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The Honorable Martin Glenn
United States Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York
Alexander Hamilton Custom House
One Bowling Green
New York, New York 10004

RE: In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al., Case No. 09-50026 (MG)

Dear Judge Glenn:

In an astonishing and improper, last-minute about-face, the GUC Trust first informed the Plaintiffs at 3:30 p.m. (Eastern) today that the GUC Trust was now callously backing out of its settlement agreement with the Plaintiffs, and thus turning tomorrow's conference agenda on its head. This surprising development comes after months of painstaking and intensive efforts that culminated in a settlement agreement between the Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, fully documented and approved by the GUC Trust on August 14, 2017. The relevant deal documentation, including the GUC Trust's declaration in support of the settlement agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A – Exhibit M**.

The facts and circumstances under which the GUC Trust apparently choose a last minute betrayal and abdication of its fiduciary duties have yet to fully come to light and the Plaintiffs reserve all rights accordingly. However, it appears that New GM, in flagrant violation of the GUC Trust's exclusive authority to administer Plaintiffs' claims, undertook a secret, contrived scheme to undermine the settlement agreement through a campaign of threats, intimidation and payoff to the GUC Trust and its professionals. That this occurred immediately after New GM audaciously and broadly criticized the GUC Trust and Plaintiffs with repeated unfounded allegations of "collusion," including on the record before Judge Furman at the August 11, 2017 Status Conference, raises questions of integrity, ethics and potential statutory and contract violations. At a minimum it is the "pot calling the kettle black," and an unfortunate development for an entity with a history of placing profits over human well-being, and choosing harmful conduct over fair dealing. A copy of the transcript of the Status Conference before Judge Furman is attached hereto as **Exhibit N**.

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That the GUC Trust may have been bought off and provided blank check financing from New GM to now do an about face and oppose Plaintiffs to whom the GUC Trust owes fiduciary duties raises numerous issues as to both the GUC Trust and New GM's collusion and resulting liability and goes to the heart of the GUC Trust's and its professionals' ability to continue to serve as honorable stewards of the Old GM estate.

At a minimum, Plaintiffs need some additional time to recalibrate next steps and we apologize to the Court for any burden that the last minute, improper and wildly unexpected developments may engender. Indeed, Lead Counsel in the MDL Proceeding were all on planes heading East for tomorrow's conference when the GUC Trust selectively chose to drop its bombshell and reveal its duplicity. Notwithstanding being whipsawed at the last minute, Plaintiffs' counsel will be prepared to address the Court tomorrow as best as possible under these unique and unsettling circumstances.

We look forward to seeing Your Honor at the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (the "**Agreement**"), dated as of August __, 2017 among:

Wilmington Trust Company, solely in its capacity as trustee for and administrator of the Motors Liquidation Company General Unsecured Creditors Trust (the "**GUC Trust**")

-and-

The Signatory Plaintiffs, as hereinafter defined (the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, the "**Parties**").

PREAMBLE¹

Background: The Old GM Bankruptcy.

A. Beginning on June 1, 2009 (the "**Petition Date**"), Motors Liquidation Company f/k/a General Motors Corporation, a Delaware Corporation ("**Old GM**"), and certain of its affiliated companies (together with Old GM, the "**Debtors**") commenced cases (the "**Old GM Bankruptcy Case**") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

B. Also on the Petition Date, Old GM and certain other affiliated entities (collectively, the "**Sellers**") entered into a Master Sale and Purchase Agreement (the "**MSPA**") pursuant to which certain assets of the Sellers, including the brand "General Motors," were to be sold to NGMCO, Inc., n/k/a General Motors LLC, a Delaware corporation ("**New GM**");

C. As of July 5, 2009, the MSPA, which had been previously amended and restated, was further and finally amended pursuant to a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Sale Purchase Agreement (the Master Sale and Purchase Agreement, as so amended and restated through the aforesaid Second Amendment, the "**AMSPA**") to, among other things, modify provisions in the AMSPA relating to the issuance by New GM of shares (the "**Adjustment Shares**") of New GM Common Stock in respect of Allowed General Unsecured Claims;

D. Pursuant to the AMSPA, if the Bankruptcy Court issues an order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Sellers (the "**Claims Estimate Order**") at an amount exceeding thirty-five billion dollars (\$35,000,000,000), then New GM must, within five (5) business days of entry of the Claims Estimate Order, issue the Adjustment Shares;

E. If the Bankruptcy Court issues a Claims Estimate Order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Sellers at an amount at or exceeding forty-two

¹ Capitalized terms used, but otherwise not defined in the Preamble shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Definitions section of this Agreement.

billion dollars (\$42,000,000,000), New GM must issue the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares (30,000,000 shares);

F. On July 5, 2009, the AMSPA was approved pursuant to a Bankruptcy Code section 363 order (the “**Sale Order**”);

G. Pursuant to the Sale Order, New GM became vested in substantially all of the material assets of the Sellers;

H. On July 10, 2009 (the “**Closing Date**”), the transactions approved pursuant to the Sale Order were consummated (the “**363 Sale**”);

I. On September 16, 2009, the Bar Date Order was entered establishing November 30, 2009 (the “**Bar Date**”) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Debtors;

J. On March 29, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court issued an order (the “**Confirmation Order**”) confirming the Debtors’ Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the “**Plan**”);

K. The Plan created the GUC Trust pursuant to an agreement, as it has been and may be further amended from time to time (the “**GUC Trust Agreement**”), as a post-confirmation successor to Old GM pursuant to Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, to, *inter alia*, administer assets held or to be held by the GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust Assets**”);

L. Pursuant to the Plan and a side letter (the “**Side Letter**”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, by and between the GUC Trust, the Debtors, New GM, and FTI Consulting (as trust monitor of the GUC Trust) dated September 23, 2011, the GUC Trust is exclusively authorized to seek the issuance of Adjustment Shares for satisfaction of Allowed General Unsecured Claims at any time; provided, however, that it was the GUC Trust’s then intention to delay seeking issuance of the Adjustment Shares until such time (if any) that the GUC Trust determined, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims were, in the GUC Trust’s estimation, likely to exceed \$35 billion, at which time the GUC Trust is entitled to seek the issuance of Adjustment Shares;

M. The Plan, GUC Trust Agreement, and Side Letter provided the GUC Trust with the sole, exclusive right to object to General Unsecured Claims, pursue a Claims Estimate Order, and receive the Adjustment Shares;

N. On March 31, 2011 (the “**Effective Date**”), the Plan was declared effective;

The Recalls and the Multi-District Litigation.

O. In or around February and March of 2014, New GM issued a recall, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-047, pertaining to 2,191,525 vehicles with an ignition switch defect (the “**Ignition Switch Defect**”);

P. In or around June, July and September of 2014, New GM issued five additional recalls pertaining to over 10 million vehicles with defective ignition switches, NHTSA Recall Numbers 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346 and 14V-540;

Q. In or around March of 2014, New GM issued a recall, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-118, pertaining to approximately 1.2 million vehicles with defective side airbags;

R. In or around March of 2014, New GM issued a recall, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-153, pertaining to over 1.3 million vehicles with defective power steering;

S. Commencing after the issuance of the recalls, numerous lawsuits were filed against New GM, individually or on behalf of putative classes of persons, by, *inter alia*,

- a. plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with an ignition switch defect included in Recall No. 14V-047 (the “**Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**”);
- b. plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with defects in ignition switches, side airbags, or power steering included in NHTSA Recall Nos. 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346, 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153 (the “**Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**”); and
- c. plaintiffs asserting personal injury or wrongful death claims based on or arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to the Closing Date (the “**Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**”), including a subset asserting claims involving an Old GM vehicle with the Ignition Switch Defect (the “**Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**”);

T. Many of the cases commenced against New GM were consolidated in a multi-district litigation (the “**GM MDL**”) pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York before the Hon. Jesse M. Furman (the “**District Court**”);

The Motions to Enforce Litigation.

U. In or around April and August of 2014, New GM sought to enjoin such lawsuits against New GM by filing motions to enforce the Sale Order with respect to: (i) Ignition Switch Plaintiffs; (ii) Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs; and (iii) Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs (the “**Motions to Enforce**”);

V. Following the filing of the Motions to Enforce, the Bankruptcy Court identified initial issues to be addressed on the Motions to Enforce with respect to the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs;

W. Following briefing and argument, the Bankruptcy Court issued its decision (the “**Decision**”) on April 15, 2015, and a judgment implementing the Decision (the “**Judgment**”) on June 1, 2015;

X. In the Decision and the Judgment, the Bankruptcy Court ruled that “based on the doctrine of equitable mootness, in no event shall assets of the GUC Trust held at any time in the past, now or in the future (collectively, the ‘GUC Trust Assets’) (as defined in the Plan) be used to satisfy any claims of the Plaintiffs”;

Y. On July 13, 2016, the Second Circuit issued an opinion on direct appeal of the Decision and Judgment, vacating the Bankruptcy Court’s equitable mootness ruling as an advisory opinion;

Z. Following the issuance of the Second Circuit’s mandate, the Bankruptcy Court identified initial issues to be addressed on remand, including whether the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and/or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs satisfy the requirements for authorization to file late proof(s) of claim against the GUC Trust and/or are such claims equitably moot;

AA. On December 22, 2016, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs filed motions for authority to file late proofs of claim, including late class proofs of claim (the “**Late Claims Motions**”);

BB. On or around February 16, 2017, counsel for the GUC Trust served counsel for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and counsel for certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs with interrogatories (the “**Late Claims Interrogatories**”) in connection with the Late Claims Motions;

CC. An Ignition Switch Plaintiff and certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs have responded to the Late Claims Interrogatories;

DD. In or around March 2017, additional briefs were filed by Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, New GM, and jointly by the GUC Trust and certain unaffiliated holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust (the “**Participating Unitholders**”) on the Applicability of *Pioneer* Issue and the Tolling Issue (as those terms are defined in the *Order Establishing, Inter Alia, Briefing Schedule for Certain Issues Arising From Late Claim Motions Filed by Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs* [ECF No. 13869]);

EE. On July 15, 2016 and June 30, 2017, Judge Furman issued opinions in the GM MDL explaining that the “benefit-of-the-bargain defect theory” of economic loss damages “compensates a plaintiff for the fact that he or she overpaid, at the time of sale, for a defective vehicle. That form of injury has been recognized by many jurisdictions.” See In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig., 14-MD-2543 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y. June 30, 2017) [ECF Nos. 3119, 4175].

FF. Counsel for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs have provided counsel for the GUC Trust with expert reports and proffers of evidence indicating that the amount of damages for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’, and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs’ asserted claims, if ultimately determined to be Allowed General Unsecured Claims against Old

GM and/or the GUC Trust, would be greater than that amount necessary to trigger New GM's obligation to issue the Adjustment Shares in the maximum amount under the AMSPA;

GG. The Signatory Plaintiffs, on the one hand, and the GUC Trust, on the other hand, disagree regarding whether the proponents of the Late Claims Motions satisfy the requirements for authorization to file late proof(s) of claim against the GUC Trust, and whether such asserted claims are equitably moot;

HH. The Signatory Plaintiffs, on the one hand, and the GUC Trust, on the other hand, disagree regarding whether any GUC Trust Assets currently in the GUC Trust could be used to satisfy Plaintiffs' (as hereinafter defined) asserted claims against the GUC Trust and Old GM;

II. The Signatory Plaintiffs, on the one hand, and the GUC Trust, on the other hand, disagree regarding whether any GUC Trust Assets previously distributed are subject to claw-back or recapture by the GUC Trust and/or the Plaintiffs to satisfy Plaintiffs' asserted claims against the GUC Trust and Old GM;

JJ. The Signatory Plaintiffs, on the one hand, and the GUC Trust, on the other hand, disagree regarding the ultimate amount of Allowed General Unsecured Claims of the Plaintiffs;

KK. The GUC Trust desires to complete the distribution of the GUC Trust Assets held by the GUC Trust as soon as practicable and, to such purpose, desires to resolve the Late Claims Motions and the Plaintiffs' asserted claims against the GUC Trust and Old GM;

LL. The GUC Trust acknowledges the key objectives of the Signatory Plaintiffs in entering into this Agreement are to (i) achieve the funding of the Settlement Fund; (ii) avoid the risk, delay, uncertainty and costs of litigation with the GUC Trust; and (iii) take or to cause to be taken all steps necessary to require New GM to issue the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares and to make the value of the Settlement Fund and the Adjustment Shares available to satisfy, in part, the Plaintiffs' claims. In connection with those objectives, the GUC Trust, based upon its review of the expert report and proffer of evidence provided by Counsel for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and the expert report and proffer of evidence provided by certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, agrees to provide the cooperation and assistance provided for herein relating to the issuance of a Claims Estimate Order, as provided for pursuant to Section 3.2(c) of the AMSPA and the Side Letter, and to seek to estimate for allowance purposes, and not dispute the amount of estimated claims thereunder;

MM. The Signatory Plaintiffs acknowledge the key objectives of the GUC Trust in entering into this Agreement are: (i) to minimize any delay in the distribution of any remaining GUC Trust Assets; (ii) avoid any claw-back or recapture of prior distributions of GUC Trust Assets; and (iii) otherwise avoid the risk, delay, uncertainty and costs of litigation.

AGREEMENT

The GUC Trust and the Signatory Plaintiffs propose to resolve their dispute as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. The following terms used herein shall have the respective meanings defined below (such meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural):

1.1 Adjustment Shares shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.2 Adjustment Shares Waiver Provision shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3 hereto.

1.3 Allowed General Unsecured Claims means General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors that have been allowed through the date of entry of the Claims Estimate Order, including, to the extent such order is entered by the Bankruptcy Court, the claims in the Claims Estimate Order.

1.4 AMPSA shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.5 Bar Date Order means that *Order Pursuant to Section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) Establishing the Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim (Including Claims Under Bankruptcy Code Section 503(B)(9)) and Procedures Relating Thereto and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof*, dated Sept. 16, 2009 [ECF No. 4079] entered by the Bankruptcy Court establishing the Bar Date.

1.6 Bar Date shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.7 Bankruptcy Code means title 11 of the United States Code.

1.8 Bankruptcy Court means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.9 Claims Estimate Order shall mean an order of the Bankruptcy Court estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Sellers, inclusive of the claims of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, entered pursuant to Section 3.2(c) of the AMSPA.

1.10 Closing Date shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.11 Co-Lead Counsel means, for purposes of this Agreement, Steve W. Berman of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP and Elizabeth Cabraser of Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, who were individually and collectively appointed to represent all economic loss plaintiffs in the GM MDL by Order No. 8, In re Gen. Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig., No. 14-MD-2543 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 15, 2014) [ECF No. 249], or any other or replacement counsel appointed to represent any Ignition Switch or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs in the GM MDL.

1.12 Communication shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.15.

1.13 Confirmation Order shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.14 Debtors shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.15 Decision means *Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order*, entered April 15, 2015 [ECF No. 13109] by Judge Robert E. Gerber in the Bankruptcy Court, published as In re Motors Liquidation Company, 529 B.R. 510 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015), as corrected in *Errata Order RE: Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order, In re Motors Liquidation Co.*, No. 09-50026, dated July 13, 2015 [ECF No. 13290].

1.16 District Court shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.17 Effective Date shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.18 Final Order has the meaning ascribed to it in the Plan.

1.19 General Unsecured Claim has the meaning ascribed to it in the Plan.

1.20 GM MDL shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.21 GUC Trust means the trust created by the GUC Trust Agreement in the form approved as Exhibit D to the Plan, as the same has been and may further be amended from time to time.

1.22 GUC Trust Agreement means the *Second Amended and Restated Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Agreement*, by and among Wilmington Trust Company, as trust administrator and trustee of the GUC Trust, and FTI Consulting, as trust monitor of the GUC Trust, dated July 30, 2015, as it may be amended from time to time.

1.23 GUC Trust Assets means assets that have been held, are held, or may be held in the future by the GUC Trust. Solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court enters the Claims Estimate Order, the term “GUC Trust Assets” as used herein shall be deemed to exclude the Adjustment Shares.

1.24 GUC Waiver Provision shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3 hereto.

1.25 Ignition Switch Defect shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.26 Ignition Switch Plaintiffs shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.27 Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.28 Judgment means the Judgment, entered June 1, 2015 [ECF No. 13177] by Judge Robert E. Gerber in the Old GM Bankruptcy Case.

1.29 Key Objectives means the objectives of the Parties in entering into this Agreement as stated in Paragraphs LL and MM of the Preamble.

1.30 Late Claims Motions shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.31 Motions to Enforce means, collectively, the (i) *Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce the Court's July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction*, dated April 21, 2014 [ECF No. 12620]; (ii) *Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce this Court's July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction Against Plaintiffs in Pre-Closing Accident Lawsuits*, dated August 1, 2014 [ECF No. 12807]; and (iii) *Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce the Court's July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction (Monetary Relief Actions, Other Than Ignition Switch Actions)*, dated August 1, 2014 [ECF No. 12808].

1.32 New GM means General Motors LLC (F/K/A NGMCO, Inc.).

1.33 New GM Common Stock means the common stock of New GM (NYSE: GM).

1.34 NHTSA means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

1.35 Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.36 Notice Cost Cap Amount shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.9.

1.37 Notice Order shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.9.

1.38 Old GM means Motors Liquidation Company, formerly known as General Motors Corporation.

1.39 Old GM Bankruptcy Case means those proceedings commenced on June 1, 2009 in the Bankruptcy Court captioned *In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp.*, Bankr. No. 09-50026.

1.40 Outside Date shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.2.

1.41 Parties means the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust.

1.42 PIWD means claims for personal injury and wrongful death.

1.43 PIWD Counsel means (i) Robert C. Hilliard of Hilliard Muñoz Gonzalez, LLP and Thomas J. Henry of the Law Offices of Thomas J. Henry, but solely for the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by those two law firms; and (ii) Lisa M. Norman of Andrews Myers, P.C., but solely for the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by that law firm.

1.44 PIWD Plaintiffs means those certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by PIWD Counsel.

1.45 Plaintiffs means the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, the Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, including all plaintiffs (whether named or unnamed, including unnamed members of a putative class) covered by any of the Late Claims Motions, all plaintiffs represented by counsel that is signatory hereto and any other party who, (i) as of July 10, 2009, suffered an economic loss claim by reason of their ownership or lease of an Old GM vehicle with an ignition switch defect included in Recall No. 14V-047; (ii) as of July 10, 2009 suffered an economic loss claim by reason of their ownership or lease of an Old GM vehicle with defects in ignition switches, side airbags, or power steering included in NHTSA Recall Nos. 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346, 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153, and/or (iii) suffered a personal injury or wrongful death based on or arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to the Closing Date; it being understood however that the covenants and agreements to be performed by the Signatory Plaintiffs are to be performed by Co-Lead Counsel and PIWD Counsel and that no action or failure to act by any Plaintiff (other than the Signatory Plaintiffs) shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or shall excuse the performance of any other Party.

1.46 Plan means Debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan, filed March 18, 2011 [ECF No. 9836] by Motors Liquidation Company in the Bankruptcy Proceeding.

1.47 Pre-Closing means any time before July 10, 2009, the date on which the 363 Sale between Sellers and New GM closed.

1.48 Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Preamble.

1.49 Recalls means NHTSA Recall Numbers 14V-047, 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346, 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153.

1.50 Sale Order means the *Order (I) Authorizing Sale of Assets Pursuant to Amended and Restated Master Sale and Purchase Agreement; (II) Authorizing Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection with the Sale; and (III) Granting Related Relief*, dated July 5, 2009 [ECF No. 2968] and the supporting *Decision on Debtors' Motion for Approval of (1) Sale of Assets to Vehicle Acquisition Holdings, LLC; (2) Assumption and Assignment of Related Executory Contracts; and (3) Entry into UAW Retiree Settlement Agreement*, dated July 5, 2009 [ECF No. 2967].

1.51 Sellers means Motors Liquidation Company, formerly known as General Motors Corporation, together with three of its debtor subsidiaries, Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc.; Saturn, LLC; and Saturn Distribution Corporation.

1.52 Settlement means the settlement of the Parties' disputes as provided for by this Agreement.

1.53 Settlement Amount shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3 hereto.

1.54 Settlement Effective Date shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1 hereto.

1.55 Settlement Fund shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3 hereto.

1.56 Settlement Motion shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2 hereto.

1.57 Settlement Order shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.2.

1.58 Signatory Plaintiffs means PIWD Counsel on behalf of the PIWD Plaintiffs, and Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs.

1.59 Term Loan Avoidance Action shall mean the action captioned *Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Motors Liquidation Co. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-00504 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 31, 2009).

1.60 Term Loan Avoidance Action Claims shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the GUC Trust Agreement.

1.61 Waiver shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3.

1.62 Waiver Provision shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.3.

2. MUTUAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES.

2.1 The Preamble constitutes an essential part of the Agreement and is incorporated herein.

2.2 As soon as practicable following the execution of this Agreement, the Parties shall prepare and file a motion in the Bankruptcy Court (the "**Settlement Motion**") seeking entry of (i) an order (the "**Settlement Order**") substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto, and otherwise on terms acceptable to the GUC Trust, Co-Lead Counsel and PIWD Counsel, each in their sole and absolute discretion, approving the Settlement pursuant to Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and (ii) a Claims Estimate Order substantially in the form of Exhibit C attached hereto, and otherwise on terms acceptable to the GUC Trust, Co-Lead Counsel and PIWD Counsel, each in their sole and absolute discretion.

2.3 In furtherance of the Key Objectives and as an inducement to the GUC Trust's entry into this Agreement and willingness to be bound by the terms of the Settlement Order and the Claims Estimate Order, provided notice has been given in a form and manner approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Signatory Plaintiffs agree that they shall support the entry of a Settlement Order that:

(a) directs the GUC Trust to, within five (5) business days of the Settlement Effective Date, irrevocably pay fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in cash (the "**Settlement Amount**") to a trust, fund or other vehicle (the "**Settlement Fund**") established and designated by the Signatory Plaintiffs (for purposes of administration of Plaintiffs' claims reconciliation and/or distributions to Plaintiffs under a subsequent allocation

methodology); provided that, in the event the Signatory Plaintiffs have not designated such Settlement Fund within two (2) business days following the Settlement Effective Date, the GUC Trust shall place the Settlement Amount into an third party escrow account established by the GUC Trust;

(b) contains a provision which, effective upon (i) the Settlement Order becoming a Final Order (unless the GUC Trust waives the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof) and (ii) payment of the Settlement Amount, imposes a complete and irrevocable waiver and release on the part of all Plaintiffs with respect to any and all rights, claims and causes of action (including but not limited to any claims and causes of action with respect to Allowed General Unsecured Claims of the Plaintiffs arising under, or that may arise under, the Claims Estimate Order), now existing or arising in the future, that any Plaintiff might directly or indirectly assert against the Debtors, their estates, the GUC Trust, the trust administrator of the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust Assets, the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust and the holders of beneficial units in the GUC Trust, and channels all such claims or potential claims to the Settlement Fund for administration and satisfaction (the “**Waiver Provision**,” and the waiver and release contemplated thereby, the “**Waiver**”);

(c) contains a provision which, effective upon (i) the Settlement Order becoming a Final Order (unless the GUC Trust waives the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof) and (ii) payment of the Settlement Amount, imposes a complete and irrevocable waiver and release on the part of all holders of units of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs, with respect to any rights to the Settlement Fund, including the Settlement Amount (the “**GUC Waiver Provision**”); and

(d) contains a provision which, effective upon (i) the Settlement Order becoming a Final Order (unless the GUC Trust waives the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof), (ii) payment of the Settlement Amount, and (iii) entry of the Claims Estimate Order by the Bankruptcy Court, imposes a complete and irrevocable waiver and release on the part of the GUC Trust, all holders of units of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs, with respect to any rights to any Adjustment Shares (the “**Adjustment Shares Waiver Provision**”).

2.4 In furtherance of the Key Objectives and as an inducement to the Signatory Plaintiffs’ entry into this Agreement and willingness to be bound by the terms of Settlement Order, including but not limited to the Waiver Provision, the GUC Trust, based upon its review of the expert report and proffer of evidence provided by Counsel for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and the expert report and proffer of evidence provided by the PIWD Plaintiffs, agrees that it shall support the entry of a Claims Estimate Order that:

(a) estimates the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims (inclusive of the claims of the Plaintiffs, but excluding Term Loan Avoidance Action Claims) against the Sellers and/or the GUC Trust pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Plan, Section 3.2(c) of the AMSPA and the Side Letter in an amount that, as of the date of the Claims Estimate Order, equals or exceeds \$42 billion, thus triggering the issuance of the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares; and

(b) directs that any such Adjustment Shares issued as a result of a Claims Estimate Order, or the value of such Adjustment Shares, be promptly delivered by New GM to the Settlement Fund.

2.5 Following the Settlement Order becoming a Final Order (unless the GUC Trust waives the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof), contemporaneously with the payment of the Settlement Amount by the GUC Trust to the Settlement Fund, the Waiver Provision shall become immediately and automatically effective and binding on all Plaintiffs, and the GUC Waiver Provision shall become immediately and automatically effective and binding on the GUC Trust, all holders of units of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs.

2.6 Provided that the Settlement Order has become a Final Order (unless the GUC Trust waives the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof), then, contemporaneously upon the entry of the Claims Estimate Order (i) the Adjustment Shares Waiver Provision shall become immediately and automatically effective and binding on the GUC Trust, all holders of units of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs, and (ii) the GUC Trust shall be prohibited from, at any time, objecting to the allowance of the estimated claims at the amount set forth in the Claims Estimate Order.

2.7 The Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the Claims Estimate Order entered on the same date as the Settlement Order, provided that, (i) regardless of whether or not the Claims Estimate Order is entered on or after such date (and regardless of whether the request to enter the Claims Estimate Order is approved or denied), this Agreement (including, but not limited to Sections 2.2, 2.3(a), 2.3(b), 2.3(c), and 2.5 hereof) and the Settlement Order shall remain binding upon the Parties; (ii) the Settlement Amount shall not be returned to the GUC Trust under any circumstances; and (iii) the GUC Trust shall not be required to incur costs (other than the costs of notice as set forth in Paragraph 2.9 hereof) in excess of a reasonable amount in connection with prosecuting the Settlement Motion with respect to the Claims Estimate Order, or any appeals thereof.

2.8 Notwithstanding Sections 157(b)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(O) of Title 28, in connection with the Settlement Motion, to the extent (if any) consent is required, the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by PIWD Counsel consent to the Bankruptcy Court estimating their personal injury and wrongful death claims against the Sellers and/or the GUC Trust for purposes of determining whether the Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the aggregate exceed thirty-five billion dollars (\$35,000,000,000). The Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by

PIWD Counsel do not consent to estimation of their personal injury and wrongful death claims by the Bankruptcy Court for any other purpose or in connection with any other proceeding. If further adjudication of their personal injury and wrongful death claims is necessary notwithstanding entry of the Claims Estimate Order, the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs represented by PIWD Counsel expressly reserve their rights to have their claims tried (pursuant to Section 157(b)(5) of Title 28) or estimated in the district court in which Old GM's bankruptcy case is pending, or in the district court in which the claim arose, as determined by the district court in which Old GM's bankruptcy case is pending.

2.9 Notice.

(a) The Parties shall be responsible for providing notice in connection with the Settlement Motion in accordance with notice procedures approved by an order of the Bankruptcy Court. Based on notice plan proposals from leading notice administrators, the Parties have budgeted and the GUC Trust agrees to pay the reasonable costs and expenses for notice of the Settlement Motion in an amount up to \$6,000,000 (the "**Notice Cost Cap Amount**"). As soon as practicable following the execution of this Agreement, the Parties shall seek an order (the "**Notice Order**") of the Bankruptcy Court approving the proposed notice procedures for notice of the Settlement Motion. The requested notice procedures shall include (i) publication notice by multimedia channels that may include social media, e-mail, online car and consumer publications, and a settlement website (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be the GUC Trust's website at www.mlcgustrust.com) posting all relevant documents and long-form notice; (ii) notice by postcard to: (A) all persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in the Recalls; (B) all Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs who have filed a lawsuit against New GM as of the date of this Agreement; and (C) all Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs who have filed or joined a motion for authorization to file late claims against the GUC Trust; (iii) notice to all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action via the Bankruptcy Court's ECF system and, to the extent a defendant is not registered to receive notice via the ECF system, via postcard, and (iv) notice via DTC's LENSNOTICE system to holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust. The Signatory Plaintiffs agree to pay any amounts in excess of the Notice Cost Cap Amount.

(b) Allocation of the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund between the Plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims and the Plaintiffs asserting PIWD claims shall be determined and approved by the District Court. Notice of any agreement as to the proposed allocation of the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund as between the group of Plaintiffs asserting claims for economic loss, on the one hand, and the group of Plaintiffs asserting claims for personal injury and wrongful death, on the other hand, along with information about the hearing date and how and when to assert any objections, will be provided by, and at the sole cost of, Signatory Plaintiffs (and not the GUC Trust) via a settlement website to all known Plaintiffs whose rights might be affected by such allocation and such Plaintiffs shall have an opportunity to object to the proposed allocation at a hearing, as when and if such agreement is reached.

(c) Approval of the qualifications and criteria for Plaintiffs to be eligible to receive distributions from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund shall be done by the Bankruptcy Court. Notice of any proposed criteria for determining the right or ability of each Plaintiff to receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), and any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund on account of a claim against Old GM based upon economic loss or for personal injury or wrongful death arising or occurring before the Bar Date, along with information about the hearing date and how and when to assert any objections, will be provided by, and at the sole cost of, Signatory Plaintiffs (and not the GUC Trust) via a settlement website to all known Plaintiffs whose rights might be affected by the establishment of criteria for the payment of such claims and such Plaintiffs shall have an opportunity to object to the proposed criteria at a hearing, as when and if such criteria is developed. Being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.

2.10 The Parties agree that all of the value of the Settlement Fund shall be reserved for the exclusive benefit of the Plaintiffs, subject only to costs associated with the administration of the Settlement Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, the GUC Trust, any holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust, defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, or holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs (i) shall have no rights or entitlements with respect to the Settlement Fund (including, when and if deposited, the Adjustment Shares or the value thereof) or the funds therein, and (ii) solely to the extent that the Settlement Order has become a Final Order (or the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order has been waived by the GUC Trust in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof) and the Claims Estimate Order is entered by the Bankruptcy Court, shall have no rights or entitlements to the Adjustment Shares issued pursuant to the Claims Estimate Order, or to the value of such Adjustment Shares.

2.11 The Signatory Plaintiffs or, in the alternative, an administrator appointed by the Signatory Plaintiffs, shall establish the Settlement Fund (at the sole cost of the Signatory Plaintiffs) and the procedures for the administration and allocation to Plaintiffs of the Settlement Fund, including the criteria for Plaintiffs to assert a claim against the Settlement Fund on account of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim, methodology for allocating the Settlement Fund to Plaintiffs, and procedures for payment of Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees.

2.12 Nothing in the Settlement Agreement is intended to waive any claims against New GM or to be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does the Settlement Agreement or any payments made in connection therewith represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full from every available source; provided, however, that in no event shall any Plaintiff be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Except as mandated otherwise under applicable law, nothing in the Settlement Agreement shall waive any claims that any Plaintiff may have against New GM or constitute an election of remedies by any Plaintiff, and neither the Settlement Amount nor the Adjustment Shares (nor any distribution thereof to any Plaintiff) shall represent full and final satisfaction of any claim that any Plaintiff may have against New GM, all

of which are expressly reserved. The Bankruptcy Court's estimate of the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the Claims Estimate Order shall not operate as a cap on any of the claims of any of the Plaintiffs against New GM.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
APPLICABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT.**

3.1 Settlement Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective and binding on the Parties on the date on which this Agreement is fully executed by each of the Parties. The Settlement set forth in this agreement (including but not limited to the required payment of the Settlement Amount, the delivery of the Waiver as set forth herein, the GUC Waiver Provision, and to the extent provided in section 2.3(d) hereof, the Adjustment Shares Waiver Provision) shall become effective on the date that the Settlement Order becomes a Final Order (the "**Settlement Effective Date**"), provided, however, that from and after the date the Settlement Order is entered by the Bankruptcy Court, the GUC Trust may waive the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order.

3.2 Termination.

(A) **Automatic Termination.** This Agreement shall immediately terminate as to all Parties in the event that the Bankruptcy Court denies approval of the Notice Order (or enters a Notice Order different from that set forth in Section 2.9 hereof that is not otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Parties) or denies approval of the Settlement Motion as it relates to the Settlement Order (for the avoidance of doubt, this Agreement shall not immediately terminate if the Bankruptcy Court denies approval of the Settlement Motion solely as it relates to the Claims Estimate Order). In the event of such automatic termination, this Agreement shall be null and void, and each of the Parties' respective interests, rights, remedies and defenses shall be fully restored without prejudice as if this Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.13, 3.15, and 3.19) had never existed and the Parties shall be returned to their respective positions status quo ante.

(B) **Termination by the GUC Trust.** This Agreement shall be terminable at the option of the GUC Trust in the event that (a) the Notice Order is not entered on or before 30 days after execution of this Settlement Agreement, or (b) the Settlement Effective Date does not occur on or before 60 days after notice of the Settlement Motion has been provided pursuant to Section 2.9 hereto and the Notice Order (each of (a) and (b) the "**Outside Date**"). Following the passage of the Outside Date, the GUC Trust shall be entitled to send a notice of termination to the Signatory Plaintiffs in accordance with Section 3.15 hereof, with the Agreement automatically terminating on the date that such notice is received by the Signatory Plaintiffs. In the event of such termination, this Agreement shall be null and void, and each of the Parties' respective interests, rights, remedies and defenses shall be fully restored without prejudice as if this Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.13, 3.15, and 3.19) had never existed and the Parties shall be returned to their respective positions status quo ante.

(C) Termination by Any Party for Cause. In the event of any material breach of the terms of this Agreement, the non-breaching Party may elect (in addition to any other remedies available to the non-breaching party hereunder or under applicable law) to terminate this Agreement by (i) providing a Communication to the breaching party as set forth in Section 3.15 below, and affording the breaching party a five (5) business day period in which to cure the purported breach, and (ii) absent such cure or the commencement of an action in the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the existence of any such breach, by providing a follow-up Communication to the breaching Party as set forth in Section 3.15 below, that declares the Agreement to be terminated. Following such termination for cause, the terms of the Agreement shall no longer be binding on the non-breaching Party (except as set forth in Sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.13, 3.15, and 3.19).

3.3 Attorneys' Fees. Except as otherwise provided for herein, each of the Parties shall pay its own court costs, attorneys' fees, and all other expenses, costs, and fees incurred relating to this Agreement and any related litigation, including but not limited to the GM MDL and Motions to Enforce litigation. If any lawsuit or proceeding is required to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party in any such lawsuit or proceeding shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

3.4 No Admission. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission of any kind. To the extent provided by Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any applicable state rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than in support of the Settlement Motion and proposed entry of the Settlement Order and Claims Estimate Order or in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

3.5 Remedies. Each of the Parties retain all remedies available in law or equity for breach of this Agreement by any Party, including, without limitation, the right of a non-breaching Party to seek specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach.

3.6 No Litigation. Except as may be necessary to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the Parties and any other person who is an intended beneficiary hereunder, agree that she or he shall not commence or proceed with any action, claim, suit, proceeding or litigation against any other Party, directly or indirectly, regarding or relating to the matters described in this Agreement, or take any action inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement.

3.7 Further Assurances. Each of the Parties covenant to, from time to time, execute and deliver such further documents and instruments and take such other actions as may be reasonably required or appropriate to evidence, effectuate, or carry out the intent and purposes of this Agreement or to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

3.8 Cooperation. The Parties agree to reasonably cooperate with one another to effectuate an efficient and equitable implementation of this Agreement.

3.9 Counterparts; Facsimile; Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different Parties to this Agreement on separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same agreement. Any signature delivered by any of the Parties by facsimile or electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be an original signature hereto, and shall be admissible as such in any legal proceeding to enforce this Agreement.

3.10 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective agents, partners, attorneys, employees, representatives, officers, directors, shareholders, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, transferees, heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, consistent with the other provisions of this Agreement.

3.11 Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding among the Parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior proposals, negotiations, agreements, representations and understandings between or among any of the Parties hereto relating to such subject matter. In entering into this Agreement, the Parties and each of them acknowledge that they are not relying on any statement, representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of any kind made by any other party hereto or any employee or agent of any other party hereto, except for the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Parties expressly set forth herein.

3.12 Amendment. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, no amendment, modification, rescission, waiver or release of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

3.13 Interpretation. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, and the Parties agree to take any and all steps which are necessary in order to enforce the provisions hereof.

3.14 Severability. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are not severable. However, if any provision or part of any provision of this Agreement is for any reason declared or determined by a court to be invalid, unenforceable, or contrary to public policy, law, statute, or ordinance, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, or provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable, and such invalid, unenforceable, or illegal part or provision shall not be deemed to be part of this Agreement.

3.15 Notices. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, declaration or other communication (a "**Communication**") under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given or delivered (i) by a nationally recognized private overnight courier service addressed as indicated in Schedule 1 annexed hereto or to such other address as such party may indicate by a notice delivered to the other Parties hereto in accordance with the provisions hereof; or (ii) to the extent that such Communication has been filed with the Bankruptcy Court, via the electronic distribution means used by the Bankruptcy Court. Any Communication shall be deemed to have been effectively delivered and received, if sent by a nationally recognized

private overnight courier service, on the first business day following the date upon which it is delivered for overnight delivery to such courier service.

3.16 Choice of Law and Forum; Consent to Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of laws principles. The District Court and the Bankruptcy Court shall have jurisdiction to resolve any dispute arising out of, related to or in connection with this Agreement to the exclusion of any other court, and the Parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the District Court and the Bankruptcy Court for resolution of such disputes and agree that they shall not attempt to litigate any such dispute in any other court.

3.17 Advice of Counsel. Each Party represents and acknowledges that it has been represented by an attorney with respect to this Agreement and any and all matters covered by or related to such Agreement. Each Party further represents and warrants to each other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement has been duly authorized by each of the Parties after consultation with counsel, that the persons signing this Agreement on their behalf below have been fully authorized by their respective Parties to do so, and that the undersigned do fully understand the terms of this Agreement and have the express authority to enter into this Agreement.

3.18 Assignment. No assignment of this Agreement or of any rights or obligations hereunder may be made by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other Parties hereto, and any attempted assignment without such prior consent shall be null and void. No assignment of any obligations hereunder shall relieve any of the Parties hereto liable therefore of any such obligations.

3.19 Waiver. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, any provision of this Agreement may be waived only by a written instrument signed by the Party against whom enforcement of such waiver is sought.

3.20 Headings, Number, and Gender. The descriptive headings of the sections of this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall have no force or effect in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and neutral genders, and vice versa.

3.21 Waiver of Jury Trial. Each of the Parties hereby irrevocably waives its rights, if any, to a jury trial for any claim or cause of action based upon or arising out of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT C

Schedule 1

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EXHIBIT B

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
)	
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, <i>et al.</i> ,)	Bankruptcy Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)
f/k/a General Motors Corporation, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)	

**ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 105, 363
AND 1142 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019, AUTHORIZING
AND APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND
AMONG THE GUC TRUST AND THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS**

Upon the joint motion of the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**”), PIWD Counsel¹ on behalf of the PIWD Plaintiffs, and Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”) filed on August ___, 2017 [ECF No. ____] (the “**Motion**”) for entry of an order authorizing and approving the settlement embodied in the agreement attached thereto as Exhibit 1 (the “**Settlement Agreement**”), by and among (i) the GUC Trust and (ii) the Signatory Plaintiffs; and the Bankruptcy Court having considered the Motion; and a hearing on the Motion having been held before this Bankruptcy Court on _____, 2017 (the “**Hearing**”) to consider the relief requested in the Motion; and the Bankruptcy Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Plan; and the Bankruptcy Court having considered the statements of counsel on the record of the Hearing and the filings of the parties in connection with the Motion; and it appearing that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and it appearing that venue of this proceeding and

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Settlement Agreement.

the Motion in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and upon the record of the Hearing; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given in accordance with the *Order Approving Notice Procedures With Respect to Proposed Settlement by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust* [ECF No. ____] (the “**Notice Order**”) and that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT:²

- A. This Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a).
- B. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in the Motion are Sections 105, 363 and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019.
- C. As evidenced by the affidavits of service filed with this Court, and in accordance with the Notice Order, notice has been given and a reasonable opportunity to object or be heard with respect to the Motion and the relief requested therein has been afforded to (i) all persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in the Recalls; (ii) all Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs who have filed a lawsuit against New GM as of the date of the Settlement Agreement; (iii) all Plaintiffs who have filed or joined a motion for authority to file late claims against the GUC Trust; (iv) holders of units of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust; (v) the defendants to the Term Loan Avoidance Action; and (vi) the parties in interest in accordance with the *Sixth Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Bankruptcy Rules 1015(c) and 9007 Establishing Notice and Case Management Procedures*, dated May 5, 2011 [ECF No. 10183]. Additional publication notice of the Motion has been

² The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Bankruptcy Court’s findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent that any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

given by the GUC Trust as set forth in the Notice Order. The notice was good, sufficient and appropriate in light of the circumstances and the nature of the relief requested, and no other or further notice is or shall be required.

D. The GUC Trust has demonstrated good, sufficient and sound business purposes, causes and justifications for the relief requested in the Motion and the approval of the Settlement Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

E. The GUC Trust has demonstrated that the relief requested in the Motion is necessary for the prompt and efficient administration of the Old GM Bankruptcy Case and is in the best interests of the GUC Trust, its beneficiaries and other parties-in-interest.

F. After due diligence by the Parties, the Settlement Agreement was negotiated and entered into by and among the Parties in good faith and from arm's length bargaining positions.

G. The GUC Trust has demonstrated that continued litigation of the matters resolved by the Settlement Agreement would be complex, costly and delay the closing of the Old GM Bankruptcy Case and the distribution of GUC Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan.

H. The Settlement Agreement resolves multiple disputes, claims and issues to which the Parties are involved in varying degrees, and in related but not necessarily identical ways, such that each Party's overall obligations to one or more other Parties constitutes good and sufficient consideration for the overall benefits each Party is to receive from one or more of the other Parties.

I. The settlements, compromises, releases and transfers contemplated in the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and given in exchange for valuable and reasonably equivalent consideration.

J. The GUC Trust's entry into the Settlement Agreement, including the compromises and releases embodied therein, is a prudent and reasonable exercise of business judgment that is in the best interests of the GUC Trust and its beneficiaries.

K. The Settlement Agreement represents a multi-party resolution of a number of complex factual and legal issues, and the releases and acknowledgments contained therein and herein, and the injunction and findings provided by this Order, are a necessary element of the consideration received by the Parties, and a condition to the effectiveness of the Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The relief requested by the Motion is GRANTED and the Settlement Agreement and each of its terms are approved in their entirety as set forth herein.

2. Any and all objections to the Motion that have not been withdrawn, resolved, waived or settled as reflected on the record of the Hearing are overruled on the merits.

3. In accordance with Paragraph 3.1 of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement shall be effective and binding on all persons upon the Settlement Effective Date, including, but not limited to, all Plaintiffs, any past or present holder of units of beneficial interests in the GUC Trust, any past or present holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim, and all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action.

4. The GUC Trust is authorized to perform all of its obligations pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Settlement Agreement and to enforce its terms.

5. On or before the date that is five (5) business days following the Settlement Effective Date (the "**Cash Distribution Date**"), in full settlement of the Parties' disputes as contemplated in the Settlement Agreement, and in contemplation of, among other things, the

releases and waivers set forth in Paragraph 2.3 of the Settlement Agreement and Paragraph 6 hereof (collectively, the “**Release and Waiver**”), the GUC Trust is hereby directed to pay the total sum of fifteen million U.S. Dollars (USD \$15,000,000) (the “**Settlement Amount**”) to an account established and designated by the Signatory Plaintiffs (the “**Settlement Fund**”); provided that, in the event that Signatory Plaintiffs have not established and designated such Settlement Fund within two (2) business days following the Settlement Effective Date, the GUC Trust shall place the Settlement Amount into a third party escrow account established by the GUC Trust.

6. Provided that the Settlement Effective Date has occurred, contemporaneously with the payment of the Settlement Amount by the GUC Trust, and in consideration of the promises and covenants contained in the Settlement Agreement and/or the notice provided by the Settlement Agreement, all Plaintiffs, for themselves, and on behalf of their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, successors, assigns, assignors, predecessors, members, beneficiaries, representatives (in their capacity as such) and any subsidiary or affiliate thereof (the “**Releasing Parties**”), shall be deemed to completely and irrevocably release, waive (including a waiver under California Civil Code Section 1542) and forever discharge the GUC Trust, the trust administrator and trustee of the GUC Trust, the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust, and the holders of beneficial units in the GUC Trust, and all of their subsidiaries and affiliates, and all of their respective past, present and future agents, attorneys, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, successors, assigns, members, representatives (in their capacity as such) (the “**Released Parties**”), from any and all, actions, attorneys’ fees, charges, claims (including but not limited to General Unsecured Claims and claims for injunctive and/or declaratory relief), costs, demands, expenses, judgments, liabilities and causes of action of

any kind, nature or description, whether matured or unmatured, contingent or absolute, liquidated or unliquidated, known or unknown, direct or derivative, preliminary or final, which the Releasing Parties may now have, ever had, or may in the future have against the Released Parties, the GUC Trust Assets, the Debtors, or their estates, arising out of or based on any facts, circumstances, issues, services, advice, or the like, occurring from the beginning of time through the date hereof that relate to, could relate to, arise under, or concern the Recalls, the Old GM Bankruptcy Case, the GM MDL, the Plan, the Late Claims Motions, the AMPSA, the Sale Order or any matter associated with any of the foregoing (collectively, the “**Released Claims**”); provided, however, that the Releasing Parties shall retain all remedies available in law or equity for breach of the Settlement Agreement by the GUC Trust; and provided further that solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court enters the Claims Estimate Order as contemplated by the Settlement Agreement, the foregoing Release and Waiver shall not apply to the Adjustment Shares, which shall be issued by New GM to the Settlement Fund for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the entered Claims Estimate Order (if any); and provided further that, nothing in the Settlement Agreement, Motion or this Order is intended to waive any claims against New GM or be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does the Settlement Agreement, Motion or this Order, or any payments made in connection therewith, represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full for every available source (provided, however, that in no event shall any Plaintiff be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares) and, except as mandated otherwise by applicable law, nothing in the Settlement Agreement, Motion or this Order shall waive or impair any claims that Plaintiffs may have against New GM, the Settlement

shall not be an election of remedies by any Plaintiff, and the Settlement Fund shall not represent full and final satisfaction of any claims that Plaintiffs may have against New GM, which claims are expressly reserved. Nor shall the Settlement or any estimation or payment or distribution made in connection therewith constitute a cap on any claims by any of the Plaintiffs against New GM. In addition, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have agreed not to make any claim, commence or continue any action, lawsuit, adversary proceeding or other legal, equitable or administrative proceeding that asserts any such Released Claims against the Released Parties, the GUC Trust Assets, the Debtors, or their estates, or to seek any further funding from the Released Parties in connection with the Released Claims, and the Released Parties are released and discharged of any further obligation to provide such funding, it being the intent of the Parties that (other than the rights of the Plaintiffs to the Adjustment Shares following entry of the Claims Estimate Order) the payment of the Settlement Amount is the last and only payment the Released Parties or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates will make to the Plaintiffs in connection with the Released Claims.

