[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT CASE NO: CIVSB2200575

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## **ORDER**

The Motion for Final Approval of Class and Collective Action Settlement and Motion for Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards came on for a hearing on April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 in Department S-26 of this Court. Counsel for the Parties appeared.

The Parties have submitted their Stipulation of Settlement and Release ("Settlement Agreement"), which this Court preliminarily approved in its October 20, 2022 order (the "Preliminary Approval Order"). In accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, Settlement Class Members have been given notice of the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the opportunity to comment on or object to the Settlement Agreement, and/or opt out of its provisions.

The Court, having received and considered the Settlement Agreement, the supporting papers filed Plaintiffs, and the evidence and argument received by the Court at the Final Approval hearing on April 20, 2023, by means of this order (the "Final Approval Order") the Court grants final approval to the Settlement Agreement, and GOOD CAUSE appearing, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

### **Definitions**

1. Except as otherwise specified herein, the Court for purposes of this Final Approval Order adopts all defined terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

### Jurisdiction

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this litigation and all related matters and all state and federal claims raised in this action and released in the Settlement Agreement, and personal jurisdiction over Flock Freight, Inc. ("Flock Freight") and Settlement Class Members.

### Dissemination of Notice to Settlement Class Members

3. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, the Notices were sent by first-class mail, email, and text to all Settlement Class Members at their last known address as updated by the postal service's National Change of Address database, last known email address, and last

known personal telephone number. Settlement Class Members had 45 days from issuance of the Notice to submit an Opt-out Statement or to file an Objection.

- 4. None of the Settlement Class Members submitted an Objection and none of the Settlement Class Members submitted an Opt-out Statement.
- Class Members of: (1) appropriate information about the nature of this action, the Class definition, the identity of Class Counsel, and the essential terms of the Agreement, including the plan of allocation and release of claims; (2) appropriate information about the specific amounts to be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount for Class Counsel's requested attorneys' fees and costs, Plaintiffs' requested Service Awards, and costs of settlement administration; (3) appropriate information about how Settlement Class Members' individual payments will be calculated; (4) appropriate information about this Court's procedures for final approval of the Agreement, and about Settlement Class Members' right to appear at the Fairness Hearing if they desired; (5) appropriate information about how to object to or opt out of the Settlement; and (6) appropriate instructions as to how to obtain additional information regarding this action and the Settlement Agreement.
- 6. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate protections to Settlement Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of Settlement Class Members. Notice was accomplished in the manner prescribed by the Settlement Agreement. The Court finds and determines that the notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the requirements of law and due process under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, California Rules of Court, rules 3.766 and 3.769(f), the California and United States Constitutions, and other applicable law.

# Certification of Settlement Class and Collective

7. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, the Court certifies the following California Class for settlement purposes only: all current and former employees who worked for Flock Freight as an exempt-classified Sales Representative in California at any time

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Pegram, Maryanne Pirrello, Jesus Ramos, and Cody Wilson is approved and shall be paid to

Plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

- 15. Administration costs of \$14,750.00 shall be paid to the Settlement Administrator, ILYM Group, Inc., pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 16. No other litigation costs and/or attorneys' fees shall be awarded, either against Flock Freight or any related persons or entities or from the award to the Class.
- 17. If no individual or party appeals this Final Approval Order, the Effective Date of this Settlement will be 60 calendar days after the Final Approval Order is entered.
- 18. Defendant shall pay the Maximum Settlement Amount and Employer Payroll
  Taxes into the Qualified Settlement Fund within twenty-one (21) days of the Effective Date.
  Thirty-five (35) days after the Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator will mail Settlement
  Checks to Settlement Class Members, Service Awards to Plaintiffs, Settlement Checks with Net
  PAGA Amount to PAGA Members and the PAGA Check Enclosure Letter, and the LWDA
  Payment to the LWDA; and shall wire Fees and Costs to Class Counsel.
- 19. The Settlement Administrator will send reminders via e-mail and First Class United States Mail within sixty (60) days after the initial distribution of checks to Settlement Class Members who have not yet cashed their Settlement Checks reminding them to negotiate their checks prior to the one hundred and twenty (120) day deadline.
- 20. Any California Class Member or PAGA Member's Settlement Check not cashed after the expiration of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the issuance of such Settlement Check will be transferred to the Controller of the State of California, Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Settlement Class Member whose check was cancelled.
- 21. Any other portion of the Maximum Settlement Amount not distributed as per the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including any interest accrued on the Qualified Settlement Fund, and any Settlement Check not cashed by an FLSA Collective Member who is not also a California Class Member after the one hundred and twenty (120) days shall be redistributed pro rata to Participating Collective Members and Participating California Class Members who cashed or otherwise negotiated a Settlement Check; or, if a second distribution is impractical on the basis that the amount remaining in the Net Fund is similar to or less than the cost of a second

distribution, it shall be donated to the Cy Pres, Centro Legal De La Raza.

- 22. Thirty (30) days after the expiration of the one hundred and twenty (120) day Settlement Check cashing deadline from the first distribution or thirty (30) days after the expiration of the Settlement Check cashing deadline agreed to by the Parties from the second distribution, whichever is later, the Parties shall file a report specifying the total amount paid to Settlement Class Members, and the residual of unclaimed funds that will be paid to Centro Legal de La Raza.
- 23. Notice of entry of judgment shall be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website in compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 3.771(b).
- 24. The Court hereby enters Judgment in the case. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.769(h), the Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the action, the Parties, and the Settlement Class, as well as the administration and enforcement of the terms of the settlement of this action to enforce the terms of the Judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 4/20/27

HONORABLE DAVID COHN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA