disputes that have arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued 9 litigation. In entering into this Agreement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies any 10 and all liability to Plaintiffs and/or any Settlement Class Member and/or PAGA Employee in the 11 Actions, as to any and all causes of action that were asserted or that might have been asserted in 12 the Actions. Nonetheless, Defendant wishes to settle and compromise the matters at issue in the 13 Actions to avoid further substantial expense and the inconvenience and distraction of protracted 14 and burdensome litigation. Defendant has also taken into account the uncertainty and risks 15 inherent in litigation, and without conceding any infirmity in the defenses that they have asserted 16 or could assert against Plaintiffs, have determined that it is desirable and beneficial that 17 Plaintiffs' claims be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this 18 Agreement.

88. Inadmissibility of Agreement. Whether or not the Court issues the Final Approval Order, nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Settlement Agreement, is to be construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant or any of the other Released Parties. Each of the Parties hereto has entered into this Settlement Agreement with the intention of avoiding further disputes and litigation with the attendant inconvenience and expenses. This Settlement Agreement is a settlement document, and it, along with all related documents such as the notice, and motions for preliminary and final approval, shall, pursuant to California Evidence Code section 1152 and/or Federal Rule of Evidence 408, be inadmissible in evidence in any proceeding, except an action or proceeding to approve the settlement, and/or interpret or enforce this Settlement Agreement. The stipulation

1 for class certification as part of this Settlement Agreement is for settlement purposes only and if, 2 for any reason the settlement is not approved, the stipulation will be of no force or effect. 3 89. Notices. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices, demands or 4 other communications given by the Parties to each other hereunder shall be in writing and shall 5 be deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States 6 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed: 7 To the Settlement Class: 8 David G. Spivak The Spivak Law Firm 9 8605 Santa Monica Bl 10 PMB 42554 West Hollywood CA 90069 11 david@spivaklaw.com Telephone (213) 725-9094 12 Facsimile (213) 634-2485 13 To Defendant: 14 Matt Light 15 Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP 16 2049 Century Park East, Suite 3000 Los Angeles, CA 90067 17 Tel: (424) 285-8330 Fax: (414) 204-9093 18 *mlight@shb.com* 19 90. Construction. The Parties hereto agree that the terms and conditions of this 20 Settlement Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms' length negotiations between the 21 Parties and that this Settlement Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against any Party 22 by reason of the extent to which any Party or his or its counsel participated in the drafting of this 23 Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs and Defendant expressly waive the common-law and statutory 24 rule of construction that ambiguities should be construed against the drafter of an agreement and 25 further agree, covenant, and represent that the language in all parts of this Agreement shall be in 26 all cases construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning. 27 91. Captions and Interpretations. Paragraph titles or captions contained herein are 28 inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or

describe the scope of this Settlement Agreement or any provision hereof. Each term of this Settlement Agreement is contractual and not merely a recital.

92. <u>Modification</u>. This Settlement Agreement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in writing and signed by the Parties hereto, and approved by the Court. This Settlement Agreement may not be discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by all of the Parties hereto.

93. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Prior to instituting legal action to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Agreement, a Party shall provide written notice to the other Party and allow thirty (30) calendar days to cure the alleged deficiencies, and Plaintiffs and Defendant agree to seek the help of mediator Tripper Ortman to resolve any dispute that they are unable to resolve informally. During this period, the Parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs. This provision shall not apply to any legal action or other proceeding instituted by any person or entity other than Plaintiffs or Defendant.

94. <u>Choice of Law</u>. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed, enforced and administered in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to its conflicts-of-law rules.

95. <u>Reservation of Jurisdiction</u>. After entry of the Judgment, the Court approving the settlement will have continuing jurisdiction solely for purposes of addressing: (i) the interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement, (ii) settlement administration matters, and (iii) such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this Agreement.

96. <u>Mutual Preparation</u>. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Agreement.

97. <u>Integration Clause</u>. This Settlement Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the settlement and transaction contemplated hereby, and all prior

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