7. The Releasing Parties shall be permanently stayed, restrained, enjoined and forever barred from taking any action against any of the Released Parties, the GUC Trust Assets, the Debtors, or their estates for the purpose of, directly or indirectly, collecting, recovering, or receiving payment or recovery with respect to, relating to, arising out of, or in any way connected with any Released Claim, whenever and wherever arising or asserted, all of which shall be resolved and satisfied by the Settlement Fund as set forth in the Settlement Fund Procedures (as defined below).

8. The Released Parties and FTI Consulting, Inc. as trust monitor of the GUC Trust (in such capacity, the "**GUC Trust Monitor**"): (a) shall have no liability whatsoever to any

holder or purported holder of a claim, equity interest or unit of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, or any other party-in-interest, or any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, financial advisors, attorneys, or affiliates, or any of their successors or assigns, for any act or omission in connection with, or arising out of, the settlement of the claims addressed by the Settlement Agreement, or the pursuit of approval of the Settlement Agreement or the Claims Estimate Order, the administration of the Settlement Agreement, or any transaction contemplated by the Settlement Agreement, or in furtherance thereof, or any obligations that they have under or in connection with the Settlement Agreement or the transactions contemplated by the Settlement Agreement (collectively, the “**Exculpated Claims**”), except (i) for any act or omission that constitutes willful misconduct or gross negligence as determined by a final order, and (ii) for any contractual obligation that is owed to a Party under the Settlement Agreement or this Order; and (b) in all respects, shall be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities under the Settlement Agreement. No holder of any claim, interest or unit of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust, or other party-in-interest, none of their respective agents, employees, representatives, financial advisors, attorneys, or affiliates, and no successors or assigns of the foregoing, shall have any right of action against the Released Parties or the GUC Trust Monitor with respect to the Exculpated Claims. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Released Parties and the GUC Trust Monitor from liability.

9. All of the value of the Settlement Fund, including the Settlement Amount (and, if issued pursuant to the Claims Estimate Order, the Adjustment Shares or their value), shall be

reserved for the exclusive benefit of the Plaintiffs, subject only to costs associated with the administration of the Settlement Fund.

10. Provided that the Settlement Effective Date has occurred, contemporaneously with the payment of the Settlement Amount by the GUC Trust, and in consideration of the promises and covenants contained in the Settlement Agreement, the GUC Trust, all holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action and all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than Plaintiffs, for themselves, and on behalf of their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, successors, assigns, assignors, predecessors, members, beneficiaries, representatives (in their capacity as such) and any subsidiary or affiliate thereof (the “**GUC Releasing Parties**”), shall be deemed to completely and irrevocably release and waive any and all rights or interests they may now have, ever had, or may in the future have with respect to the Settlement Amount. In addition, the GUC Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have agreed not to make any claim, commence or continue any action, lawsuit, adversary proceeding or other legal, equitable or administrative proceeding that seeks to share in or recover from the Settlement Amount. Further, the GUC Releasing Parties shall be enjoined and forever barred from directly or indirectly bringing, commencing, initiating, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or otherwise aiding, in any action of any kind or nature, whether in the United States, Canada or elsewhere, that seeks to share in or recover from the Settlement Amount.

11. Provided that the Settlement Effective Date has occurred, contemporaneously with the payment of the Settlement Amount by the GUC Trust and entry of the Claims Estimate Order by the Bankruptcy Court, and in consideration of the promises and covenants contained in the Settlement Agreement, the GUC Releasing Parties shall be deemed to completely and

irrevocably release and waive any and all rights or interests they may now have, ever had, or may in the future have with respect to the Adjustment Shares, which shall be issued by New GM to the Settlement Fund for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the entered Claims Estimate Order (if any). In addition, the GUC Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have agreed not to make any claim, commence or continue any action, lawsuit, adversary proceeding or other legal, equitable or administrative proceeding that seeks to share in or recover from the Adjustment Shares. Further, the GUC Releasing Parties shall be enjoined and forever barred from directly or indirectly bringing, commencing, initiating, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or otherwise aiding, in any action of any kind or nature, whether in the United States, Canada or elsewhere, that seeks to share in or recover from the Adjustment Shares.

12. The Signatory Plaintiffs or, in the alternative, an administrator appointed by the Signatory Plaintiffs, shall establish the Settlement Fund (at the sole costs of the Signatory Plaintiffs). Being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), if any, or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund. Subject to notice and an opportunity for Plaintiffs to object, the Signatory Plaintiffs will determine the overall allocation of the value of the Settlement Fund between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims, and the eligibility and criteria for payment (the “**Settlement Fund Procedures**”). Notice of the proposed allocation and proposed eligibility and criteria for payment will be posted on a settlement website, along with information about the hearing date and how and when to assert any objections.

13. Solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court denies entry of the Claims Estimate Order or the Claims Estimate Order is entered but subsequently reversed by a reviewing court on

a final basis, then the Late Claims Motions shall automatically be deemed withdrawn with prejudice, without any action required on the part of the GUC Trust, the Plaintiffs or any other party in interest. For the avoidance of doubt, this Order shall not be affected by the entry or non-entry of any Claims Estimate Order, or any subsequent reversal of any Claims Estimate Order on appeal or on remand.

14. The Settlement Agreement, including any term, condition or other provision therein, may not be waived, modified, amended or supplemented, except as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

15. The failure to specifically describe or include any particular provision of the Settlement Agreement in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Settlement Agreement be authorized and approved in its entirety.

16. If there is any conflict between the terms of the Motion and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall control, and if there is any conflict between the terms of this Order and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of this Order shall control.

17. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 3020, 6004, 6006, 7062, or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

18. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and enforce the Settlement Agreement and to resolve any disputes relating to or concerning the Settlement Agreement.

Dated: _____, 2017

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EXHIBIT C

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)
f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:	
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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CLAIMS ESTIMATE ORDER

Upon the motion (the “**Motion**”)¹ of the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 502(c) and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 for entry of an order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims for purposes of issuance of the Adjustment Shares by New GM under Section 3.2(c) of the AMSPA and the Side Letter; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided and it appearing that no other or further notice need be given; and the Court having found and determined the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as provided herein.
2. Any and all objections to the Motion that have not been withdrawn, resolved, waived or settled as reflected on the record of the hearing are overruled on the merits.
3. The Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs’ claims shall be estimated solely for the purposes of estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims in this Order. If further adjudication of their personal injury and wrongful death claims are necessary notwithstanding entry of this Order, the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs’ rights under Section

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

157(b)(5) of Title 28 to have their claims tried in the district court in which Old GM's bankruptcy case is pending, or in the district court in which the claim arose, as determined by the district court in which Old GM's bankruptcy case is pending, are expressly reserved.

4. The aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims, including the allowed amount of Plaintiffs' claims, are hereby estimated for purposes of the issuance of the Adjustment Shares in an amount that is no less than \$42 billion.²

5. Within five (5) business days of entry of this Order, New GM shall issue 30 million shares of New GM common stock (the "**Adjustment Shares**") or the value of the Adjustment Shares, to an account designated by the Signatory Plaintiffs (the "**Settlement Fund**").

6. Nothing in this Order is intended to waive any claims against New GM or to be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does this Order or any payments made in connection with this Order represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full from every available source; provided, however, that in no event shall any Plaintiff be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Except as mandated otherwise under applicable law, nothing in this Order shall waive any claims that any Plaintiff may have against New GM or constitute an election of remedies by any Plaintiff, and the Adjustment Shares (and any distribution thereof to any Plaintiff) shall not represent full and final satisfaction of any claim that any Plaintiff may have against New GM, all of which are expressly reserved. The estimate of the aggregate Allowed

² Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the estimation of the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims is solely for the purposes of issuance of the Adjustment Shares, and shall not, among other things, constitute an estimation of any claims or potential claims of the defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action.

General Unsecured Claims herein shall not operate as a cap on any of the claims of any of the Plaintiffs against New GM.

7. Provided that the Settlement Order has been entered and is a Final Order (or the GUC Trust has waived the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order) (i) the Adjustment Shares, or the value thereof, shall be reserved for the exclusive benefit of the Plaintiffs, subject only to costs associated with the administration of the Settlement Fund, and (ii) the GUC Trust, holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust, holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims other than Plaintiffs, and the defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and all of their subsidiaries and affiliates, and all of their respective past, present and future agents, attorneys, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, successors, assigns, members, or representatives (in their capacity as such), shall have no rights or entitlements with respect to the Settlement Fund and are deemed to completely and irrevocably release and waive any and all rights or interests they may now have, ever had, or may in the future have with respect to the Settlement Fund.

8. As provided under Sections 2.9(b), 2.9(c), and 2.11 of the Settlement Agreement, the Signatory Plaintiffs are specifically authorized and directed to establish an allocation methodology for the Settlement Fund and proposed criteria for determining the right or ability of each Plaintiff to receive a distribution from the Settlement Fund. Notice of any agreement as to the proposed allocation of Adjustment Shares (or their value) and proposed criteria for eligibility, along with information about the hearing date and how and when to assert any objections, shall be provided via a settlement website to all known Plaintiffs whose rights might be affected by such allocation and such Plaintiffs shall have an opportunity to object at a hearing to be held before the appropriate court. Being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she,

or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.

9. The Signatory Plaintiffs are specifically authorized and directed to administer, allocate and distribute the proceeds of the Settlement Fund to Plaintiffs. Proceeds from the Settlement Fund may be used to cover the costs associated with administration and distribution of the Settlement Fund. The GUC Trust shall have no obligations associated with the funding (other than the payment of the Settlement Amount), administration, allocation and distribution of the Settlement Fund.

10. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rule 7062, or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2017
New York, New York

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EXHIBIT D

HEARING DATE AND TIME: [], 2017 at [] (EST)
OBJECTION DEADLINE: [], 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (EST)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)
f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:	
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**JOINT MOTION PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY
CODE SECTIONS 105, 363, 502(C) AND 1142 AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019 TO APPROVE
THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY
PLAINTIFFS AND THE GUC TRUST, AND TO ESTIMATE THE PLAINTIFFS'
AGGREGATE ALLOWED GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

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By and through their undersigned counsel, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs,¹ certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs,² certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs³ (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”), and the GUC Trust⁴ (together with the Signatory Plaintiffs, the “**Parties**”) respectfully submit this *Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement By and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs’ Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors* (the “**Motion**”).⁵ In support of this Motion, the Parties respectfully state as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs have sought leave to file late proposed class claims against the GUC Trust seeking relief for economic losses related to Old GM’s alleged concealment of safety defects in ignition switches (including the Ignition Switch Defect and similarly defective ignition switches), side airbags, and power steering. Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs have likewise sought leave to

¹ The term “**Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims or persons suffering economic losses who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with an ignition switch defect included in Recall No. 14V-047 the “**Ignition Switch Defect**”).

² The term “**Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims or persons suffering economic losses who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with defects in ignition switches, side airbags or power steering included in Recall Nos. 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346 and 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153.

³ The term “**Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting personal injury or wrongful death claims or persons who suffered a personal injury or wrongful death arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to the closing of the Section 363 Sale. The Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs are comprised of a subset asserting claims or who suffered an injury or death involving an Old GM vehicle with an Ignition Switch Defect (the “**Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**”), and a subset asserting claims or who suffered an injury or death involving vehicles with other defects (the “**Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**”). Collectively, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs are the “**Plaintiffs**.”

⁴ The term “**GUC Trust**” shall mean the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust.

⁵ Except where otherwise indicated, references to “ECF No. __” are to docket entries in the Bankruptcy Court proceedings: In re Motors Liquidation Co., Bankr. Case No. 09-50026 (MG).

file late personal injury and wrongful death claims against the GUC Trust related to Old GM vehicles subject to the Recalls.

2. These efforts implicate numerous complex, disputed issues, including, *inter alia*, whether Plaintiffs should be granted authority to file late proofs of claim (and whether such authority can be granted solely on due process grounds), whether Plaintiffs' asserted claims are equitably moot, whether additional grounds exist to object to Plaintiffs' asserted claims, and the allowable amount of said claims.

3. Litigation related to these issues has been ongoing for several years, consuming large amounts of time, money and resources, and failing to resolve key disputes between the Parties. For example, in the April 2015 Decision, the Bankruptcy Court ruled that Old GM failed to provide Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs with constitutionally proper notice of the Bar Date.⁶ While the Bankruptcy Court ruled that assets of the GUC Trust could not be tapped to pay any late claims that might be allowed under the doctrine of equitable mootness, the Second Circuit vacated this holding as an advisory opinion—leaving open the question of the applicability of equitable mootness.⁷ In addition, there is an on-going dispute whether an additional showing under the Pioneer factors is required for Plaintiffs to obtain leave to file late claims. Continuation of protracted litigation on these issues will only serve to deplete remaining GUC Trust Assets and subject the Parties to uncertain results.

4. The Settlement Agreement resulted from extensive, good faith negotiations between experienced counsel to reasonably resolve these issues in the interest of the estate.

⁶ See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. 510, 573-74, 583 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015), aff'd in part, rev'd in part, vacated in part sub nom. Elliott v. General Motors LLC (In re Motors Liquidation Co.), 829 F.3d 135 (2d Cir. 2016) (the "**April 2015 Decision**").

⁷ See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 529; Elliott, 829 F.3d at 168-69.

5. The Settlement Agreement provides for the GUC Trust to pay Plaintiffs \$15 million (the “**Settlement Amount**”). In exchange for the Settlement Amount and the promise by the GUC Trust to support entry of the Claims Estimate Order as set forth below, and following extensive notice designed to reach every potentially affected Plaintiff and an opportunity to object and be heard, upon entry of the Settlement Order all Plaintiffs will be deemed to have waived and released any rights or claims against the GUC Trust, Wilmington Trust Company as trust administrator and trustee of the GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust Administrator**”), the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust (the “**Avoidance Action Trust**”) and holders of beneficial interest in the GUC Trust (the “**Unitholders**”), including a release of any rights to past or present GUC Trust Assets and to distributions by the Avoidance Action Trust. This waiver provides finality and certainty to the GUC Trust and Unitholders (regardless of whether or not the Claims Estimate Order is entered), protects against the risk of claw-back or recapture of prior distributions of GUC Trust Assets and eliminates delay in the wind-down process and distribution of assets.

6. In addition to the payment of the Settlement Amount, the GUC Trust has agreed to support the entry of an order (the “**Claims Estimate Order**”) estimating the amount of Plaintiffs’ claims in an amount necessary to trigger New GM’s obligation to issue the maximum amount of additional shares of New GM common stock (the “**Adjustment Shares**”) under the terms of the Sale Agreement. Upon entry of the Claims Estimate Order, all Adjustment Shares will be placed in a fund for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs. The Signatory Plaintiffs will subsequently determine the allocation of the value of the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims and the eligibility and criteria for payment, subject to notice and an opportunity for Plaintiffs to object.

Being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), if any, or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.

7. Unitholders, defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than Plaintiffs, waive any rights to the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. In this way, the Settlement Agreement provides a streamlined process for allowing Plaintiffs' claims and providing a source of recovery from the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Notably, regardless of whether the Claims Estimate Order is ultimately entered, the waiver and releases set forth in the Settlement will be binding on all parties subject only to approval of the Settlement Order and payment of the Settlement Amount.

8. The Settlement will massively reduce costs and resources, eliminate uncertain litigation outcomes, and prevent delay in distributions of remaining GUC Trust Assets, without disturbing recovery expectations of other creditors and Unitholders. In light of the inherent risks and costs associated with litigation, the Settlement Agreement is fair and well within the range of reasonableness.

9. Accordingly, the Court should approve the Settlement Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 as a fair and equitable resolution of the on-going litigation between the Parties.

10. In addition, the Court should enter the Claims Estimate Order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims, including Plaintiffs' claims, against the GUC Trust in an amount equal to or exceeding \$42 billion. The evidence and expert reports proffered by the Signatory Plaintiffs will demonstrate to the Court that the damages for Plaintiffs' claims

could well exceed the amount required for this determination. Indeed, after reviewing those reports and considering the benefits provided by the Settlement as a whole, the GUC Trust – the sole entity charged with objecting to and resolving disputed claims in order to maximize recoveries to GUC Trust Beneficiaries pursuant to the Plan – fully supports entry of the Claims Estimate Order. The GUC Trust also believes that the Settlement is in the best interests of the estate and well within the lowest range of reasonableness as mandated by Rule 9019 of the Bankruptcy Code.

JURISDICTION

11. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).

12. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

13. The statutory predicates for the relief sought in this Motion are Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019.

BACKGROUND

I. Old GM's Bankruptcy And The Creation Of The GUC Trust.

14. On June 1, 2009, General Motors Corporation ("**Old GM**") and certain of its affiliates (collectively, "**Debtors**") filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy with this Court and entered into an agreement to sell substantially of its assets (the "**Sale Agreement**") to NGMCO, Inc. ("**New GM**") in exchange for, *inter alia*, New GM common stock and warrants. See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 535.

15. The Sale Agreement was amended on July 5, 2009 to, *inter alia*, add a feature requiring New GM to provide additional New GM common stock in the event that the amount of allowed general unsecured claims against the Old GM estate exceeds a threshold amount. See

AMSPA § 3.2(c).⁸ Specifically, the AMSPA provides that if the Bankruptcy Court issues an order finding that the estimated aggregate allowed general unsecured claims against the Old GM estate exceeds \$35 billion, then within five business days thereof New GM will issue Adjustment Shares to the GUC Trust. See id. If such order estimates the aggregate allowed general unsecured claims at or in excess of \$42 billion, New GM must issue 30 million Adjustment Shares, the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares. See id.

16. On July 5, 2009, the sale was approved by the Bankruptcy Court. See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 146-47.

17. In September 2009, the Court established November 30, 2009 (the “**Bar Date**”) as the deadline for filing proofs of claim against Old GM. See id. at 535.

18. On March 29, 2011, the Court entered an order confirming the Plan, which, among other things, authorized the creation of the GUC Trust pursuant to the terms set forth in the GUC Trust Agreement. See id. at 536.

19. Pursuant to the Plan and GUC Trust Agreement, the GUC Trust was granted exclusive authority to object to the allowance of general unsecured claims, seek estimation of the amount of allowed general unsecured claims, and seek Adjustment Shares from New GM. See Plan §§ 7.1(b), 7.3; GUC Trust Agreement § 5.1.

20. In addition, pursuant to the Plan and a side letter by and between the GUC Trust, the Debtors, New GM, and FTI Consulting (as trust monitor of the GUC Trust) dated September 23, 2011 (the “**Side Letter**”), the GUC Trust is exclusively authorized to seek the issuance of Adjustment Shares under the terms of the AMPSA for satisfaction of Allowed General Unsecured Claims when the GUC Trust determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the

⁸ See Second Amended and Restated Master Sale and Purchase Agreement, by and among General Motors Corporation, Saturn LLC, Saturn Distribution Corporation and Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc., as Sellers, and NGMCO, Inc., as Purchaser, dated as of June 26, 2009 (the “AMSPA”).

aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims are, in the GUC Trust's estimation, likely to exceed \$35 billion. See Side Letter; Plan, Background § E(i); GUC Trust Agreement § 2.3(d).

21. In February 2012, the Court entered an order providing that any claims filed after entry of the order would be deemed disallowed unless, *inter alia*, the claimant obtained leave of the Court or written consent of the GUC Trust.⁹

22. As of June 30, 2017, the total amount of Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors' estate was \$31,855,381,054, approximately \$3.15 billion below the threshold for triggering the issuance of Adjustment Shares under the AMSPA.¹⁰

II. The Recalls And Subsequent Proceedings In The Bankruptcy Court And Second Circuit.

23. In February and March 2014, over four years after the Bar Date, New GM publicly disclosed the existence of the Ignition Switch Defect and issued a recall, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-047, impacting approximately 2.1 million vehicles.

24. After this first wave of recalls, New GM issued five additional recalls in June, July and September of 2014 concerning defective ignition switches affecting over 10 million vehicles, NHTSA Recall Numbers 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346 and 14V-540.

25. New GM issued a multitude of other recalls for safety defects throughout 2014. These included a recall issued in March pertaining to approximately 1.2 million vehicles with defective side airbags, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-118, and another recall issued in March pertaining to over 1.3 million vehicles with defective power steering, NHTSA Recall Number 14V-153.

⁹ See *Order Approving Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003 and Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code for an Order Disallowing Certain Late Filed Claims*, dated February 8, 2012 [ECF No. 11394] (the "**Late Filed Claims Order**").

¹⁰ See *Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Quarterly Section 6.2(c) Report and Budget Variance Report as of June 30, 2017*, dated July 21, 2017 [ECF No. 13994].

26. After the issuance of these recalls, owners and lessees of defective Old GM and New GM vehicles filed lawsuits against New GM, which New GM sought to enjoin by filing motions to enforce the Sale Order in the Bankruptcy Court.¹¹ To resolve these motions, the Bankruptcy Court first identified four threshold issues (the “**2014 Threshold Issues**”) to be determined.¹² These issues included whether any of the claims in these actions were claims against Old GM and, if so, whether such claims should “nevertheless be disallowed/dismissed on grounds of equitable mootness” Id.

27. In its April 2015 Decision on the 2014 Threshold Issues, the Bankruptcy Court held that the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs were known creditors who did not receive constitutionally adequate notice of the Sale or Bar Date.

28. The Bankruptcy Court further held that while “late claims filed by the Plaintiffs might still be allowed, assets transferred to the GUC Trust under the Plan could not now be tapped to pay them” under the doctrine of equitable mootness. In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 529; see also June 2015 Judgment ¶ 6. On direct appeal, the Second Circuit vacated this equitable mootness ruling as an advisory opinion. See Elliott, 829 F.3d at 168-69.

29. The Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs Motion to Enforce was deferred pending resolution of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’ and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs’ Motions to Enforce. See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 523. It has not yet been

¹¹ See Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce the Court’s July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction, dated April 21, 2014 [ECF No. 12620] (the “**Ignition Switch Plaintiffs Motion to Enforce**”); Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce the Court’s July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction Against Plaintiffs in Pre-Closing Accident Lawsuits, dated Aug. 1, 2014 [ECF No. 12807] (the “**Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs Motion to Enforce**”); Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 to Enforce the Court’s July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction (Monetary Relief Actions, Other Than Ignition Switch Actions), dated Aug. 1, 2014 [ECF No. 12808] (the “**Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs Motion to Enforce**”);

¹² See Supplemental Scheduling Order Regarding (I) Motion of General Motors LLC Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 To Enforce the Court’s July 5, 2009 Sale Order and Injunction, (II) Objection Filed by Certain Plaintiffs in Respect thereto, and (III) Adversary Proceeding No. 14-01929, dated July 11, 2014 [ECF No. 12770].

determined whether any Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs suffered a due process violation in connection with the Bar Date.

III. Developments In The Bankruptcy Court Following The Second Circuit Opinion.

30. On remand from the Second Circuit's opinion vacating the equitable mootness ruling, the Bankruptcy Court issued an order identifying initial issues to be addressed (the "**2016 Threshold Issues**"). Relevant here is the issue of whether "the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and/or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs satisfy the requirements for authorization to file late proof(s) of claim against the GUC Trust and/or are such claims equitably moot (**Late Proof of Claim Issue**)." ¹³

31. The procedures in the Order to Show Cause for resolution of the Late Proof of Claim Issue permitted Plaintiffs to file motions seeking authority to file late claims (**Late Claims Motions**). See Order to Show Cause at 5 ¶ 1. No additional issues (such as class certification, discovery, or the merits of a late proof of claim) would be addressed in these motions. See *id.* In addition, the procedures provided that briefing and adjudication of any Late Claims Motions filed by Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs would be stayed pending resolution of the other 2016 Threshold Issues. See *id.* at 5 ¶ 2.

32. In accordance with the Order to Show Cause, on December 22, 2016, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs filed Late Claims Motions. ¹⁴ The motions attached proposed proofs of claim, including proposed class proofs of claim asserted on behalf of purported class representatives for

¹³ *Order to Show Cause Regarding Certain Issues Arising from Lawsuits with Claims Asserted Against General Motors LLC ("New GM") that Involve Vehicles Manufactured by General Motors Corporation ("Old GM")*, dated Dec. 13, 2016 [ECF No. 13802], at 2-3 (emphasis added).

