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I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Pursuant to Rule 7-11 of the Local Rules of Practice in Civil Proceedings before the United States District Court of the Northern District of California, Plaintiffs hereby submit the following motion for administrative relief, requesting that the Court grant this motion to correct the Declaration of Joel K. Botzet Re: Claims Administration and Distribution of Net Settlement Fund (ECF No. 1322-1) ("Botzet Declaration") submitted in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Authorization to Distribute Net Settlement Funds (ECF No. 1322) ("Distribution Motion"). The Botzet Declaration inadvertently excluded two valid claims from its settlement distribution and calculation. This motion seeks to provide the most updated settlement distribution statistics to the Court through the submission of the Corrected Declaration of Joel K. Botzet ("Corrected Botzet Declaration"). The Corrected Botzet Declaration attaches Exhibits A through D. Exhibits A and B do not contain any corrections. Exhibits C and D include corrections resulting from the inclusion of the two valid claims.

II. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

On January 1, 2022, Plaintiffs filed the Distribution Motion, which provided information regarding claims processing and the allocation and distribution of the Net Settlement Funds to the Settlement Classes and sought the Court's authorization for said distribution (ECF No. 1322). On February 3, 2022, the Court entered an order granting the Distribution Motion (ECF No. 1327). On March 2, 2022, the Court-appointed claims administrator, Rust Consulting, Inc. ("Rust"), informed Lead Counsel that it inadvertently excluded two valid claims from its settlement distribution and calculation. Corrected Botzet Decl. ¶ 4. Rust conducted a review of all invalid claims again to ensure no other valid claims were inadvertently excluded. *Id.* The value of the two valid claims is \$37,244.27 and \$25.17, respectively. *Id.*

These two claims at issue are among the 96,133 claims submitted for payment from net settlement funds of over \$104 million. Botzet Decl, Ex. D; Corrected Botzet Decl., Ex. D. By including these claims, the number of valid claims increases from 61,768 to 61,770 and the

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amount of the initial distribution remains largely the same.¹ Botzet Decl. ¶ 24; Corrected Botzet Decl. ¶ 24. Given the relatively small value of the two claims at issue vis-à-vis the net settlement funds (*i.e.*, they represent <0.04% or a fraction of one percent of the Net Settlement Funds), including them in the settlement distribution and calculation modestly changes the statistics previously provided to the Court (*e.g.*, the average payment decreases from \$1,689.99 to \$1,689.93; the median payment decreases from \$43.53 to \$43.52). Botzet Decl, Ex. D; Corrected Botzet Decl., Ex. D. The modest changes to the statistics are provided in the Corrected Botzet Declaration. *See, generally*, Corrected Botzet Decl.

As the two claims at issue are valid, Lead Counsel requests the Court grant this administration motion to correct the Botzet Declaration. The inclusion of these claims will not affect the timing of distribution, which Lead Counsel and Rust anticipate will occur on or before March 17, 2022. Lead Counsel will post this administrative motion, the Corrected Botzet Declaration and exhibits thereto, and the Court's order on this motion to the settlement website (airlinesettlement.com) to provide the most updated settlement distribution statistics to the Settlement Classes.

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs request the Court grant this administrative motion to correct the Botzet Declaration to include the two valid claims and update the settlement distribution and calculation statistics.

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¹ The net settlement funds total \$104,388,254.38. Botzet Decl. ¶ 24; Corrected Botzet Decl. ¶ 24. By including the two claims at issue, the amount of the initial distribution modestly changes from \$104,387,133.10 to \$104,387,320.59 due to rounding to the nearest cent when calculating the *pro rata* share per qualified claim. *Id*.

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