¹⁴ See *Motion for an Order Granting Authority to File Late Class Proofs of Claim*, dated Dec. 22, 2016 [ECF No. 13806] (the "**Economic Loss Late Claim Motion**"); *Omnibus Motion by Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs for Authority to File Late Proofs of Claim for Personal Injuries and Wrongful Deaths*, dated Dec. 22, 2016 [ECF No. 13807].

Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and 175 individual proofs of claim on behalf of certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs. See id. Certain other Plaintiffs subsequently filed joinders to the Late Claims Motions pursuant to the terms of the Order to Show Cause.

33. Thereafter, in connection with the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs' Late Claims Motions, the Parties participated in two status conferences before the Bankruptcy Court, engaged in preliminary rounds of discovery, and filed briefs addressing two preliminary issues raised in the Late Claims Motion: (i) whether relief can be granted absent a showing of excusable neglect under the Pioneer factors; and (ii) the applicability of any purported agreements with the GUC Trust or other tolling arrangements to toll timeliness objections (the "**Initial Late Claims Motions Issues**").¹⁵ Subsequent to such briefing, certain Plaintiffs who had not previously appeared before the Bankruptcy Court filed motions seeking authority to file late proofs of claim.

IV. Plaintiffs' Claims Against Old GM.

34. The Proposed Class Claims allege that Old GM knew about the Ignition Switch Defect, other defects in ignition switches, defects in side airbags, and defects in power steering for years prior to the Bar Date.¹⁶ The Proposed Class Claims further allege that Old GM concealed the existence of these defects, causing Plaintiffs to overpay for defective vehicles and

¹⁵ See Order Establishing, Inter Alia, Briefing Schedule for Certain issues Arising from Late Claim Motions Filed by Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, dated Mar. 2, 2017 [ECF No. 13869]; Opening Brief by General Motors LLC with Respect to Initial Late Claim Motions Issues, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13871]; The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' Brief on the Initial Late Claim Motions Issues, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13872]; Opening Brief of GUC Trust Administrator and Participating Unitholders on the Applicability of Pioneer and Tolling to Plaintiffs' Motions to File Late Claims, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13873]; Brief on Applicability of Pioneer and Tolling Issues in Connection with Omnibus Motion by Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs for Authority to File Late Proofs of Claim for Personal Injuries and Wrongful Deaths, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13874].

¹⁶ See Exhibit A to the Economic Loss Late Claim Motion (the "**Proposed Ignition Switch Class Claim**"), ¶¶ 9-258; Exhibit B to the Economic Loss Late Claim Motion (the "**Proposed Non-Ignition Switch Class Claim**"), ¶¶ 9-146.

bear the costs of repairs while Old GM reaped the benefit of selling defective vehicles at inflated prices and avoiding the costs of a recall.¹⁷

35. Based on these allegations, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs assert claims against the Old GM estate under the laws of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia for: (i) fraudulent concealment; (ii) unjust enrichment; (iii) consumer protection claims; (iv) breach of the implied warranty of merchantability; and (v) negligence.¹⁸

36. In turn, the Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs assert personal injury and wrongful death claims arising from accidents they assert were caused by the Ignition Switch Defect.¹⁹

37. For over three years, New GM has consistently taken the position that any such claims are properly asserted against the GUC Trust and not against New GM.²⁰

38. Subsequent to filing the Late Claims Motions, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs provided the GUC Trust with materials and expert reports describing in detail the alleged viability of the asserted claims, the alleged violation of due process rights in connection with the Bar Date and the alleged amount of damages (the “**Proffered Evidence**”).²¹

¹⁷ See, e.g., Proposed Ignition Switch Class Claim ¶ 332; Proposed Non-Ignition Switch Class Claim ¶ 249.

¹⁸ See Proposed Ignition Switch Class Claim ¶¶ 316-418; Proposed Non-Ignition Switch Class Claim ¶¶ 233-337.

¹⁹ See, e.g., *Omnibus Motion by Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs for Authority to File Late Proofs of Claim for Personal Injuries and Wrongful Deaths*, dated Dec. 22, 2016 [ECF No. 13807].

²⁰ The record is replete with attempts by New GM to saddle the Old GM estate with these potentially massive claims. “To the extent Plaintiffs can prove that they are entitled to any relief, the appropriate remedy is to permit them to seek allowance of an unsecured claim against the Old GM bankruptcy estate.” Dkt. 12981 (New GM’s 2014 Threshold Issues Br.) at 53; “To the extent they had any claim, it was against Old GM and they retained that claim after the 363 Sale.” *Id.* at 36; “Every one of their claims, the economic loss plaintiffs’ claims, is a claim that’s assertable against Old GM as it relates to an Old GM vehicle.” Hr’g Tr. Feb. 17, 2015 at 59:17-19 (New GM counsel Arthur Steinberg).

²¹ The Proffered Evidence is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, **Exhibit C**, and **Exhibit D**.

39. The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs provided a proffer of evidence laying out the factual background for their claims and the amount of damages alleged. In addition, they provided a report by Stephen Boedeker, an expert on surveys and statistical sampling, analyzing the amount of alleged damages for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' claims based on a conjoint analysis conducted by Mr. Boedeker and Berkeley Research Group.

40. The Signatory Plaintiffs will show at a hearing on the Motion that conjoint analysis is a set of econometric and statistical techniques developed to study consumer preferences and is widely used as a market research tool. In a conjoint analysis, study participants review a set of products with different attributes (such as a vehicle shown in different colors) and choose which product they would prefer to purchase. The collected data can be used to determine market preferences and the value consumers place on particular attributes of a product. Here, the alleged amount of damages for economic loss claims was determined by using a conjoint analysis to evaluate the difference in value that consumers placed on an Old GM vehicle without a defect as compared to an identical vehicle with a defect.

41. Certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs provided materials describing the personal injury and wrongful death claims of certain plaintiffs and demonstrating the alleged value of these claims based on exemplar verdict amounts. The valuation of damages was assessed and approved by W. Mark Lanier, an experienced trial attorney recognized as a leader in the field. In addition, these Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs also provided an expert report of Dr. Keith Leffler in which he valued these plaintiffs' claims based on a conjoint analysis and data regarding market preferences and the value consumers place on the risk of being injured or killed in a vehicle.

42. The valuation of these plaintiffs' asserted damages in the Proffered Evidence is well in excess of the amount necessary to trigger New GM's obligation to issue the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares under the AMSPA. The GUC Trust recognizes that it may, should it choose, contest the level of damages. There is no guarantee that the GUC Trust would prevail and reduce or limit the damages.²² After reviewing the Proffered Evidence and considering the benefits of the Settlement as a whole to the Unitholders to whom it owes a fiduciary duty, the GUC Trust recognizes that, if such claims are allowed, the aggregate general unsecured claims (including already allowed claims) could well exceed \$42 billion, and thus has agreed to fully support entry of the Claims Estimate Order as part of the Settlement that the GUC Trust believes is within the range of reasonableness.

V. The Settlement Agreement.

43. Following the filing of the Late Claims Motions, the Parties engaged in extensive negotiations to resolve the numerous complex issues raised by Plaintiffs' claims against the Old

²² For example, the Proffered Evidence provided by the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs contains an estimate of punitive damages, which the GUC Trust believes would be disallowed in its entirety in a claims objection proceeding. In addition, the Proffered Evidence does not identify which, if any, economic loss Plaintiffs who purchased their vehicles pre-Sale sold those vehicles prior to New GM's 2014 recalls. There is an ongoing dispute about whether any economic loss Plaintiffs who sold their vehicles before those recalls suffered any cognizable economic loss. See Memorandum Opinion and Order Regarding Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's Order Dismissing the Claims of "Pre-Recall Plaintiffs", In re Gen. Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig., Case Nos. 14-MD-2543 (JMF), 14-MC-2543 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 9, 2017). Nonetheless, even discounting the damages calculations in the Proffered Evidence to account for the absence of punitive damages and economic loss Plaintiffs who sold their vehicles before the recalls, Plaintiffs' asserted damages are well in excess of the amount necessary to trigger New GM's obligation to issue the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares under the AMSPA.

GM estate and the assets held by the GUC Trust.²³

44. After good faith, arm's-length negotiations, the Parties entered into the Settlement Agreement resolving the Late Claims Motions (including the Initial Late Claim Motions Issues), the Late Proof of Claim Issue, the allowance of Plaintiffs' claims, and Plaintiffs' rights to GUC Trust Assets. The key terms of the Settlement Agreement are as follows:²⁴

- a. The GUC Trust agrees to pay the reasonable costs and expense for Court-approved notice of the Motion in an amount not to exceed \$6 million. The Signatory Plaintiffs agree to pay any amounts in excess of \$6 million.
- b. The Settlement Agreement becomes effective on the date the order approving the Settlement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 becomes a Final Order (the "**Settlement Effective Date**"), provided, however, that from and after the date the Settlement Order is entered by the Bankruptcy Court, the GUC Trust may waive the requirement that the Settlement Order be a Final Order.
- c. Within five (5) business days of the Settlement Effective Date, the GUC Trust will irrevocably pay \$15,000,000 (the "**Settlement Amount**") into a trust, fund or other vehicle (the "**Settlement Fund**") for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs. All Unitholders, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs, will be deemed to irrevocably waive and release any and all rights to the Settlement Amount (the "**GUC Waiver Provision**").
- d. Contemporaneously with payment of the Settlement Amount, the Plaintiffs will be deemed to irrevocably waive and release all claims against the GUC Trust,

²³ See *Joint Declaration of Steve W. Berman and Elizabeth J. Cabraser in Support of Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement By and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs' Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors* (the "**Co-Lead Counsel Decl.**") ¶ 5; *Declaration of Robert C. Hilliard in Support Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement By and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs' Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors* (the "**Hilliard Decl.**") ¶ 3; *Declaration of Lisa M. Norman in Support of Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement By and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs' Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors* (the "**Norman Decl.**") ¶ 3; *Declaration of Beth Andrews in Support of the Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(c) and 1142 and Bankruptcy Rules 3020 and 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement By and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs' Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors* (the "**Andrews Decl.**") ¶ 26.

²⁴ This summary of the Settlement Agreement is qualified in its entirety by the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement. To the extent that there are any inconsistencies between the description of the Settlement Agreement contained in the Motion and the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement shall control.

including a release of any rights to prior distributions of or current GUC Trust Assets and any rights to distributions by the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust (the “**Waiver Provision**”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Agreement and Settlement Order define “Plaintiffs” to include all persons who now have, or in the future could have, claims against the Old GM estate related to any of the recalls, such that the Waiver Provision shall be applicable to all such parties whether or not they have asserted any claims against the Old GM estate or the GUC Trust to date. However, being defined as a Plaintiff does not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), if any, or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.

- e. In light of the benefits of the Settlement and after the GUC Trust’s review of the Proffered Evidence, the GUC Trust agrees to seek a Claims Estimate Order: (i) finding that the allowable amount of Plaintiffs’ claims against Old GM and/or the GUC Trust, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Old GM bankruptcy estate, equals or exceeds \$42,000,000,000, thus triggering the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares; and (ii) directing that the Adjustment Shares, or the value of the Adjustment Shares, be promptly delivered to the Settlement Fund. Certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs consent to estimation of their personal injury and wrongful death claims by this Court solely for the purposes of determining the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims for a Claims Estimate Order.
- f. Contemporaneously with payment of the Settlement Amount, all Unitholders, all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action, and all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than the Plaintiffs, will be deemed to irrevocably waive and release any and all rights to the Adjustment Shares, provided that such waiver and release shall not become operative unless and until the Bankruptcy Court enters the Claims Estimate Order (the “**Adjustment Shares Waiver Provision**”).
- g. Subject to notice and an opportunity for Plaintiffs to object, the Signatory Plaintiffs will determine the overall allocation of the value of the Settlement Fund between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims, and the eligibility and criteria for payment. Notice of the proposed allocation and proposed eligibility and criteria for payment will be posted on a settlement website, along with information about the hearing date and how and when to assert any objections.
- h. Nothing in the Settlement Agreement is intended to waive any claims against New GM or to be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does the Settlement Agreement or any payments made in connection therewith represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full from every available source; provided, however, that in no event shall any Plaintiff be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Except as mandated otherwise under

applicable law, nothing in the Settlement Agreement shall waive any claims that any Plaintiff may have against New GM or constitute an election of remedies by any Plaintiff, and neither the Settlement Amount nor the Adjustment Shares (nor any distribution thereof to any Plaintiff) shall represent full and final satisfaction of any claim that any Plaintiff may have against New GM, all of which are expressly reserved. The Bankruptcy Court's estimate of the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the Claims Estimate Order shall not operate as a cap on any of the claims of any of the Plaintiffs against New GM.

RELIEF REQUESTED

45. By this Motion, the Parties respectfully request that this Court enter orders approving the Settlement Agreement and claims estimation substantially in the forms attached to this Motion as **Exhibit E** and **Exhibit F**.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

I. The Court Should Approve The Settlement Agreement Pursuant To Bankruptcy Rule 9019.

46. Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) provides, in part, that “[o]n motion by the trustee and after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019(a). This Court also has authority to approve a settlement under Bankruptcy Code Section 105(a), which empowers it to issue any order that is “necessary or appropriate.” 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).

47. The authority to approve a compromise or settlement is within the sound discretion of the Court. See Newman v. Stein, 464 F.2d 689, 692 (2d Cir. 1972). The Court should exercise its discretion “in light of the general public policy favoring settlements.” In re Hibbard Brown & Co., Inc., 217 B.R. 41, 46 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998) (citation omitted); see also Nellis v. Shugrue, 165 B.R. 115, 123 (S.D.N.Y. 1994) (“[T]he general rule [is] that settlements are favored and, in fact, encouraged” (citation omitted)).

48. When exercising its discretion, the Court must determine whether the settlement is fair and equitable, reasonable, and in the best interests of the estate. See, e.g., Airline Pilots

Ass'n, Int'l v. Am. Nat'l Bank & Tr. Co. (In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc.), 156 B.R. 414, 426 (S.D.N.Y. 1993), aff'd, 17 F.3d 600 (2d Cir. 1994); In re Purofied Down Prods. Corp., 150 B.R. 519, 523 (S.D.N.Y. 1993). Where “the integrity of the negotiation process is preserved, a strong initial presumption of fairness attaches to the proposed settlement” In re Hibbard, 217 B.R. at 46.

49. The Court need not decide the numerous issues of law and fact raised in the underlying dispute, “but must only ‘canvass the issues and see whether the settlement falls below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness.’” In re Adelpia Commn’cs Corp., 327 B.R. 143, 159 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005) (quoting In re W.T. Grant, Co., 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir. 1983)); see also Purofied, 150 B.R. at 522 (“[T]he court need not conduct a ‘mini-trial’ to determine the merits of the underlying [dispute] . . .”).

50. The Court evaluates whether the Settlement Agreement is fair and equitable based on “the probabilities of ultimate success should the claim be litigated,” and “an educated estimate of the complexity, expense, and likely duration of . . . litigation, the possible difficulties of collecting on any judgment which might be obtained, and all other factors relevant to a full and fair assessment of the wisdom of the proposed compromise.” Protective Comm. for Indep. Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc. v. Anderson, 390 U.S. 414, 424 (1968).

51. Courts in this jurisdiction consider the following Iridium factors in determining whether approval of a settlement is warranted:

(1) the balance between the litigation’s possibility of success and the settlement’s future benefits; (2) the likelihood of complex and protracted litigation, “with its attendant expense, inconvenience, and delay,” including the difficulty in collecting on the judgment; (3) “the paramount interests of the creditors,” including each affected class’s relative benefits “and the degree to which creditors either do not object to or affirmatively support the proposed settlement”; (4) whether other parties in interest support the settlement; (5) the “competency and experience of counsel” supporting, and “[t]he experience and knowledge of the

bankruptcy court judge” reviewing, the settlement; (6) “the nature and breadth of releases to be obtained by officers and directors”; and (7) “the extent to which the settlement is the product of arm’s length bargaining.”

Motorola, Inc. v. Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors (In re Iridium Operating LLC), 478 F.3d 452, 462 (2d Cir. 2007) (citations omitted).

52. The Settlement Agreement falls within the range of reasonableness and satisfies the Iridium factors as set forth below. Thus, the Settlement Agreement should be approved under Bankruptcy Rule 9019.

A. The Settlement’s Benefits Outweigh The Likelihood Of Success In Protracted Litigation Over Numerous, Complex Issues.

53. The first two Iridium factors—(1) the balance between the litigation’s likelihood of success and the settlement’s benefits; and (2) the likelihood of complex and protracted litigation—are easily met. As detailed below, continued litigation over Plaintiffs’ claims raises significant, complex issues, has an uncertain outcome, and would be costly and time consuming. The benefits of near-term, certain resolution are clear.

1. Litigation Over Plaintiffs’ Claims Raises Numerous Complex Issues.

54. One complex, contentious issue raised by the litigation over Plaintiffs’ claims is whether the Court should grant Plaintiffs authority to file late claims as permitted by the *Order Approving Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003 and Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code for an Order Disallowing Certain Late Filed Claims* [ECF No. 11394] (the “**Late Filed Claims Order**”). See Late Filed Claims Order at 1-2.

55. As an initial matter, there is a dispute over the standard for obtaining leave to file late claims. Certain Plaintiffs have argued that creditors may assert late claims based solely on a

showing that they have suffered a due process violation related to the bar date.²⁵ The GUC Trust has taken the position that a demonstration of excusable neglect under the Pioneer factors is required regardless of a due process violation.²⁶

56. Then, there is a dispute whether leave should be granted under the appropriate standard. Most notably, in the April 2015 Decision, the Bankruptcy Court stated that the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs suffered a due process violation when they failed to receive constitutionally adequate notice of the Bar Date, and that leave to file late claims was the “obvious” remedy for this violation. See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 573-74, 583. The Plaintiffs assert that this statement is a binding ruling that is no longer subject to appeal, the GUC Trust asserts it is merely nonbinding *dicta* that the Second Circuit implicitly found was an advisory opinion.

57. The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs also assert that they can meet the Pioneer factors for demonstrating excusable neglect. Of the four Pioneer factors, the one given the most weight is the reason for the delay in filing claims, including whether the delay was in the reasonable control of the movant. See In re Residential Capital, LLC, Case No. 12-12020 (MG), 2015 WL 515387, at *5 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 6, 2015). The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs will argue that a debtor’s failure to provide actual notice to a known creditor is evidence that any delay was not in control of the creditor. The GUC Trust, in turn, will argue that the delay here is attributable to Plaintiffs’ voluntary strategic decision to pursue New GM and not the GUC Trust.

²⁵ See, e.g., The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’ Brief on the Initial Late Claim Motions Issues, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13872]; Brief on Applicability of Pioneer and Tolling Issues in Connection with Omnibus Motion by Certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs for Authority to File Late Proofs of Claim for Personal Injuries and Wrongful Deaths, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13874].

²⁶ See Opening Brief of GUC Trust Administrator and Participating Unitholders on the Applicability of Pioneer and Tolling to Plaintiffs’ Motions to File Late Claims, dated Mar. 6, 2017 [ECF No. 13873].

58. Although Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs have not yet demonstrated a due process violation, many of these plaintiffs allege that their claims are substantially similar to the Ignition Switch Defect—defects that involve the same condition (low torque switches that move out of the “run” position) and have the same effects (loss of power to steering, brakes, and airbags). The Plaintiffs will argue that these plaintiffs can demonstrate a violation of their due process rights in connection with the Bar Date.

59. Further, the Plaintiffs will argue that excusable neglect can exist in the absence of a due process violation. For example, Plaintiffs have asserted that excusable neglect can be found where the debtors failed to comply with bankruptcy procedures in providing notice of a bar date and where a claimant, through no fault of its own, was unaware of its claim prior to the bar date. See In re Arts de Provinces de France, Inc., 153 B.R. 144, 147 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1993); In re PT-1 Commc’ns, Inc., 292 B.R. 482, 489 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2003). This issue, too, would have to be litigated.

60. Another complex issue is whether the doctrine of equitable mootness is applicable to bar Plaintiffs’ claims. See In re Chateaugay Corp., 10 F.3d 944, 952-53 (2d Cir. 1993).

61. In the April 2015 Decision, the Bankruptcy Court applied the five Chateaugay factors²⁷ and determined that if the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’ or Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs’ late claims were allowed, GUC Trust Assets could not be tapped to pay them

²⁷ These five factors are: (i) the court can still order some effective relief; (ii) such relief will not affect “the re-emergence of the debtor as a revitalized corporate entity”; (iii) such relief will not unravel intricate transactions so as to “knock the props out from under the authorization for every transaction that has taken place” and “create an unmanageable, uncontrollable situation for the Bankruptcy Court”; (iv) the “parties who would be adversely affected by the modification have notice of the appeal and an opportunity to participate in the proceedings;” and (v) the appellant “pursue[d] with diligence all available remedies to obtain a stay of execution of the objectionable order . . . if the failure to do so creates a situation rendering it inequitable to reverse the orders appealed from.” In re Chateaugay Corp., 10 F.3d at 952-53.

under the doctrine of equitable mootness. See In re Motors Liquidation Co., 529 B.R. at 598. The Bankruptcy Court found, *inter alia*, that any relief would “knock the props out” from the transactions under which Unitholders acquired their units. See id. at 587-88, 592.

62. On appeal, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs argued that the Bankruptcy Court erred because, *inter alia*, effective relief could be fashioned without disturbing any transactions or having an adverse impact on Unitholders by providing Plaintiffs with exclusive access to any Adjustment Shares that may be issued under the AMSPA.²⁸ Plaintiffs will argue that where any relief is available, even partial relief, equitable mootness should not be applied. See, e.g., Chateaugay, 10 F.3d at 954. In addition, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs argued that equitable mootness was only applicable in the context of bankruptcy appeals.²⁹

63. The Second Circuit vacated the Bankruptcy Court’s equitable mootness ruling as advisory, neither affirming nor reversing that decision. The Second Circuit pointed out that all of the Circuit’s equitable mootness cases to-date had involved an appellate court applying the doctrine in the first instance. See Elliott, 829 F.3d at 167 n.30. However, the Second Circuit specified that it was not resolving whether it is appropriate for a bankruptcy court, as opposed to an appellate court, to apply the equitable mootness doctrine. See id.

64. Additional complex issues would certainly arise from continued litigation of Plaintiffs’ claims. The Bankruptcy Court would need to decide whether class certification for

²⁸ See Br. for Appellant Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Elliott v. General Motors LLC (In re Motors Liquidation Co.), Appeal Nos. 15-2844(L), 15-2847(XAP), 15-2848(XAP) (2d Cir. Nov. 16, 2015) (ECF No. 235), 49-52; Br. for Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, Elliott v. General Motors LLC (In re Motors Liquidation Co.), Appeal Nos. 15-2844(L), 15-2847(XAP), 15-2848(XAP) (2d Cir. Nov. 16, 2015) (ECF No. 183), 4, 52 n.18 (incorporating the arguments on the application of equitable mootness in the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs’ brief).

²⁹ See Response and Reply Br. for Appellant-Cross-Appellee Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Elliott v. General Motors LLC (In re Motors Liquidation Co.), Appeal Nos. 15-2844(L), 15-2847(XAP), 15-2848(XAP) (2d Cir. Feb. 1, 2016) (ECF No. 315), at 40-43.

the economic loss Plaintiffs' proposed class proofs of claims would be appropriate. In addition, the GUC Trust could raise objections to allowance of these class claims, as well as to the separate proofs of claim filed by Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs. This could lead to the need to resolve issues under the varied laws of the fifty states and the District of Columbia.

65. Plaintiffs have also asserted that litigation over similar claims asserted by economic loss plaintiffs against New GM in the MDL Court demonstrates the viability of many of Plaintiffs' claims. For example, in the MDL Court, consumer fraud, common law fraud, and implied warranty claims considered under the laws of sixteen states largely survived partial motions to dismiss.³⁰ In addition, the MDL Court held that plaintiffs could assert injuries under the "benefit-of-the-bargain defect theory," *i.e.*, amounts plaintiffs overpaid at the time of sale for a defective vehicle, and injuries for lost time, to the extent such damages are available under state law. See FACC Opinion at 13-14, 18; TACC Opinion at 24. Many jurisdictions recognize damages under the benefit-of-the-bargain theory. See TACC Opinion at 24.

66. In sum, while the GUC Trust believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims of all Plaintiffs, the GUC Trust's likelihood of success in the resolution of the numerous, complex issues raised by the litigation over Plaintiffs' claims is uncertain.

**2. The Terms Of The Settlement Agreement
Weigh The Risks Of Continued Litigation Against The
Benefits Of A Consensual Resolution Of Plaintiffs' Claims.**

67. Litigation of these complex issues has been ongoing for years, consuming large sums of money and countless hours of labor. In the absence of settlement, there is a high

³⁰ See Opinion and Order Regarding New GM's Partial Motion to Dismiss the Forth Amended Consolidated Complaint, *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig.*, Case No. 14-MD-2543 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y. June 30, 2017), 23 (the "**FACC Opinion**"); Opinion and Order Regarding New GM's Partial Motion to Dismiss the Third Amended Consolidated Complaint, *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig.*, Case No. 14-MD-2543 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y. July 15, 2016), 5-6 (the "**TACC Opinion**").

likelihood of even more expensive, protracted and contentious litigation that will consume significant estate funds and expose the estate to significant risks and uncertainty. In addition, resolution of these issues may require the added time and expense of discovery. For example, the Pioneer analysis is fact intensive and, to date, only limited discovery, restricted to a proposed class representative of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs, has occurred on this issue.

68. By comparison, settling the litigation provides the Parties with greater certainty and eliminates the significant risk, cost and delay of litigation. In addition, the Settlement Agreement provides several benefits beyond avoiding continued litigation.

69. First, the Parties' determination to seek a Claims Estimate Order allowing and estimating Plaintiffs' claims in an amount, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Old GM estate, that equals or exceeds \$42 billion, provides an efficient and reasonable resolution of the allowable amount of Plaintiffs' claims. The reasonableness of this amount is supported by the Proffered Evidence.

70. Under the Settlement, any Adjustment Shares issued by New GM under this Claims Estimate Order will be for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs. Based on the amount of allowed and disputed unsecured claims against Old GM, New GM's obligation to issue these shares would not be triggered absent allowance of Plaintiffs' claims.³¹ In other words, absent the Plaintiffs' claims, the Unitholders have no expectation to receive Adjustment Shares. Thus, this provision potentially paves the way for Plaintiffs to obtain a recovery on their claims without disturbing other creditors' past or future recoveries.

³¹ See *Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Quarterly Section 6.2(c) Report and Budget Variance Report as of June 30, 2017*, dated July 21, 2017 [ECF No. 13994].

71. Second, the Settlement removes a major impediment to winding down the Old GM estate. The resolution of Plaintiffs' claims and waiver of certain rights and claims eliminates the likelihood of complex and protracted litigation, prevents delay in distributing remaining GUC Trust Assets and protects Unitholders from the risk of claw-back or recapture of prior distributions.

72. The terms of the Settlement Agreement reflect a reasonable assessment of the substantial time and expense of litigating Plaintiffs' claims, balanced against the benefits of more near term, efficient and certain resolution of the allowable amount of Plaintiffs' claims and sources of recovery. The benefits of the Settlement in the near term outweigh the likelihood of long-term success in protracted litigation of complex issues.

B. The Settlement Agreement Is Beneficial To Creditors And Supported By Interested Parties.

73. With respect to the third and fourth Iridium factors—the paramount interests of the creditors and whether other interested parties support the settlement—prolonging the litigation will increase costs and decrease the amount of GUC Trust Assets available to satisfy creditors. Approving the Settlement Agreement, on the other hand, avoids the significant expense and uncertainty associated with continued litigation, and maximizes and expedites distributions to current GUC Trust beneficiaries. The release of Plaintiffs' rights and claims with respect to the GUC Trust's prior distributions and current GUC Trust Assets allows the GUC Trust to complete the orderly wind-down of the Old GM estate.

74. Moreover, providing Plaintiffs with the exclusive right to proceed against a settlement fund containing the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares potentially opens an avenue for Plaintiffs to recover on their claims against the GUC Trust without disturbing recovery expectations of other creditors or Unitholders. Plaintiffs' rights concerning the

Adjustment Shares are protected because notice of any agreement by the Signatory Plaintiffs on proposed criteria to assert a claim against the Settlement Fund and a proposed methodology of allocation of the Settlement Fund between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims will be provided to Plaintiffs, who will be provided with an opportunity to object.

75. Not surprisingly, the key interested parties—the GUC Trust (who has sole authority under the Late Filed Claims Order to consent to late filed claims and is the only party under the Plan provided with standing to object to the allowance of claims), Signatory Plaintiffs and the Participating Unitholders—all support the Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, for all of the reasons set forth above, the Settlement easily meets the Iridium Factors and allows the GUC Trust to implement the express purpose of the GUC Trust Agreement. GUC Trust Agreement § 2.2 (stating that the “sole purpose of the GUC Trust is to implement the Plan on behalf of, and for the benefit of the GUC Trust Beneficiaries”); GUC Trust Agreement § 4.2 (stating that “in no event shall the GUC Trust Administrator unduly prolong the duration of the GUC Trust, and the GUC Trust Administrator shall, in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment and in the interests of all GUC Trust Beneficiaries, at all times endeavor to terminate the GUC Trust as soon as practicable in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this Trust Agreement and the Plan.”).

C. The Settlement Agreement Satisfies The Remaining *Iridium* Factors.

76. With respect to the sixth factor, “the nature and breadth of releases to be obtained by officers and directors,” in exchange for the payment of \$15 million, the Settlement Agreement releases any and all rights, claims and causes of action that any Plaintiff may assert against the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust Administrator, the GUC Trust Assets, the Avoidance Action Trust and Unitholders.

77. With respect to the fifth and seventh Iridium factors, competent and experienced counsel to the Parties who have been litigating these issues for years actively engaged in arms' length, good faith negotiations to formulate the Settlement Agreement.³² The Parties, having considered the uncertainties, delay and cost that would be incurred by further litigation, submit that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and appropriate, and in the best interests of the Parties.

78. Based on the foregoing, the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the estate and its creditors and falls well within the range of reasonableness. Therefore, entry into and approval of the Settlement Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 is warranted and the Settlement Agreement should be approved.³³

II. The Court Should Approve The Parties' Estimation Of The Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims, Including Plaintiffs' Claims, As Equal To Or Exceeding \$42 Billion.

79. As part of the Settlement, the Parties agree to support entry of a Claims Estimate Order providing that the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims, including Plaintiffs' claims, against the Old GM estate equals or exceeds \$42 billion. Pursuant to the terms of the AMSPA, the GUC Trust Agreement and the Side Letter, as well as Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and 502(c), the Parties request that the Court approve the Parties' estimation and enter a Claims Estimate Order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims at an amount equal to or exceeding \$42 billion.

80. A provision in the Sale Agreement requires New GM to issue Adjustment Shares to the GUC Trust if and when the aggregate amount of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, as

³² See Co-Lead Counsel Decl. ¶ 5; Hilliard Decl. ¶ 3; Norman Decl. ¶ 3; Andrews Decl. ¶ 26.

³³ In the event that the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court or the Settlement Agreement does not become binding and enforceable for any reason, the Parties reserve all their rights and nothing herein shall be deemed or construed as an admission of any fact, liability, stipulation, or waiver, but rather as a statement made in furtherance of settlement discussions.

estimated by the Bankruptcy Court, exceeds \$35 billion. See AMSPA § 3.2(c). If the estimated amount equals or exceeds \$42 billion, then New GM must issue 30 million shares, the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares. See id.

81. Under the AMSPA, GUC Trust Agreement, and Side Letter, the GUC Trust (and only the GUC Trust) “may, at any time, seek an Order of the Bankruptcy Court . . . estimating the aggregate allowed general unsecured claims” against the Old GM estate. See AMSPA § 3.2(c); GUC Trust Agreement § 2.3(d); Side Letter.³⁴

82. Bankruptcy Code Section 502(c) authorizes the Court to estimate “any contingent or unliquidated claim, the fixing or liquidation of which, as the case may be, would unduly delay the administration of the case.” 11 U.S.C. § 502(c). Estimation “provides a means for a bankruptcy court to achieve reorganization, and/or distributions of claims, without awaiting the results of [potentially protracted] legal proceedings.” In re Adelpia Bus. Solutions, Inc., 341 B.R. 415, 422 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2003) (citing In re Continental Airlines, Inc., 981 F.2d 1450, 1461 (5th Cir. 1993)); see In re Lionel LLC, No. 04-17324, 2007 WL 2261539, at *2 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 3, 2007) (noting that, without estimation, lengthy proceedings result in “delayed distributions, which in turn, greatly devalue the claim of all creditors as they cannot use the assets until they receive them” (citation omitted)).

83. In fact, “the Code requires estimation of all contingent or unliquidated claims which unduly delay the administration of the case.” In re Nat’l Gypsum Co., 139 B.R. 397, 405 (N.D. Tex. 1992) (internal quotes omitted). Even absent a finding of undue delay, it is within a court’s sound discretion to estimate a claim. See In re RNI Wind Down Corp., 369 B.R. 174, 191 (Bankr. D. Del. 2007).

³⁴ In addition, the GUC Trust has the sole, exclusive authority to request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate any contingent, unliquidated disputed claims pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 502(c). See Plan § 7.3; GUC Trust Agreement § 5.1(e).

84. Here, it is within the sound discretion of the Court to estimate the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims, including Plaintiffs' claims, as contemplated by the AMSPA, Plan, GUC Trust Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.³⁵

85. Estimation requires only "sufficient evidence on which to base a reasonable estimate of the claim." Bittner v. Borne Chem. Co., 691 F.2d 134, 135 (3d Cir. 1982); see also In re Windsor Plumbing Supply Co., 170 B.R. 503, 521 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1994) (advocating use of probabilities in estimation of claims). The Bankruptcy Court has discretion to select the valuation model that best suits the circumstances of the case at hand when estimating the value of claims. See In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp., 368 B.R. 140, 278 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2007); Maxwell v. Seaman Furniture Co. (In re Seaman Furniture Co.), 160 B.R. 40, 41 (S.D.N.Y. 1993).

86. As of March 31, 2017, the total amount of Allowed General Unsecured Claims—exclusive of Plaintiffs' claims—was \$31,855,381,054.³⁶ Thus, if Plaintiffs' claims are allowable in an amount of approximately \$3.145 billion, then New GM's obligation to issue Adjustment Shares is triggered. If Plaintiffs' claims are allowable in an amount of approximately \$10.145 billion, then the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims will exceed \$42 billion, requiring the issuance of the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares.

87. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the claims are being pursued with the consent of the GUC Trust, which has the sole authority to permit the filing of late claims. See Late Filed Claims Order at 1-2. In addition, the GUC Trust is the only party with standing to

³⁵ Counsel for certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs consent to estimation of their personal injury and wrongful death claims by this Court solely for the purposes of determining whether the Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the aggregate exceed \$35 billion.

³⁶ See Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Quarterly Section 6.2(c) Report and Budget Variance Report as of June 30, 2017, dated July 21, 2017 [ECF No. 13994].

object to the allowance of claims and has the authority to settle, withdraw or otherwise resolve any objections to disputed claims. See Plan §§ 7.1(b) (“[T]he GUC Trust Administrator shall have the exclusive right to object . . . to General Unsecured Claims”); GUC Trust Agreement § 5.1(d) (“[T]he GUC Trust Administrator shall have the authority to compromise, settle, otherwise resolve or withdraw any objections to Disputed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors”). Accordingly, the GUC Trust’s decision to seek entry of the Claims Estimate Order should be upheld by the Court under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and Bankruptcy Code Section 502(c).

88. In the course of negotiations, the GUC Trust was provided with the Proffered Evidence indicating that the damages for these plaintiffs’ claims could exceed \$10.15 billion. Based on the evidence, the expense and delay of litigation, and the benefits of the Settlement as a whole, the GUC Trust agreed to support an estimate of the allowed amount of Plaintiffs’ Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors and/or the GUC Trust, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors, equal to or exceeding \$42 billion. Accordingly, the requested Claims Estimate Order is well within the range of reasonableness and should be granted under Bankruptcy Rule 9019. See In re Iridium Operating LLC, 478 F.3d at 462; In re Adelphia Commn’cs Corp., 327 B.R. at 159.³⁷

89. Based on the foregoing, \$42 billion is a reasonable estimate of the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the GUC Trust.

³⁷ Rulings in the MDL Court provide additional support for the viability of Plaintiffs’ claims. Similar economic loss claims have been asserted in a consolidated class actions complaint in the MDL. Consumer fraud, common law fraud, and implied warranty claims largely survived partial motions to dismiss. See FACC Opinion at 23; TACC Opinion at 5-6. In addition, the MDL Court recognized that the laws of several jurisdictions permit the assertion of damages under the “benefit-of-the-bargain defect theory,” *i.e.*, amounts plaintiffs overpaid at the time of sale for a defective vehicle, and injuries for lost time. See FACC Opinion at 13-14, 18; TACC Opinion at 24.

NOTICE

90. Notice of this Motion has been provided in accordance with the Court-approved notice procedures. See [Order Approving Notice Procedures]. The Parties submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

No previous application for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other Court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court: (i) enter an order substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E** approving the Settlement Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019; (ii) enter a Claims Estimate Order substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit F**, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and Bankruptcy Code Section 502(c); and (iii) grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

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EXHIBIT E

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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In re:	: Chapter 11 Case No.
	: :
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, <i>et al.</i> ,	: 09-50026 (MG)
f/k/a General Motors Corp., <i>et al.</i>	: :
	: (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	: :
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**DECLARATION OF BETH ANDREWS IN SUPPORT OF THE
JOINT MOTION PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363, 502(C)
AND 1142 AND BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019 TO APPROVE
THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY
PLAINTIFFS AND THE GUC TRUST, AND TO ESTIMATE THE PLAINTIFFS’
AGGREGATE ALLOWED GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

I, Beth Andrews, declare:

1. I am a Vice President of Wilmington Trust Company (“WTC”), located at Rodney Square North, 1110 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19890-1615, and am duly authorized to submit this declaration (the “**Declaration**”) on behalf of WTC in its capacity as trustee for and administrator of the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**”).¹

2. I submit this Declaration in support of the *Joint Motion Pursuant To Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, 502(C) And 1142 And Bankruptcy Rules 3020 And 9019 To Approve The Settlement Agreement By And Among The Signatory Plaintiffs And The GUC Trust, And To Estimate The Plaintiffs’ Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against The Debtors* (the “**Settlement Motion**”), dated August [redacted], 2017, filed concurrently with this declaration.

¹ Unless otherwise defined in this declaration, capitalized terms shall have the meanings noted in the Second Amended and Restated Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2015 (the “**GUC Trust Agreement**”) [ECF No. 13332].

3. Unless otherwise stated in this Declaration, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

Background

4. I am a Vice President of WTC with over 5 years of experience in its financial services group, including in *In re General Motors Corporation*.

5. WTC's initial role in the Old GM bankruptcy was serving as the successor Indenture Trustee for approximately \$23 billion in U.S. dollar denominated unsecured notes, bonds and debentures issued by Motors Liquidation Company, formerly known as General Motors Corporation. During the bankruptcy, WTC served as chair of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Motors Liquidation Company.

6. I currently serve as the lead representative of WTC in its capacity as trustee for and administrator of the GUC Trust.

The GUC Trust's Creation and Current State

7. The GUC Trust was formed to implement the Plan. The GUC Trust is a liquidating trust with the primary purpose of resolving disputed claims and distributing GUC Trust Assets and GUC Trust Units to the GUC Trust's defined beneficiaries ("**GUC Trust Beneficiaries**," or "**Beneficiaries**"). GUC Trust Beneficiaries include holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims as of March 31, 2011, holders of disputed claims as of March 31, 2011 that were later allowed, and holders of freely transferable Units in the GUC Trust.

8. The GUC Trust operates for the benefit of GUC Trust Beneficiaries and has a fiduciary duty to maximize the recoveries of the GUC Trust Beneficiaries. Under the GUC Trust Agreement, which governs the Trust, the GUC Trust Administrator shall deliver distributions to unitholders "as promptly as practicable," and "not unduly prolong the existence of the GUC Trust."

9. Under the GUC Trust Agreement, the GUC Trust “shall have the authority to compromise, settle, otherwise resolve or withdraw any objections to Disputed General Unsecured Claims.” Dkt. 13332 § 5.1(d). If the amount to be Allowed exceeds \$10 million, then the GUC Trust Monitor must review and approve “[a]ny decision to settle or otherwise resolve any objections to Disputed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors.” *Id.* § 11.3(a)(i).

10. To date, creditors have filed [\$31.854] billion in general unsecured claims that have been Allowed.

11. As of November 2016, the GUC Trust had distributed approximately 94% of its initial assets in the form of New GM stock, warrants, and cash, to holders of allowed claims and to holders of Units. As of June 30, 2017, the GUC Trust had distributed 137,330,481 shares of New GM common stock, 124,846,029 Series A warrants, 124,846,029 Series B warrants and \$245,817,332 in cash on behalf of resolved allowed general unsecured claims and units.

New GM’s Recalls and Resulting Litigation

12. In 2014, New GM recalled more than 30 million vehicles, including millions of vehicles due to a defective ignition switch as part of NHTSA Recall Number 14V-047 (the “**Ignition Switch Defect**”), millions of vehicles due to other defects related to the ignition switch, and millions of vehicles due to defective side airbags, power steering, and other defects.

13. Hundreds of plaintiffs responded to the revelations by filing individual and putative class actions against New GM seeking damages, under various theories, for alleged economic loss, personal injury, and wrongful death. After filing motions to enforce the Sale Order’s injunction, New GM suggested that plaintiffs look to the GUC Trust for recovery insofar as such claims allegedly constituted general unsecured claims.

14. On a stipulated record related to the Ignition Switch Defect, the Bankruptcy Court found, *inter alia*, that Old GM knew or should have known about the Ignition Switch Defect and therefore gave inadequate notice to plaintiffs, but that any claims against the GUC Trust were nonetheless barred by the doctrine of equitable mootness.

15. On appeal, the Second Circuit affirmed in part, reversed in part, and vacated in part. Most relevant for purposes of the joint motion, the Second Circuit held that plaintiffs had suffered a due process violation and thus were free from the Sale Order's injunction, and that the issue of equitable mootness was not ripe because no plaintiff had sought permission to file late claims.

The Late Claims Motions

16. Upon remand, the parties began addressing whether plaintiffs could satisfy the requirements for authorization to file late proofs of claim against the GUC Trust, and whether such claims are equitably moot.

17. On December 22, 2016, counsel for certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs filed a motion for authority to file late proofs of claim on behalf of 175 plaintiffs alleging personal injury and wrongful death claims arising from the Ignition Switch Defect. Separately, Designated Counsel for the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs filed a motion for authority to file one late putative class proof of claim for economic losses on behalf of Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and another for economic losses on behalf of certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs.

18. On January 4, 2017 counsel for the *Groman* Plaintiffs and counsel for the Peller Plaintiffs filed a joinder to the late claims motions filed by Designated Counsel. On July 28, 2017 counsel for Additional Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs filed a motion for authority to file late proofs of claim on behalf of 171 plaintiffs alleging personal injury and

wrongful death claims arising from the Ignition Switch Defect (collectively, the “**Late Claims Motions**”).

19. Per the Bankruptcy Court’s order, the GUC Trust received limited discovery from certain putative late claimants regarding when they knew or reasonably could have known that they potentially had claims against the GUC Trust. In addition, the parties briefed disputed questions about whether the plaintiffs would be required to show excusable neglect under *Pioneer Investment Services Co. v. Brunswick Associates Ltd.*, 507 U.S. 380 (1992) in order to obtain permission to file late claims, and the applicability of any agreements with the GUC Trust or other tolling arrangements to toll the time to file late claims (the “**Pioneer Briefing**”).

20. To date, the Court has not set a schedule for hearing argument or deciding the disputed issues raised in the *Pioneer* briefing. The Court also has not set a schedule for briefing, arguing, or deciding the merits of the Late Claims Motions.

The Settlement

21. Based on consultation with counsel, and my experience with the many aspects of the complex and protracted litigations related to New GM’s 2014 recalls, it is my view that it is substantially likely that, absent settlement, the GUC Trust will continue to be involved in litigating this complex and protracted case for the foreseeable future.

22. Given the litigation risk of having multiple disputed issues that remain to be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court, the likelihood that those issues would be subject to appeals, the corresponding risk of re-litigating those issues after an appeal, the corresponding uncertainty, and both the cost to operate the GUC Trust during the pendency of the litigation and the time-value of money lost while the GUC Trust cannot distribute funds to its beneficiaries, I believe that the GUC Trust has ample business reason and justification for seeking the relief requested in the Settlement Motion.

23. Specifically, litigation related to the disputed issues addressed in the *Pioneer* Briefing, and the fact-intensive and complicated legal questions implicated by the merits of Plaintiffs' Late Claims Motions, is likely to be complex and protracted. In addition, the ultimate resolution of the Late Claims Motions may be impacted by the overlay of multiple additional complex legal and factual questions that are at issue before the multi-district litigation that is currently pending before Judge Furman in the Southern District of New York that is related to New GM's 2014 recalls.

24. The GUC Trust believes that it has a strong position on both the *Pioneer* issues and the merits of the Late Claims Motions. But the ultimate outcome of those motions in the Bankruptcy Court is uncertain. And even if the GUC Trust were to prevail before the Bankruptcy Court, any decision would likely be subject to an appeal (if not multiple appeals), and thus would not likely be finally determined for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile the GUC Trust would be required to incur litigation costs and administrative costs to continue operating, and GUC Trust Beneficiaries would not be able to receive distributions of GUC Trust Assets and invest them as they see fit.

25. Moreover, plaintiffs have shown to be highly committed litigants represented by skilled and experienced counsel. The plaintiffs who filed the Late Claims Motion believe that they have a strong position on both the *Pioneer* issues and the merits of the Late Claims Motions. They have asserted late claims that, based on the evidence they have proffered and that WTC has reviewed in its capacity as GUC Trust Administrator, could be valued at tens of billions of dollars. As a result, if plaintiffs ultimately prevail in both obtaining permission to file late claims and having their purported multi-billion dollar claims allowed, then current GUC Trust

Beneficiaries could be forced to surrender rights to future distributions. Plaintiffs have also reserved the right to seek to claw back previously distributed funds.

26. Due to the significant risks that the Late Claims Motions present to the GUC Trust Beneficiaries, and the fluid nature of this litigation, the GUC Trust agreed to enter settlement negotiations with certain Plaintiffs beginning in Spring 2017. Those negotiations have been at arms-length and in good faith. Notably, all parties to the negotiations were represented and advised by experienced counsel, and negotiations proceeded at a high level of intensity over multiple months, with the parties (or their attorneys) engaging in several in-person and teleconference meetings and exchanging numerous drafts of the Settlement Agreement and ancillary documents.

27. The primary terms of the Settlement are essentially as follows: 1) the GUC Trust agrees to pay \$15 million (the “**Settlement Amount**”) to a settlement fund and up to another \$[6] million for providing notice; 2) the GUC Trust agrees to support entry of a Claims Estimate Order estimating the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims (including the claims of the Plaintiffs) in an amount that equals or exceeds \$42 billion; 3) the GUC Trust Beneficiaries agree to waive any claim to the Settlement Amount and, if the Claims Estimate Order is entered, the Adjustment Shares, and any Adjustment Shares issued will be deposited into the settlement fund for the sole benefit of Plaintiffs; 4) all Plaintiffs agree (or will be deemed to agree) to waive all current and future claims against the GUC Trust, the Avoidance Action Trust and certain other parties, and instead seek satisfaction of such claims from the settlement fund.

28. I believe that the Settlement is a prudent and reasonable exercise of business judgment because it presents the best option for the GUC Trust to maximize recovery for the

benefit of the GUC Trust Beneficiaries while minimizing the substantial risk posed by the Late Claims Motions.

29. The Settlement is in the best interests of the GUC Trust, the Old GM estates and the GUC Trust Beneficiaries because it provides such parties with substantial benefits. For example, the Settlement offers the concrete benefit of resolving a long-standing dispute related to the Late Claims Motions. Settlement eliminates the risk of claw-backs of previously distributed assets and potentially clears the way for future distributions to GUC Trust Beneficiaries in the near term. It eliminates substantial uncertainty and saves the GUC Trust from substantial litigation costs. It will foster the ability of the GUC Trust to expeditiously wind-down the affairs of the Debtors in accordance with the Plan. And it preserves the distributable assets for the GUC Trust Beneficiaries. In short, the Settlement maximizes recoveries for GUC Trust Beneficiaries, which is the primary function of the GUC Trust and the GUC Trust Administrator.

30. To be sure, Settlement comes at a cost to Beneficiaries. In the Settlement, the GUC Trust has agreed to pay up to \$6 million to distribute notice of the Settlement and \$15 million to establish the Settlement Fund, funds that would otherwise potentially be available to Beneficiaries if the GUC Trust ultimately prevailed in the Late Claim Motion litigation. But given the substantial benefits of the Settlement, these costs are reasonable and prudent.

31. In consideration of all these issues, it is my opinion that the Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness—well above the lowest point in the range of reasonableness—and provides the best outcome for the GUC Trust Beneficiaries.

32. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware
August , 2017

/s/ Draft _____
Beth Andrews

EXHIBIT F

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al.,	:
f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:
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Debtors.	:
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Chapter 11
Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)

(Jointly Administered)

**JOINT DECLARATION OF STEVE W. BERMAN AND
ELIZABETH J. CABRASER IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT MOTION PURSUANT
TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363, 502(C) AND 1142 AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019 TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS AND THE
GUC TRUST, AND TO ESTIMATE THE PLAINTIFFS' AGGREGATE
ALLOWED GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

Steve W. Berman and Elizabeth J. Cabraser hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief:

1. Steve W. Berman is a partner with the law firm of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP.
2. Elizabeth J. Cabraser is a partner with the law firm of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP.
3. We are Co-Lead Counsel appointed in the General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation Multidistrict Litigation, currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Furman presiding, Case No. 14-MD-2543 (JMF).
4. We submit this declaration in support of the *Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105 and 502(c) and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs'*

Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors, dated [redacted], 2017 (the “**Motion**”). This declaration is based on our personal knowledge.

I. Settlement Agreement

5. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated by the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”), the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**”), and counsel to certain unaffiliated holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust (the “**Participating Unitholders**”) (together with the GUC Trust and Signatory Plaintiffs, the “**Parties**”) in good faith and at arm’s length. After due diligence, the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust entered into the Settlement Agreement.

6. Continued litigation of the matters resolved by the Settlement Agreement would be complex and costly.

7. The Settlement Agreement resolves multiple disputes, claims and issues to which the Parties are involved in varying degrees, and in related but not necessarily identical ways, such that each Party’s overall obligations to one or more other Parties constitutes good and sufficient consideration for the overall benefits each Party is to receive from one or more of the other Parties.

8. The settlements, compromises, releases and transfers contemplated in the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and given in exchange for valuable and reasonably equivalent consideration.

II. Claims Estimate Order

9. We provided the GUC Trust with a proffer of evidence and expert report concerning the claims of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch

Plaintiffs. Certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs also provided a proffer of evidence and expert report.

10. Based upon the proffers of evidence and expert reports, Plaintiffs' claims, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, equals or exceeds \$42 billion.

Dated: [], 2017

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Steve W. Berman

Dated: [], 2017

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Elizabeth J. Cabraser

EXHIBIT G

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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Chapter 11
Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)

(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT C. HILLIARD IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT MOTION
PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363, 502(C) AND 1142 AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019 TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS AND THE
GUC TRUST, AND TO ESTIMATE THE PLAINTIFFS’ AGGREGATE
ALLOWED GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

Robert C. Hilliard hereby declares under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Hilliard Muñoz Gonzales LLP and am co-counsel with the Law Offices of Thomas J. Henry to certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs.¹

2. I submit this declaration in support of the *Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105 and 502(c) and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs’ Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors*, dated [redacted], 2017 (the “**Motion**”). This declaration is based on my personal knowledge.

I. Settlement Agreement

3. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated by the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”), the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**”), and

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion (defined below).

counsel to certain unaffiliated holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust (the “**Participating Unitholders**”) (together with the GUC Trust and Signatory Plaintiffs, the “**Parties**”) in good faith and at arm’s length. After due diligence, the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust entered into the Settlement Agreement.

4. Continued litigation of the matters resolved by the Settlement Agreement would be complex and costly.

5. The Settlement Agreement resolves multiple disputes, claims and issues to which the Parties are involved in varying degrees, and in related but not necessarily identical ways, such that each Party’s overall obligations to one or more other Parties constitutes good and sufficient consideration for the overall benefits each Party is to receive from one or more of the other Parties.

6. The settlements, compromises, releases and transfers contemplated in the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and given in exchange for valuable and reasonably equivalent consideration.

II. Claims Estimate Order

7. I provided the GUC Trust with a proffer of evidence and expert report concerning the claims of the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs my firm represents. Steve Berman and Elizabeth Cabraser also provided the GUC Trust with a proffer of evidence and expert report concerning the claims of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs.

8. Based upon the proffers of evidence and expert reports provided to the GUC Trust, Plaintiffs’ claims, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors’ bankruptcy estates, equal or exceed \$42 billion.

Dated: [], 2017

Draft

Robert C. Hilliard

EXHIBIT H

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:	
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**DECLARATION OF LISA M. NORMAN IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT MOTION
PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363, 502(C) AND 1142 AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES 3020 AND 9019 TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS AND THE
GUC TRUST, AND TO ESTIMATE THE PLAINTIFFS' AGGREGATE
ALLOWED GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

Lisa M. Norman hereby declares under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746,
that the following is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am Senior Counsel with the law firm of Andrews Myers, PC and I represent
certain Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs in conjunction with the following law
firms: Avram Blair & Associates, PC; The Buckley Law Group; The Meyer Law Firm; The Potts
Law Firm; Bailey Peavy Bailey Cowan Heckaman; Onder Law; Junell & Associates; Limandri
& Jonna; Kirkendall Dwyer, LLP.

2. I submit this declaration in support of the *Joint Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy
Code Sections 105 and 502(c) and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 to Approve the Settlement Agreement
by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust, and to Estimate the Plaintiffs'
Aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims Against the Debtors*, dated [redacted], 2017 (the
“**Motion**”). This declaration is based on our personal knowledge.

I. Settlement Agreement

3. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated by the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”), the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**”), and counsel for certain unaffiliated holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust (the “**Participating Unitholders**”) (together with the GUC Trust and Signatory Plaintiffs, the “**Parties**”) in good faith and at arm’s length. After due diligence, the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust entered into the Settlement Agreement.

4. Continued litigation of the matters resolved by the Settlement Agreement would be complex and costly.

5. The Settlement Agreement resolves multiple disputes, claims and issues to which the Parties are involved in varying degrees, and in related but not necessarily identical ways, such that each Party’s overall obligations to one or more other Parties constitutes good and sufficient consideration for the overall benefits each Party is to receive from one or more of the other Parties.

6. The settlements, compromises, releases and transfers contemplated in the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and given in exchange for valuable and reasonably equivalent consideration.

II. Claims Estimate Order

7. The GUC Trust has been provided with proffers of evidence and expert reports by certain Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, and certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs. Based upon the proffers of evidence and expert reports provided to the GUC

Trust, Plaintiffs' claims, when combined with all of the other Allowed General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, equal or exceed \$42 billion.

Dated: [], 2017

Draft

Lisa M. Norman

EXHIBIT I

HEARING DATE AND TIME: [], 2017 at [] (EST)
OBJECTION DEADLINE: [], 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (EST)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:
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Chapter 11
Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)

(Jointly Administered)

**MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING NOTICE
PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
BY AND AMONG THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS AND THE GUC TRUST**

The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs,¹ certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs,² certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs³ (collectively, the “**Signatory Plaintiffs**”) and the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “**GUC Trust**,” together with the Signatory Plaintiffs, the “**Parties**”) hereby submit this *Motion for Order Approving Notice Procedures with Respect to Proposed Settlement by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust* (the “**Motion**”).

In support of this Motion, the Parties respectfully state as follows:

¹ The term “**Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims or persons suffering economic losses who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with an ignition switch defect included in Recall No. 14V-047.

² The term “**Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims or persons suffering economic losses who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with defects in ignition switches, side airbags or power steering included in Recall Nos. 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346 and 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153.

³ The term “**Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs**” shall mean those plaintiffs asserting personal injury or wrongful death claims or persons who suffered a personal injury or wrongful death on or arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to the closing of the Section 363 Sale. Collectively, all Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs are referred to as “**Plaintiffs**.”

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. On August [], 2017, after good faith, arm's-length negotiation, the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust entered into the Settlement Agreement.

2. Following the Court's consideration and approval of this Motion, the Parties intend to file and serve (in the manner contemplated by the proposed Notice Procedures herein) a motion (the "**9019 Motion**") requesting the Court's approval of the Settlement Agreement and Claims Estimate Order.

3. The Settlement Agreement resolves numerous longstanding, disputed issues including, *inter alia*: (i) whether Plaintiffs should be granted authority to file late proofs of claim (and whether such authority can be granted solely on due process grounds); (ii) whether Plaintiffs' asserted claims are equitably moot; (iii) whether additional grounds exist to object to Plaintiffs' asserted claims; and (iv) the allowable amount of the Signatory Plaintiffs' claims (if any).

4. Generally, under the Settlement Agreement,⁴ the GUC Trust agrees to irrevocably pay \$15,000,000 (the "**Settlement Amount**") into a trust, fund or other vehicle (the "**Settlement Fund**") for the exclusive benefit of Plaintiffs.

5. In exchange, upon payment of the Settlement Amount, all Plaintiffs with claims against the GUC Trust (whether asserted or unasserted, contingent, or otherwise) arising from New GM's 2014 recalls, including those who did not execute the Settlement Agreement, are deemed to irrevocably waive and release all claims (other than those arising under the Settlement Agreement) against Old GM, the Old GM estate, the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust Administrator,

⁴ This summary of the Settlement Agreement is qualified in its entirety by the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement. To the extent that there are any inconsistencies between the description of the Settlement Agreement contained in the Motion and the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement shall control.

holders of beneficial units in the GUC Trust (the “**Unitholders**”) and the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust, including a release of any rights to prior or future distributions of or current GUC Trust assets and any rights to distributions by the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust.

6. In addition, the GUC Trust agrees to provide reasonable assistance and cooperation in obtaining an order from the Court (the “**Claims Estimate Order**”): (i) finding that the estimated aggregate amount of Plaintiffs’ claims, together with all other allowed claims, against the estates meet or exceed \$42 billion, triggering the provision of the Sale Agreement⁵ requiring New GM to issue additional New GM common stock (the “**Adjustment Shares**”); and (ii) directing that those Adjustment Shares be promptly delivered to the Settlement Fund by New GM.

7. All Unitholders, all defendants in the action captioned *Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Motors Liquidation Co. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-00504 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 31, 2009) (the “**Term Loan Avoidance Action**”), and all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, other than Plaintiffs, will be deemed to irrevocably waive and release any and all rights to these Adjustment Shares, as well as the Settlement Amount.

8. Subject to notice and an opportunity for Plaintiffs to object, the Signatory Plaintiffs will determine the overall allocation of the value of the Settlement Fund between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims, and the eligibility and criteria for payment. Being defined as a Plaintiff will not assure any party that he, she, or it will receive

⁵ See *Second Amended and Restated Master Sale and Purchase Agreement, by and among General Motors Corporation, Saturn LLC, Saturn Distribution Corporation and Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc., as Sellers, and NGMCO, Inc., as Purchaser*, dated as of June 26, 2009 (the “**AMSPA**”), § 3.2(c).

a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), if any, or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund.

9. Nothing in the Settlement Agreement is intended to waive any claims against New GM or to be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does the Settlement Agreement or any payments made in connection therewith represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full from every available source; provided, however, that in no event shall any Plaintiff be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Except as mandated otherwise under applicable law, nothing in the Settlement Agreement shall waive any claims that any Plaintiff may have against New GM or constitute an election of remedies by any Plaintiff, and neither the Settlement Amount nor the Adjustment Shares (nor any distribution thereof to any Plaintiff) shall represent full and final satisfaction of any claim that any Plaintiff may have against New GM, all of which are expressly reserved. The Bankruptcy Court's estimate of the aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the Claims Estimate Order shall not operate as a cap on any of the claims of any of the Plaintiffs against New GM.

10. As part of the Settlement Agreement, the Parties by this Motion, request that the Court enter an Order approving and establishing Notice Procedures for notice of the 9019 Motion.

JURISDICTION

11. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).

12. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

NOTICE PROCEDURES

13. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Parties propose that they provide notice of the 9019 Motion, and the hearing date to consider approval of the Settlement Agreement and Claims Estimate Order, pursuant to the below “**Notice Procedures**”:

- i. paid media including (1) digital banner advertisements targeted specifically to owners or lessees of the defective vehicles manufactured by Old GM included in the Recalls; (2) pre-roll video ads placed on YouTube and other sites with YouTube embedded videos; (3) sponsored search listings on the three most highly-visited Internet search engines, Google, Yahoo! and Bing; (4) a party-neutral informational press release issued to online press outlets throughout the United States; and (5) a settlement website;
- ii. notice by postcard in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C** to: (A) all persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a defective vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in the Recalls; and (B) all Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs who have filed a lawsuit against New GM or filed or joined a motion for authority to file late claims against the GUC Trust, as of the date of the Settlement Agreement;⁶
- iii. notice to all defendants in the Term Loan Avoidance Action via the Bankruptcy Court’s ECF system and, to the extent a defendant is not registered to receive notice via the ECF system, via postcard in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**;
- iv. notice via DTC’s LENSNOTICE system to holders of beneficial units of the GUC Trust in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit D**; and
- v. notice via ECF to all entities, including New GM, that receive electronic notice from the Court’s ECF system.

14. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the GUC Trust shall be responsible for funding the cost of the notice contemplated hereby, up to an amount of \$6,000,000 (the “**Notice**”

⁶ The Parties request that the Court order New GM to turn over the names and addresses of individuals in category (ii).

Cost Cap Amount).⁷ As described further below, the GUC Trust respectfully requests authority to “hold back” and reallocate for use up to \$6,000,000 from otherwise distributable assets of the GUC Trust for use in funding the Notice Procedures.

15. The Parties request that this Court: (i) schedule the hearing to consider approval of the 9019 Motion for [redacted], 2017 at [redacted] (EST) (the “**Hearing**”); and (ii) establish [redacted], 2017 at [redacted] (EST), as the deadline by which all responses and objections to the 9019 Motion must be filed and served.

16. The Parties respectfully submit that the foregoing Notice Procedures, and requested hearing date and objection deadline, will provide comprehensive notice to all affected parties of the terms and the relief to be sought at the hearing to consider approval of the 9019 Motion, and that no other or further notice is necessary or required.

RELIEF REQUESTED

17. By this Motion, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an order approving the Notice Procedures substantially in the form attached to this Motion as **Exhibit A**.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

18. Bankruptcy Code Section 105(a) provides a bankruptcy court with broad powers in its administration of a case. See 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) (“The court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title.”). Pursuant to Section 105(a), the Bankruptcy Court has expansive equitable powers to achieve fairness and

⁷ Based upon proposals received from vendors, the cost of the notice contemplated hereby is approximately \$6 million. Specifically, the parties requested proposals for the notice program from three vendors: (1) Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc./Hilsoft Notifications (“**Epiq/Hilsoft**”); (2) Rust Consulting/Kinsella Media; and (3) Kurtzman Carson Consultants. Based on the responses, the parties selected Epiq as the Notice Administrator, based both on the cost estimate, as well as their comprehensive notice plan, which is explained in detail in the Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq., on Implementation and Adequacy of General Motors Bankruptcy Settlement Class Notice Program (“**Azari Decl.**”), annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**.

justice in the reorganization process. See, e.g., Croton River Club, Inc. v. Half Moon Bay Homeowners Ass'n (In re Croton River Club, Inc.), 52 F.3d 41 (2d Cir. 1994) (holding that bankruptcy courts have broad equity power to manage affairs of debtors).

19. In addition, the Court has the authority and discretion under Bankruptcy Code Section 105(d) to issue and prescribe procedures and conditions as the Court deems appropriate to ensure that matters before it are handled expeditiously and economically. See 11 U.S.C. § 105(d); In re Fletcher Int'l, Ltd., 536 B.R. 551, 560 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), aff'd, 661 F. App'x 124 (2d Cir. 2016). Under Bankruptcy Rule 2002, no less than 21 days' notice must be provided for proposed settlements under Bankruptcy Rule 9019. Epiq/Hilsoft estimates that it will take 35 days to complete the mailing of the postcard notice.

20. Entry of the Proposed Order is appropriate under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and 105(d), as complemented by Bankruptcy Rule 9019, because it will allow the Parties to: (i) comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement (which specifically require the Parties to receive an order from this Court approving the Notice Procedures); and (ii) implement a process in which appropriate notice will be given to all relevant parties in interest so that this Court can consider the appropriateness of the 9019 Motion at the Hearing.

21. To ensure that the Notice Procedures are sufficient, Epiq/Hilsoft, a firm that specializes in designing, developing, analyzing and implementing large-scale, un-biased, legal notification plans, was engaged.⁸ Epiq/Hilsoft analyzed the individual notice options and the media audience data to determine the most effective mixture of media required to reach the greatest practicable number of included parties.⁹

⁸ See Azari Decl. ¶ 3.

⁹ Id. ¶ 8.

22. Rather than incurring the prohibitive cost and expense of mailing a long form of notice to Plaintiffs, the Parties will serve the postcard notice attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (the “**Direct Mail Notice**”) that clearly and concisely summarizes the Settlement. The Direct Mail Notice will direct the recipients to a website dedicated specifically to the Settlement where they can access additional information. The Direct Mail Notices will be sent by United States Postal Service first class mail.¹⁰

23. This comprehensive individual notice effort will be supplemented by moderate paid media selected to both notify Plaintiffs who may not see the Direct Mail Notice and remind Plaintiffs to act if they so choose. Paid media will include digital banner advertisements targeted specifically to owners and lessees of the vehicle makes and models included in the Settlement along with online video advertisements targeted to adults aged 18 and over.¹¹

24. To build additional reach and extend exposures, a party-neutral informational release will be issued to approximately 5,000 general media (print and broadcast) outlets and 5,400 online databases and websites throughout the United States.¹²

25. A dedicated website will be created for the Settlement. Plaintiffs will be able to obtain detailed information about the case and review documents including the Long Form Notice attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (in English and Spanish), Settlement Agreement, Settlement Order and answers to frequently asked questions and any other documents the Court may require. Once the plan for allocation between economic loss claims and personal injury/wrongful death claims is determined it will be posted prominently on the Settlement website. Any criteria on eligibility to recover from the Settlement Fund will also be posted

¹⁰ Id. ¶ 16.

¹¹ Id. ¶¶ 20-25.

¹² Id. ¶ 28.

prominently on the Settlement website. To facilitate locating the case website, sponsored search listings will be acquired on the three most highly-visited internet search engines: *Google*, *Yahoo!* and *Bing*.¹³

26. The Notice Procedures presented here are similar to the procedures proposed by the debtors in In re TK Holdings Inc., Case No. 17-11375 (BLS) (Bank. D. Del. July 7, 2017) to provide notice to individuals who own, or may have owned, vehicles equipped with recalled airbag inflators—serving a postcard via first-class mail, utilizing digital banner advertising and paid internet search listings, distributing an informational release, and creating a dedicated website.¹⁴

27. The Parties believe these Notice Procedures will keep costs reasonable under the circumstances while also reaching the greatest practicable number of Plaintiffs.¹⁵

28. As noted above, the GUC Trust shall be responsible for funding the cost of the Notice Procedures up to the Notice Cost Cap Amount. Pursuant to Section 6.1(b) of the Second Amended and Restated GUC Trust Agreement dated as of July 30, 2015 (the “**GUC Trust Agreement**”), the GUC Trust Administrator is afforded the flexibility to “hold back” from distributions (with the approval of FTI Consulting, Inc. as monitor of the GUC Trust (in such capacity, the “**GUC Trust Monitor**”))¹⁶ otherwise distributable assets for the purposes of,

¹³ Id. ¶¶ 26, 29.

¹⁴ See Motion of Debtors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 502(b)(9) and 105(a), Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 3003(c)(3), 5005, and 9007, and Local Rules 2002-1(e), 3001-1, and 3003-1 for Authority to (I) Establish Deadlines for Filing Proofs of Claim, (II) Establish the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, and (III) Approve Procedures for Providing Notice of Bar Date and Other Important Deadlines and Information to Potential PSAN Inflater Claimants ¶¶ 24-28, In re TK Holdings Inc., Case No. 17-11375 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. July 7, 2017).

¹⁵ Id. ¶ 12.

¹⁶ As required by Section 6.1 of the GUC Trust Agreement, the GUC Trust Administrator has consulted with the GUC Trust Monitor with respect to the proposed reallocation and use of distributable cash. GUC Trust Agreement § 6.1. The GUC Trust Monitor has indicated that it supports the relief requested herein.

among other things, funding fees, costs and expenses of the GUC Trust to the extent that such fees, costs and expenses are not otherwise contemplated by the GUC Trust's budget. *See* GUC Trust Agreement § 6.1(b). The GUC Trust Agreement further permits the GUC Trust Administrator to seek Bankruptcy Court authority to reallocate and use the "held back" funds for the purposes of satisfying such fees, costs and expenses as incurred (such funds, as reallocated, "**Other GUC Trust Administrative Cash**"). *Id.* Section 6.13 of the GUC Trust Agreement provides that to the extent any "expenses, costs, liabilities, obligations or fees [are] incurred by the GUC Trust... in connection with the wind-down of the Debtors' affairs... [such liabilities] shall be satisfied... from the applicable portion of Other GUC Trust Administrative Cash." *See* GUC Trust Agreement § 6.13.

29. The GUC Trust's agreement to pay up to \$6 million for the notice contemplated hereby is not currently budgeted by the GUC Trust and falls well within the types of "expenses, costs, liabilities, obligations or fees" that may be "held back" and reallocated for use by the GUC Trust pursuant to Section 6.13 of the GUC Trust Agreement. Accordingly, the GUC Trust submits that, pursuant to Section 6.1(b) of the GUC Trust Agreement, the request to reallocate up to \$6 million of otherwise distributable assets for the purposes of funding the Notice Procedures is warranted.

NOTICE

30. Notice of this Motion has been provided to all entities that receive electronic notice from the Court's ECF system and otherwise in accordance with the *Sixth Amended Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Bankruptcy Rules 1015(c) and 9007 establishing Notice and Case Management Procedures*, dated May 5, 2011 (Bankr. Dkt. No. 10183).

31. No previous application for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other Court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE the Parties respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as is just and equitable.

Dated: August [], 2017
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No.: 09-50026 (MG)
f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.,	:	
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**ORDER APPROVING NOTICE PROCEDURES
WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BY AND
AMONG THE SIGNATORY PLAINTIFFS AND THE GUC TRUST**

Upon the *Motion for Order Approving Notice Procedures with Respect to Proposed Settlement by and Among the Signatory Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust*, dated [], 2017 (the “**Motion**”),¹⁷ of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, Certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and the GUC Trust (collectively the “**Parties**”) for approval of the Notice Procedures with respect to the 9019 Motion, all as more fully described in the Motion; and the Bankruptcy Court having considered the Motion; and a hearing on the Motion having been held before this Bankruptcy Court on _____, 2017 (the “**Hearing**”) to consider the relief requested in the Motion; and the Bankruptcy Court having found that it has jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Plan; and the Bankruptcy Court having considered the statements of counsel on the record of the Hearing and the filings of the parties in connection the Motion; and it appearing that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and it appearing that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and upon the record of the Hearing; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that

¹⁷ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

no other or further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted as set forth herein; and it is further

ORDERED that the Notice Procedures are approved; and it is further

ORDERED that notice of the 9019 Motion in accordance with the Notice Procedures will be sufficient and effective notice in satisfaction of federal and state due process requirements and other applicable law to put the parties in interest in these Chapter 11 cases, all Plaintiffs, and others on notice of the 9019 Motion; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 6.1(b) of the GUC Trust Agreement, the GUC Trust is authorized to reallocate and use up to \$6,000,000 of otherwise distributable assets to satisfy the costs of the Notice Procedures.

ORDERED that, no later than two (2) days after the entry of this Order, New GM shall turn over to the Parties the names and addresses of (A) all persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a defective vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in the Recalls; and (B) all Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs who have filed a lawsuit against New GM as of the date of this Order;

ORDERED that, all responses and objections to the 9019 Motion must be filed and served so as to be received by [], 2017 at [] (EST); and it is further

ORDERED that the hearing on the 9019 Motion shall take place in the Bankruptcy Court on [], 2017 at [] (EST); and it is further

ORDERED that notice of the 9019 Motion as provided herein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the 9019 Motion; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2017
New York, New York

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

EXHIBIT B

(Long Form Notice)

EXHIBIT C

(Short Form Postcard Notice)

EXHIBIT D

(DTC Notice)

EXHIBIT E

(Azari Declaration)

EXHIBIT J

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

Current and former owners and lessees of certain General Motors vehicles may have their rights affected by a settlement and proposed order, including the release of claims, and may be entitled to a payment from the settlement.

The Bankruptcy Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

If you are an Affected Person (as defined below), your legal rights may be affected whether you act or do not act.

Please Read this Notice Carefully

This Notice provides information about a proposed settlement (the “Settlement”) and related proposed order (“Order”) regarding claims in the bankruptcy cases titled *In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp.*, Bankr. No. 09-50026, pending before Judge Martin Glenn of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Old GM Bankruptcy Case”) against the Motors Liquidation Company General Unsecured Creditors Trust (the “GUC Trust”) by owners and lessees of General Motors Corporation (“Old GM”) vehicles. The claims include allegations that consumers overpaid when they bought cars on or before July 10, 2009 with undisclosed defects in ignition switches, side airbags, or power steering that were included in certain National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) recalls listed below. The claims also include allegations that consumers suffered personal injury or wrongful death based on or arising from an accident involving certain of these vehicles that occurred prior to July 10, 2009. A motion (the “Settlement Motion”) seeking entry of the Order has been filed in the Bankruptcy Court, along with the Settlement Agreement, and can be found at the case website at www. .com (the “Settlement Website”).

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

The Settlement Agreement and Order

- Affected Persons (defined below) can write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement or the Order.
- More information about how to object can be found in paragraph ___ and at the Settlement Website at www. .com.
- The Court will hold a hearing on _____, 2017 at _____ to determine whether to approve the Settlement Agreement and enter the Order. Please note that the date and time of the hearing is subject to change without further notice other than an announcement on the Settlement Website.

QUESTIONS? [VISIT WWW. .COM](http://www. .COM)

Distributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Settlement and Order provide Affected Persons with the exclusive benefit of the Settlement Fund (defined below). Procedures for the administration and allocation to Affected Persons of the Settlement Fund, including criteria for Affected Persons to assert a claim against the Settlement Fund and the allocation methodology, will be established, subject to notice and an opportunity for Affected Persons to object.
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WHAT THIS NOTICE CONTAINS

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. What is this Notice and why should I read it?

This Notice is to inform you of the proposed Settlement and Order regarding claims in the Old GM Bankruptcy Case. The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled a hearing on the Settlement Motion on _____, 2017 at ___:___ a.m./p.m. in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004-1408, Courtroom 523. Please note that the date of the hearing may be changed without notice, other than an announcement on the Settlement Website. Affected Persons are encouraged to visit www._____.com for future updates.

This Notice explains the terms of the Settlement, the Order, and your legal rights.

2. What are the Settlement and Order about?

In the Old GM Bankruptcy Case, Ignition Switch Plaintiffs¹ and certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs² sought leave to file late proposed class claims against the GUC Trust seeking relief for alleged economic losses related to Old GM's alleged concealment of serious safety defects in ignition switches, side airbags, and power steering. Certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs³ have likewise sought leave to file late personal injury and wrongful death claims against the GUC Trust related to Old GM vehicles.

The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, certain Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs (collectively, the "Signatory Plaintiffs"), and the GUC Trust (together with the Signatory Plaintiffs, the "Parties") negotiated the Settlement Agreement to resolve these claims, and to provide a fund to pay for these and other claims that have been or may be

¹ The term "Ignition Switch Plaintiffs" shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with an ignition switch defect included in Recall No. 14V-047.

² The term "Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs" shall mean those plaintiffs asserting economic loss claims who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle with defects in ignition switches, side airbags or power steering included in Recall Nos. 14V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346 and 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153.

³ The term "Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs" shall mean those plaintiffs asserting personal injury or wrongful death claims based on or arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to the closing of the Section 363 Sale.

asserted by other parties against the GUC Trust (which other claims will similarly be resolved by the Order).

The Settlement avoids the risk and cost of a trial, but still provides relief to the Affected Persons. The Signatory Plaintiffs and their attorneys think that the Settlement is in the best interests of Affected Persons and that it is fair, adequate, and reasonable.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT AND ORDER?

To see if you are affected by the proposed Settlement or Order, you first have to determine if you are an Affected Person.

3. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement or Order? What is the definition of Affected Person?

If you fall under one of the categories below, you are an Affected Person whose claims against Old GM, the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust's current and previously distributed assets and certain other parties will be waived and released as part of the proposed Order (and in exchange you will be entitled to assert your claims against the Settlement Fund).

A. All persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in the following recalls:

(1) Delta Ignition Switch Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v047: 2005-2010: Chevy Cobalt, 2006-2011 Chevy HHR, 2007-2010 Pontiac G5, 2007-2010 Saturn Sky, 2003-2007 Saturn ION, and 2006-2010 Pontiac Solstice;

(2) Low Torque Ignition Switch Vehicles, which are included in Recall Nos. 14v355, 14v394, and 14v400: 2005-2009: Buick Lacrosse, 2006-2014 Chevrolet Impala, 2000-2005 Cadillac Deville, 2006-2011 Cadillac DTS, 2006-2011 Buick Lucerne, and 2006-2008 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; 2003-2014 Cadillac CTS and the 2004-2006 Cadillac SRX; and 1997-2005 Chevrolet Malibu, 2000-2005 Chevrolet Impala, 2000-2005 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 2000-2005 Pontiac Grand Am, 2004-2008 Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-2002 Oldsmobile Intrigue, and 1999-2004 Oldsmobile Alero;

(3) Other Vehicles with defective ignition switches in Recall Nos. 14V-346, and 14V-540: 2010-2014 Chevrolet Camaro, 2011-2013 Chevrolet Caprice, and 2008-2009 Pontiac G8;

(4) Side Airbag Defect Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v118: 2008-2013 Buick Enclave, 2009-2013 Chevrolet Traverse, 2008-2013 GMC Acadia, and 2008-2010 Saturn Outlook; and

(5) Power Steering Defect Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v153: 2004-2006 and 2008-2009 Chevrolet Malibu, 2004-2006 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx, 2009-2010 Chevrolet HHR, 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, 2005-2006 and 2008-2009 Pontiac G6, 2004-2007 Saturn Ion, and 2008-2009 Saturn Aura.

B. All persons who have suffered personal injury or wrongful death claims based on or arising from an accident involving an Old GM vehicle that occurred prior to July 10, 2009.

THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

4. What would happen to my claim under the proposed Order?

Under the proposed Order, each Affected Person will be deemed to have waived and released (the “Waiver”) any claims that the Affected Person might otherwise directly or indirectly assert against the GUC Trust, the trust administrator of the GUC Trust, the current and previously distributed assets of the GUC Trust, the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust, the holders of beneficial units in the GUC Trust and certain other related parties (the “Released Parties”).

If approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Order will prohibit you from suing or being part of any other lawsuit or claim against the Released Parties that relate to the recalls, the Old GM Bankruptcy Case, or the multi-district litigation pending before Judge Furman in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Case No. 14-md-2543 (JMF) (the “GM MDL”). The Released Parties do NOT include General Motors LLC (“New GM”). The specifics of the Waiver are set out in more detail in the proposed Order, which is posted at www. .com. The proposed Order describes the Waiver in specific legal terminology. Talk to your own lawyer if you have questions about the Waiver or what it means.

Nothing in the Settlement Agreement is intended to waive any claims against New GM or to be an election of remedies against New GM; nor does the Settlement Agreement or any payments made in connection therewith represent full satisfaction of any claims against Old GM, unless and until such claims are in fact paid in full from every available source; provided, however, that in no event shall any Affected Person be permitted to seek any further payment or compensation from the GUC Trust in respect of their claims or otherwise, other than the Settlement Amount and the Adjustment Shares. Except as mandated otherwise under applicable law, nothing in the Settlement Agreement shall waive any claims that any Affected Person may have against New GM or constitute an election of remedies by any Affected Person.

5. What will I receive if the Bankruptcy Court enters the proposed Order?

The proposed Order allows Affected Persons to assert claims against a Settlement Fund for administration and potential satisfaction. The Settlement Fund will consist of the Settlement Amount and may include the Adjustment Shares, as detailed below. Being defined as an Affected Person does not assure that you will receive a distribution from the Settlement Amount, the Adjustment Shares (or their value), or any other consideration contained in the Settlement Fund. Eligibility and criteria for payment will be approved by the Bankruptcy Court at a later date and will be subject to notice on the Settlement Website and an opportunity to object.

Neither the Settlement Amount nor the Adjustment Shares (nor any distribution thereof to any Affected Person) shall represent full and final satisfaction of any claim that any Affected Person may have against New GM, all of which claims are expressly reserved.

A. The Settlement Amount

In exchange for the Waiver, the GUC Trust will pay \$15,000,000 (the “Settlement Amount”) to the Settlement Fund, subject to the Order becoming a final order (unless the GUC Trust waives the final order requirement).

B. The Adjustment Shares

The Amended Master Sale and Purchase Agreement pursuant to which New GM purchased substantially all of the assets of Old GM provides that if the Bankruptcy Court issues an order (“Claims Estimate Order”) finding that the estimated aggregate allowed general unsecured claims against the Old GM estate exceeds \$35 billion, then New GM must issue additional shares of New GM common stock (the “Adjustment Shares”). If the estimate reaches or exceeds \$42 billion, New GM must issue the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares (30 million shares).

As part of the Settlement Agreement, the GUC Trust, following a review of evidence and expert reports provided by the Signatory Plaintiffs, agreed to support entry of a Claims Estimate Order: (i) finding that the allowable amount of Affected Persons’ claims against the GUC Trust, when combined with all of the other allowed general unsecured claims against the Old GM bankruptcy estate, equals or exceeds \$42 billion, thus triggering the maximum amount of Adjustment Shares (30 million shares); and (ii) directing that the Adjustment Shares, or the value of the Adjustment Shares, be promptly delivered to the Settlement Fund by New GM.

The Parties have sought entry of the Claims Estimate Order as part of the Settlement Motion. The current value of 30 million shares of New GM common stock is approximately \$1.08 billion. Regardless of whether the Claims Estimate Order is entered, the Order would remain binding, including the Waiver and the payment of the Settlement Amount.

The Bankruptcy Court’s estimate of the aggregate allowed claims in the Claims Estimate Order shall not operate as a cap on any of the claims of any of the Affected Persons against New GM.

C. How will the Settlement Fund be allocated and distributed?

The Settlement Fund is for the exclusive benefit of Affected Persons. The allocation of the value of the Settlement Fund between the economic-loss claims and the personal injury/wrongful death claims will be done by the lawyers for the Signatory Plaintiffs with the assistance of a court-appointed mediator. Thereafter, the economic loss lawyer lead counsel and the personal injury lawyer lead counsel will determine the specifics for distribution within each pool, including the criteria for determining eligibility for payment. Any agreement on the allocation process and the distribution procedure will be described at www._____.com when determined and Affected Persons will be provided with an opportunity to object.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

6. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The counsel to the Signatory Plaintiffs, listed below, negotiated the Settlement Agreement and jointly filed the Settlement Motion. You will not be charged for services performed by this counsel in negotiating the Settlement Agreement. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense, but you do not need to have a lawyer to participate in the Settlement or exercise any of your options with respect to the Settlement.

If you want to contact the counsel for the Signatory Plaintiffs, they can be reached by **sending an email to info@_____.com** or as follows:

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7. How will the lawyers be paid?

Procedures for the payment of attorneys' fees for counsel to the Signatory Plaintiffs from the Settlement Fund will be established, subject to notice and an opportunity for Affected Persons to object.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT OR ORDER

8. How do I tell the Court I do not like the Settlement or Order?

If you are an Affected Person, you can object to the proposed Settlement or proposed Order if you don't like it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve any or all of these items, and the Court will consider your views.

To object, you must file your objection with the Court. To be timely, your objection must be filed with the Court by no later than **_____, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** at the following addresses:

The Court	Judge Martin Glenn United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, NY 10004-1408 Courtroom: 523
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NOTE: You may mail your objection to the Court, but it must be received by the Court and filed by **_____, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. See **www._____.com** for more information on how to object to the Settlement.

THE COURT'S APPROVAL HEARING

9. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement and issue the Order?

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement and Order. The hearing will be on **_____, __, 2017, at __:__.m.** before Judge Martin Glenn, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004-1408, Courtroom 523. Please note that the date of the hearing may be changed without notice other than an announcement on the Settlement Website. Affected Persons are encouraged to visit **www._____.com** for future updates.

At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the proposed Settlement and all of its terms falls within the range of reasonableness required for approval of the Settlement and whether to issue the proposed Order. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court may listen to people who have asked for permission to speak at the hearing and have complied with the other requirements for objections explained in Section **_____**.

At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement and issue the Order. There may be appeals after that. There is no set timeline for either the Court's final approval decision, or for any appeals that may be brought from that decision, so it is impossible to know exactly when and if the Settlement and Order will become final.

The Court may change deadlines listed in this Notice without further notice. To keep up on any changes in the deadlines, please visit **www._____.com**.

10. Do I have to go to the hearing?

No. Counsel to the Signatory Plaintiffs will appear at the hearing in support of the Settlement and Order and will answer any questions asked by the Court.

If you send an objection, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. So long as you filed your written objection on time and complied with the other requirements for a proper objection, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but it's not required.

11. May I speak at the hearing?

Yes. If you submitted a proper written objection to the Settlement or Order, you or your lawyer may, at your own expense, come to the hearing and speak.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

12. How do I get more information about the Settlement and Order?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement and proposed Order. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement and Order, please see the Settlement Agreement and proposed Order, available at www.com.

YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY	
VISITING THE SETTLEMENT WEBSITE	Please go to www.com , where you will find answers to common questions and other detailed information to help you.
REVIEWING LEGAL DOCUMENTS	<p>You can review the legal documents that have been filed with the Clerk of Court in these cases at: United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, NY 10004-1408.</p> <p>You can access the Court dockets in these cases through the court documents and claims register website at http://www.motorsliquidationdocket.com/ or through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov.</p>

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE JUDGE OR THE COURT CLERK TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAWSUITS, THE SETTLEMENT, THE PROPOSED ORDER OR THIS NOTICE.

EXHIBIT K

If you owned or leased a GM vehicle on or before July 10, 2009 your rights may be affected by a proposed settlement and you may be entitled to a payment

A proposed settlement (the “Settlement”) has been reached involving claims of owners and lessees of General Motors Corporation (“Old GM”) vehicles. The claims include allegations that consumers overpaid when they bought cars on or before July 10, 2009 with undisclosed defects in ignition switches, side airbags, or power steering included in the following recalls: 14V-047, 4V-355, 14V-394, 14V-400, 14V-346, 14V-540, 14V-118 and 14V-153 (the “Recalls”). The claims also include allegations that consumers suffered personal injury or wrongful death from accidents involving Old GM vehicles that occurred before July 10, 2009. If approved, the Settlement will affect your right to bring your own lawsuit against Old GM about these claims and also will offer payments and other benefits. **The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the proposed Settlement and your legal rights.**

Who is Included? General Motors LLC’s (“New GM”) records indicate that you may be affected by the Settlement. The Settlement includes all persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, (i) owned or leased a vehicle manufactured by Old GM included in one of the Recalls involving Chevrolet, Pontiac, Saturn, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and GMC model vehicles; and/or (ii) suffered personal injury or wrongful death in an accident involving an Old GM vehicle. Those included are called an “Affected Person.” You can go to the Settlement Website, www.XXXXXXXXXXX.com to confirm if your vehicle is included.

What are the Settlement Terms? If the Settlement is approved and the related proposed Settlement Order is entered, each Affected Person will be deemed to provide a waiver and release of any claims they might otherwise directly or indirectly assert against the GUC Trust, the trust administrator of the GUC Trust, the past and present assets of the GUC Trust, the Motors Liquidation Company Avoidance Action Trust and/or the holders of beneficial units in the GUC Trust (collectively, the “Related Parties”). This means that if you have an existing lawsuit against Old GM or the Related Parties that includes the same claims that this Settlement resolves, your lawsuit will end. Also, you will not be able to bring a new lawsuit against Old GM or the Related Parties about these issues in the future. Unless applicable law says otherwise, the Settlement or any payment you may receive under it, does not affect any claim you may have against New GM. In exchange, the GUC Trust will pay \$15 million into the Settlement Fund and support entry of an order estimating the aggregate allowed claims against the Old GM bankruptcy estate, including all Affected Persons’ claims, at no less than \$42 billion (the “Claims Estimate Order”). If the Claims Estimate Order is entered, New GM may be required to issue up to 30 million shares of New GM common stock to the Settlement Fund. The current value of 30 million shares of New GM common stock is approximately \$1.08 billion. For details about the Settlement, the money that may be available to Affected Persons, your eligibility, how the money will be divided, and the waiver and release of claims, you should visit www.XXXXXXXXXXX.com and review the Long Form Notice, Settlement Agreement and the proposed Settlement Order.

How Can I Get a Payment? Being defined as an Affected Person does not assure you will receive a distribution from the Settlement Fund. Overall allocation between economic loss and personal injury plaintiffs will be negotiated by counsel to the Signatory Plaintiffs and approved by the appropriate court.

Eligibility and criteria for payment will be approved by the Court. The details will be posted on the Settlement Website and you will be given an opportunity to object.

Your Other Options. You can object to the proposed Settlement and the proposed Settlement Order. The Long Form Notice available on the Settlement Website listed below explains how to object to the Settlement. The Court will hold a hearing on _____, 2017 at _____[a][p]m to consider whether to approve the Settlement. You may appear at the hearing, either yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you do not have to. Please note that the date and time of the hearing is subject to change without further notice other than an announcement on the Settlement Website. For more information, call or visit the Settlement Website below.

1-8xx-xxx-xxxx

www._____.com

[On the back of the postcard will be the plaintiff's name and address, and court logo:]

Important Court-Approved Legal Notice from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York



Plaintiff John Doe
123 45th Street
Anytown, USA. _____

General Motors Bankruptcy Settlement Information

EXHIBIT L

**ALL DEPOSITORIES, NOMINEES, BROKERS AND OTHERS:
PLEASE FACILITATE THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS NOTICE
TO ALL BENEFICIAL OWNERS.**

**NOTICE
TO HOLDERS OF**

**MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY
GUC TRUST UNITS (CUSIP NO. 62010U101)¹**

August __, 2017

Reference is made to (i) the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan dated as of March 18, 2011 of Motors Liquidation Company and certain of its affiliates, which was confirmed by an order of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”) entered on March 29, 2011 (as so confirmed, the “Plan”) and which became effective on March 31, 2011, and (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust Agreement dated as of July 30, 2015 (the “GUC Trust Agreement”).² The above-described units representing contingent beneficial interests in the GUC Trust (the “Trust Units”) were issued pursuant to the terms of the Plan and the GUC Trust Agreement. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

The Plan provides for the establishment of the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust (the “GUC Trust”) to implement the Plan, including by distributing GUC Trust Distributable Assets (as defined in the GUC Trust Agreement) and resolving outstanding Disputed General Unsecured Claims.

As previously disclosed in the GUC Trust’s public reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the GUC Trust is involved in litigations (collectively, the “Recall Litigation”) concerning purported economic losses, personal injuries and/or death suffered by certain lessees and owners of vehicles (persons who have suffered such losses or injuries, regardless of whether they are currently involved in the Recall Litigation, “Potential Plaintiffs”) manufactured by General Motors Corporation prior to its sale of substantially all of its assets to NGMCO, Inc., n/k/a General Motors LLC (“New GM”) on July 10, 2009. Certain of the Potential Plaintiffs have filed lawsuits against New GM, filed motions seeking authority from the Bankruptcy Court to file claims against the GUC Trust, or are members of a putative class covered by those actions.

¹ The CUSIP number appearing herein has been included solely for the convenience of the holders of the Trust Units. Wilmington Trust Company assumes no responsibility for the selection or use of such number and makes no representations as to the correctness of the CUSIP number appearing herein.

² Information on the bankruptcy proceedings, including a copy of the Plan, can be found at: <http://www.motorsliquidationdocket.com/>. Information can also be found on the website maintained by the trust administrator and trustee of the Motors Liquidation Company GUC Trust at <https://www.mlcgustrust.com/>.

On August ___, 2017 the GUC Trust announced that it had reached an agreement (the “Proposed Agreement”) with certain of the Potential Plaintiffs (the “Signatory Plaintiffs”) which, if approved by the Bankruptcy Court, would result in a waiver and release of all claims that are held, or could be held, by all Potential Plaintiffs against the GUC Trust in exchange for (i) a payment by the GUC Trust of \$15 million to a settlement fund to be established by the Signatory Plaintiffs (the “Settlement Fund”), and (ii) an agreement by the GUC Trust to support entry of an order (the “Claims Estimate Order”) estimating the total claims of the Potential Plaintiffs in an amount that, when combined with all other general unsecured claims that were previously allowed against the GUC Trust, would equal or exceed \$42 billion. If the Proposed Agreement is approved, holders of Trust Units will be deemed to provide a waiver and release of any rights they may have to the Settlement Fund and, if the Claims Estimate Order is entered, any rights they may have to additional shares of New GM common stock issued thereunder. Based on the current amount of allowed and disputed unsecured claims against Old GM, New GM’s obligation to issue these additional shares would not be triggered absent Plaintiffs’ claims and the holders of Trust Units would have no expectation to receive these shares. Counsel to certain holders of 65% of the Trust Units was actively involved in negotiating the Proposed Agreement.

Wilmington Trust Company, as trust administrator and trustee of the GUC Trust (in such capacity, the “GUC Trust Administrator”), hereby informs you that, on August ___, 2017, the GUC Trust filed a joint motion (the “Motion”) with the Bankruptcy Court seeking, among other things, approval of the Proposed Agreement and authority to pay \$15 million to the Settlement Fund. A copy of the Motion is available on the website maintained by the GUC Trust: www.mlcgustrust.com.

The Motion is currently scheduled to be heard by the Bankruptcy Court on _____, 2017 at _____ .m. (Eastern), with an objection deadline of _____, 2017 at _____ .m. (Eastern).³

Wilmington Trust Company has prepared this communication in its capacity as GUC Trust Administrator, based upon information supplied to it without independent investigation. You should not rely on Wilmington Trust Company as your sole source of information. Wilmington Trust Company makes no recommendations and gives no investment or legal advice herein, and holders of Trust Units are urged to consult with their own advisors concerning the Trust Units, the Plan and the Motion.

Should any holder of Trust Units have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Wilmington Trust Company as follows:

Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1110 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware, 19890-1615
Phone No.: (866) 521-0079
Fax No.: (302) 636-4140

³ Please note the times and dates set forth herein are subject to change without further notice.

Wilmington Trust Company may conclude that a specific response to particular inquiries from individual holders of Trust Units is not consistent with its duties to provide equal and full dissemination to all holders of Trust Units.

Very Truly Yours,

Wilmington Trust Company,
solely in its capacity as GUC Trust Administrator

EXHIBIT M

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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 IN RE: : Chapter 11
 :
 MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, *et al.*, : No. 09-50026 (MG)
 f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORP., *et al.*, :
 : (Jointly Administered)
 Debtors. :
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**DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ.,
ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADEQUACY OF GENERAL
MOTORS BANKRUPTCY SETTLEMENT NOTICE PROGRAM**

I, Cameron R. Azari, Esq., hereby declare and state as follows:

1. My name is Cameron R. Azari, Esq. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and I believe them to be true and correct.

2. I am a nationally recognized expert in the field of legal notice and I have served as an expert in dozens of federal and state cases involving class action notice plans.

3. I am the Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft Notifications (“Hilsoft”); a firm that specializes in designing, developing, analyzing and implementing large-scale, un-biased, legal notification plans. Hilsoft is a business unit of Epiq Systems Class Action and Claims Solutions (“ECA”).

4. Hilsoft has been involved with some of the most complex and significant notices and notice programs in recent history. With experience in more than 300 cases, notices prepared by Hilsoft have appeared in 53 languages with distribution in almost every country, territory and dependency in the world. Judges, including in published decisions, have recognized and approved numerous notice plans developed by Hilsoft, which decisions have always withstood collateral reviews by other courts and appellate challenges.

EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS CASE

5. I have served as a notice expert and have been recognized and appointed by courts to design and provide notice in many of the largest and most significant cases, including: *In re Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 1:15-md-02599-FAM (Settlements with Toyota, BMW, Mazda and Subaru) (Comprehensive notice effort in the Takata airbag litigation with individual mailed notice to over 19.5 million vehicle owners/lessees and nationwide media campaign including radio, consumer print and online banner advertisements. Final approval pending); *In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation (Bosch Settlement)*, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.) (Comprehensive notice program within the Volkswagen Emissions Litigation that provided individual notice to more than 946,000 vehicle owners via first class mail and to more than 855,000 via email. A targeted internet campaign further enhanced the notice effort); *In re: Energy Future Holdings Corp., et al. (Asbestos Claims Bar Date Notice)*, 14-10979 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del.) (Large asbestos bar date notice effort, which included individual notice, national consumer publications and newspapers, hundreds of local newspapers, Spanish newspapers, union labor publications, and digital media to reach the target audience); *In re: Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1720 (E.D.N.Y.) (\$7.2 billion settlement reached with Visa and MasterCard. The intensive notice program involved over 19.8 million direct mail notices together with insertions in over 1,500 newspapers, consumer magazines, national business publications, trade & specialty publications, and language & ethnic targeted publications, as well as online banner notices, which generated more than 770 million adult impressions and a case website in eight languages); *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179 (E.D. La.) (Dual landmark settlement notice

programs to separate “Economic and Property Damages” and “Medical Benefits” settlement classes. Notice effort included over 7,900 television spots, over 5,200 radio spots, and over 5,400 print insertions and reached over 95% of Gulf Coast residents); *In Re American Express Anti-Steering Rules Antitrust Litigation (II)* (“Italian Colors”), MDL No. 2221 (E.D.N.Y.) (Momentous injunctive settlement regarding merchant payment card processing. Notice program provided individual notice to more than 3.8 million merchants as well as coverage in national and local business publications, retail trade publications and placement in the largest circulation newspaper in each of the U.S. territories and possessions); and *In Re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation*, MDL 2036 (S.D. Fla.) (Multiple bank settlements between 2010-2016 involving direct mail and email to millions of class members and publication in relevant local newspapers. Representative banks include Fifth Third Bank, National City Bank, Bank of Oklahoma, Webster Bank, Harris Bank, M & I Bank, Community Bank, PNC Bank, Compass Bank, Commerce Bank, Citizens Bank, Great Western Bank, TD Bank, Bancorp, Whitney Bank, Associated Bank, and Susquehanna Bank).

6. Numerous other court opinions and comments as to our testimony, and opinions on the adequacy of our notice efforts, are included in Hilsoft’s curriculum vitae included as **Attachment 1**.

7. In forming my expert opinion, I and my staff drew from our in-depth class action case experience, as well as our educational and related work experiences. I am an active member of the Oregon State Bar, receiving my Bachelor of Science from Willamette University and my Juris Doctor from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. I have served as the Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft since 2008 and have overseen the detailed planning of virtually all of our court-approved notice programs since that time. Prior to

assuming my current role with Hilsoft, I served in a similar role as Director of Epiq Legal Noticing (previously called Huntington Legal Advertising). Overall, I have over 17 years of experience in the design and implementation of legal notification and claims administration programs and have been personally involved in well over one hundred successful notice programs.

8. I have been directly and personally responsible for designing all of the notice planning here for notice to Plaintiffs, including analysis of the individual notice options and the media audience data and determining the most effective mixture of media required to reach the greatest practicable number of included parties. The facts in this declaration are based on what I personally know, as well as information provided to me in the ordinary course of my business by my colleagues at Hilsoft and ECA.

9. I have been involved in reviewing or drafting the various forms of Notice described below. Each form is noticeable and written in plain language.

OVERVIEW

10. This declaration will describe the Settlement Notice Plan (“Notice Plan” or “Plan”) and notices (the “Notice” or “Notices”) designed by Hilsoft Notifications and proposed here for providing notice of the Settlement in *In Re: Motors Liquidation Company, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.*, Case No. 09-50026 (MG) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York to Plaintiffs.

11. Hilsoft has reviewed the lists of vehicles included in the Settlement. For the Notice Plan, data may need to be obtained from HIS Automotive, driven by Polk (“Polk”) and New GM. All lists will be combined and de-duplicated in order to find the most likely current address for each Plaintiff. The individual notice effort will be supplemented by a targeted

media campaign. The media portion of the Notice Plan outlined below is targeted to owners and lessees of the makes and models included in the Settlement.

12. In my opinion, the proposed Notice Plan is designed to reach the greatest practicable number of Plaintiffs through the use of individual notice and paid and earned media. In my opinion, the Notice Plan is comprehensive, reasonable and satisfies the requirements of due process, including its “desire to actually inform” requirement.¹

13. Notice shall be disseminated pursuant to the plan and details set forth below and referred to as the “Notice Plan.” The Notice Plan was designed to provide notice to the following included group of Plaintiffs:

A. All persons in the United States who, as of July 10, 2009, owned or leased a vehicle manufactured by GM included in the following recalls:

(1) Delta Ignition Switch Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v047: 2005-2010:

Chevy Cobalt, 2006-2011 Chevy HHR, 2007-2010 Pontiac G5, 2007-2010 Saturn Sky, 2003-2007 Saturn ION, and 2006-2010 Pontiac Solstice;

(2) Low Torque Ignition Switch Vehicles, which are included in Recall Nos.

14v355, 14v394, and 14v400: 2005-2009: Buick Lacrosse, 2006-2014 Chevrolet Impala, 2000-2005 Cadillac Deville, 2006-2011 Cadillac DTS, 2006-2011 Buick Lucerne, and 2006-2008 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; 2003-2014 Cadillac CTS and the 2004-2006 Cadillac SRX; and 1997-2005 Chevrolet Malibu, 2000-2005

Chevrolet Impala, 2000-2005 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 2000-2005 Pontiac Grand

¹ “But when notice is a person’s due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it. The reasonableness and hence the constitutional validity of any chosen method may be defended on the ground that it is in itself reasonably certain to inform those affected . . .” *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950).

Am, 2004-2008 Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-2002 Oldsmobile Intrigue, and 1999-2004 Oldsmobile Alero;

(3) Other Vehicles with defective ignition switches in Recall Nos. 14V-346 and 14V-540: 2010-2014 Chevrolet Camaro, 2011-2013 Chevrolet Caprice, and 2008-2009 Pontiac G8;

(4) Side Airbag Defect Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v118: 2008-2013 Buick Enclave, 2009-2013 Chevrolet Traverse, 2008-2013 GMC Acadia, and 2008-2010 Saturn Outlook; and

(5) Power Steering Defect Vehicles included in Recall No. 14v153: 2004-2006 and 2008-2009 Chevrolet Malibu, 2004-2006 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx, 2009-2010 Chevrolet HHR, 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, 2005-2006 and 2008-2009 Pontiac G6, 2004-2007 Saturn Ion, and 2008-2009 Saturn Aura.

B. Plaintiffs asserting personal injury or wrongful death claims based on or arising from an accident involving a vehicle manufactured and sold by Old GM that occurred prior to July 10, 2009 who have (i) filed a lawsuit against New GM as of the date of the Settlement Agreement, or (ii) filed or joined a motion for authorization to file late claims against the GUC Trust.

NOTICE PLAN

Individual Notice – Direct Mail

14. A Direct Mail Notice tailored to the potential owners/lessees of the included Old GM vehicles will be sent via First Class mail. Address updating (both prior to mailing and on undeliverable pieces) and re-mailing protocols will meet or exceed those used in other complex litigation settlements.

15. I understand that a comprehensive list of potential Plaintiffs exists – consisting of the current and former owners and lessees of the Old GM vehicles included in the Settlement. The database will be acquired from Polk and New GM and, if available, supplemented by other sources. All data may be de-duplicated and updated in order to find the most likely current address for each current and former vehicle owner/lessee. This data will be used to provide individual notice to virtually all Plaintiffs.

16. The mailed notice will consist of a large format, 2-image postcard notice (the “Direct Mail Notice”) that clearly and concisely summarizes the Settlement. The Direct Mail Notice will direct the recipients to a website dedicated specifically to the Settlement where they can access additional information and learn about how to participate. The Direct Mail Notices will be sent by United States Postal Service (“USPS”) first class mail.

17. Prior to mailing, all mailing addresses provided will be checked against the National Change of Address (“NCOA”) database maintained by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”).² Any addresses that are returned by the NCOA database as invalid will be updated through a third-party address search service. In addition, the addresses will be certified via the Coding Accuracy Support System (“CASS”) to ensure the quality of the zip code, and verified through Delivery Point Validation (“DPV”) to verify the accuracy of the addresses. This address updating process is standard for the industry and for the majority of promotional mailings that occur today.

18. Direct Mail Notices returned as undeliverable will be re-mailed to any new address available through postal service information, for example, to the address provided by the postal

² The NCOA database contains records of all permanent change of address submissions received by the USPS for the last four years. The USPS makes this data available to mailing firms and lists submitted to it are automatically updated with any reported move based on a comparison with the person’s name and known address.

service on returned pieces for which the automatic forwarding order has expired, but which is still during the period in which the postal service returns the piece with the address indicated, or to better addresses that may be found using a third-party lookup service (“ALLFIND”, maintained by LexisNexis). Upon successfully locating better addresses, Notices will be promptly re-mailed.

19. Additionally, a Long Form Notice will be mailed to all persons who request one via the toll-free phone number or by mail. The Long Form Notices will also be available for download or printing at the website (in both English and Spanish). Copies of the proposed Direct Mail Notice and Long Form Notice are included with the materials filed by the Parties.

Paid Media

20. Due to the comprehensive individual notice effort described above only moderate supplemental paid media will be provided for the Settlement. The media selected is designed to both notify Plaintiffs who may not see the Direct Mail Notice and also to support and remind Plaintiffs to act if they so choose.

21. The Notice Plan will include digital banner advertisements targeted specifically to owners and lessees of the vehicle makes and models included in the Settlement along with online video advertisements targeted to adults 18+. The Banner and Video Notice will provide Plaintiffs with additional opportunities to be apprised of the Settlement and their rights under it. Anyone who sees the Banner or Video Notice can click on it and instantly be routed to the Settlement website for detailed information about the Settlement.

22. The targeted internet campaign will include banner notices measuring 300x250 pixels, 728x90 pixels, and 320x50 pixels purchased through the *Conversant Ad Network*, which represents thousands of digital properties – including inventory on both desktop and mobile

devices – across all major content categories. Banner notices would be purchased through two hyper-targeted strategies and run for a 45-day period of time.

23. First, banner notices will be targeted using a “list activation” strategy. This is accomplished by matching the actual names and physical/email addresses of known Plaintiffs with current consumer profiles. This strategy ensures individuals receiving direct notice are also provided reminder messaging online via banner ads.

24. Second, banner notices will be targeted using household-level automotive data. This information will include purchasers/owners of specific vehicles makes, models, and years to which banner notices will then be served. While this will be partially duplicative of the first strategy, this group of individuals would also include potential former owners and anyone for which an address is unknown.

25. The online video advertisements include pre-roll video ads that will be viewable on *YouTube* and other sites with *YouTube* embedded videos. The video ads will appear prior to the viewer’s main video. 15-second and 30-second video ads will be purchased and targeted to adults nationwide.

Internet Sponsored Search Listings

26. To facilitate locating the case website, sponsored search listings will be acquired on the three most highly-visited internet search engines: *Google*, *Yahoo!* and *Bing*. When search engine visitors search on common keyword combinations such as “GM Car Settlement,” “General Motors Settlement,” or “GM Ignition Settlement,” the sponsored search listing will generally be displayed at the top of the page prior to the search results or in the upper right hand column.

27. The Sponsored Search Listings will be provided to search engine visitors across the United States, and will assist Plaintiffs in finding and accessing the Case Website.

Informational Release

28. To build additional reach and extend exposures, a party-neutral Informational Release will be issued to approximately 5,000 general media (print and broadcast) outlets and 5,400 online databases and websites throughout the United States. The Informational Release will serve a valuable role by providing additional notice exposures beyond that which will be provided by the paid media. There is no guarantee that any news stories will result, but if they do, potential Plaintiffs will have additional opportunities to learn that their rights are at stake in credible news media, adding to their understanding. The Informational Release will include the toll free number and Case Website address.

Case Website, Toll-free Telephone Number and Postal Mailing Address

29. A dedicated website will be created for the Settlement. Plaintiffs will be able to obtain detailed information about the case and review documents including the Long Form Notices (in English and Spanish), Settlement Agreement, Settlement Order, and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) and any other documents the Court may require. Once the allocation plan is determined it will be posted prominently on the Settlement Website. If Plaintiffs will need to file a claim, the website may be configured to allow filing online. Any claim forms would also be available to download and print for filing via mail.

30. The Case Website address will be displayed prominently on all notice documents. The Banner Notices will link directly to the Case Website.

31. A toll-free phone number will be established to allow Plaintiffs to call for additional information, listen to answers to FAQs and request that a Long Form Notice be

mailed to them. Live operators will be available as needed. The toll-free number will be prominently displayed in the Notice documents as appropriate.

32. A post office box will also be used for the Settlement, allowing Plaintiffs to contact the claims administrator by mail with any specific requests or questions.

PLAIN LANGUAGE NOTICE DESIGN

33. The proposed Notices are designed to be “noticed,” reviewed, and—by presenting the information in plain language—understood by Plaintiffs. The Notices contain substantial, albeit easy-to-read, summaries of all of the key information about Plaintiffs’ rights and options to encourage readership and comprehension.

34. The Direct Mail Notice features a prominent headline and is clearly identified as a notice from the Bankruptcy Court. It includes a color logo from the Court to add credibility to the notice. The postcard is printed in a larger 8 by 5.5 inch size on heavier postcard stock. These design elements alert recipients and readers that the Notice is an important document authorized by a court and that the content may affect them, thereby supplying reasons to read the Notice.

35. The Long Form Notices provide substantial information to Plaintiffs. It begins with a summary section, which provides a concise overview of important information about the Settlements. A table of contents, categorized into logical sections, helps to organize the information, while a question and answer format makes it easy to find answers to common questions by breaking the information into simple headings.

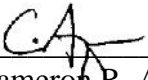
36. The Direct Mail Notices and the Long Form Notices will be available in English and Spanish at the website.

CONCLUSION

37. In complex litigation notice planning, execution, and analysis, we are guided by due process considerations under the United States Constitution, by federal and local rules and statutes, and further by case law pertaining to notice. In this matter we are operating under Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002 and 9008. The general premise set forth in Rule 2002 is that notice must be provided by mail. We are in full compliance with that here. The supplemental media plan is in compliance with Rule 9008.

38. The Notice Plan described above is “reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action.”³ The Notice Plan schedule will afford enough time to provide full and proper notice to Plaintiffs before the objection deadline.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 14th, 2017.



Cameron R. Azari, Esq.

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³ *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950).

EXHIBIT N

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 IN RE: GENERAL MOTORS LLC
4 IGNITION SWITCH LITIGATION,

14 MD 2543 (JMF)

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New York, N.Y.
August 11, 2017
9:00 a.m.

8 Before:

9 HON. JESSE M. FURMAN,

10 District Judge

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1 THE COURT: Good morning. We are here in the GM MDL
2 matter.

3 Counsel, why don't you just state your names for the
4 record.

5 MS. CABRASER: Good morning, your Honor. Elizabeth
6 Cabraser for plaintiffs.

7 MR. BERMAN: Good morning, your Honor. Steve Berman
8 for plaintiffs.

9 MR. HILLIARD: Good morning, Judge. Bob Hilliard for
10 plaintiffs.

11 MR. BERMAN: Your Honor, we also have at our table our
12 bankruptcy counsel on the economic loss side, Mr. Steel, Howard
13 Steel.

14 MR. STEEL: Good morning, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Good morning.

16 MR. GODFREY: Good morning, your Honor. Rick Godfrey
17 from New GM. We also have New GM's bankruptcy counsel with us,
18 Arthur Steinberg; my colleague, Mr. Bloomer; Mr. Brock; and
19 Mr. Pixton, who once again is at the front table, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Thanks for being here earlier than our
21 usual start time. I think Ms. Kumara may have told you I need
22 to get out of here pretty promptly today. I have a medical
23 situation I need to attend to. As you can see, Ms. Smallman is
24 out. So Ms. Kumara is out front. Just a reminder to speak
25 into the microphones loud and clear, and we will proceed with

1 the agenda.

2 I don't know if the presence of bankruptcy counsel
3 suggests that there is more to discuss on the bankruptcy front
4 than I thought there might be. You're getting me nervous.
5 Let's start with the bankruptcy proceedings.

6 The letters I received from both parties suggested
7 that there wasn't much to talk about with respect to the
8 July 12 bankruptcy ruling at this point, that there may be down
9 the road. I don't know if that's changed or what have you.

10 I confess I don't quite have a full grasp of what the
11 implications of that ruling are for the cases that are pending
12 before me, but I assume that will sort of flush itself out over
13 time.

14 I am curious what remains to be litigated in the
15 bankruptcy Court. I think all but the late claims issue have
16 been resolved, at least of the threshold issues, but the word
17 "threshold" suggests that there is more to be done there, and
18 I'm sure there is. So I would love some sense of that.

19 The last question is the letters, including the agenda
20 letter, have noted any number of appeals that have been filed
21 from the bankruptcy court's rulings, and I didn't know where
22 those appeals were filed or headed, which is another way of
23 saying I don't know if they're coming to me or if I should be
24 on the look out for them. I'm not eager to get more work on my
25 plate. I have enough from you guys, but that being said, I

1 don't know if there is something that I should be on the look
2 out for.

3 So I guess that's all just by way of saying if
4 somebody can help me out and help me understand what's going on
5 and what I should be expecting, that would be helpful. I don't
6 know if Mr. Steel or Mr. Steinberg are the right folks or
7 counsel here. Make sure you get a microphone though, please.

8 MR. STEEL: Good morning, your Honor. Howard Steel of
9 Brown Rudnick.

10 With respect to the 2016 threshold issues, Judge Glenn
11 has issued opinions on all of the 2016 threshold issues.

12 THE COURT: Other than the late claims issue.

13 MR. STEEL: Other than the late claims issue. I'll
14 address that in a second.

15 There have been numerous appeals of the 2016 threshold
16 issue opinions. Lead counsel for the economic loss plaintiffs,
17 personal injury plaintiffs, and certain other plaintiffs have
18 filed notices of appeal. General Motors has also filed a
19 notice of appeal. Those recently statements of issue on appeal
20 and designation of records have been filed.

21 THE COURT: In what court?

22 MR. STEEL: In the bankruptcy court.

23 THE COURT: Where is the appeal being taken? In this
24 court, or is it the Second Circuit?

25 MR. STEEL: To the district court. Certain plaintiffs

1 have filed related case statements seeking to have it heard
2 with your Honor.

3 THE COURT: When did that happen? I haven't seen
4 those.

5 MR. STEEL: They were filed within the last week. We
6 can send copies if your Honor desires.

7 THE COURT: That would probably be helpful, if only
8 because it would alert me to what the docket numbers of those
9 appeals are, I would think.

10 Do they have docket numbers in this court yet?

11 MR. STEEL: I'm not aware that any of them have docket
12 numbers yet.

13 THE COURT: I think better to have the information
14 than not, and I can then look into where those things are if
15 they were supposed to come to me, but I have not yet seen them.

16 So how many of those are we looking at?

17 MR. STEEL: I'm looking at Mr. Steinberg. I think
18 there are four or five.

19 MR. STEINBERG: Good morning, your Honor. Arthur
20 Steinberg.

21 The paperwork for the designation of record and
22 statement of issues was filed two days ago. So the paperwork
23 itself hasn't gone from the clerk of the bankruptcy court up to
24 the district court yet.

25 The appeals that were filed by the plaintiffs' side

1 were with regard to the July 12, 2017, order entered by the
2 bankruptcy court. New GM appealed a June order of the court
3 and a separate July order of the court.

4 THE COURT: The June order was the Pitterman?

5 MR. STEINBERG: The Pitterman. Correct, your Honor.
6 The cover sheets that we filed -- I don't know what the
7 plaintiffs are, but I assume the same -- said the two appeals
8 that were filed are connected with each other, should be heard
9 by the same judge, and we referenced those appeals as being
10 related to the MDL.

11 So we would expect it ultimately to come to
12 your Honor, but the paperwork hasn't emerged from the
13 bankruptcy court to the district court yet.

14 THE COURT: So it doesn't sound like it should yet be
15 on my radar or that I should have received the related case
16 statements, but I will be on the lookout for them. If you
17 could send them to chambers just so I can have whatever
18 information I can have, that would be helpful.

19 MR. GODFREY: Your Honor, would you prefer a letter,
20 just a cover letter, with the basic information on this from
21 both parties? We can do that, if that would be helpful to the
22 Court.

23 THE COURT: Sure. Why don't you do that. On the one
24 hand, the sooner the better. On the other hand, it doesn't
25 need to be filed today. I won't give you a deadline, but the

1 sooner the better.

2 Very good. Anything else to say on that front?

3 MR. STEEL: Nothing right now, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: I'm mindful that I already have a few
5 bankruptcy appeals to resolve relating to this, and they are on
6 my to-do list. So I guess that list just got longer.

7 The next items are coordination of related actions,
8 document production, and deposition updates.

9 Is there anything to discuss on those three?

10 MR. GODFREY: Just one point, your Honor. Just a note
11 for the Court. The last time we were here in July, I had noted
12 that the Orange County trial was set to start on August 14,
13 which is this coming Monday. That has been continued at the
14 request of the parties until October 23.

15 I want to make sure the Court was aware of that since
16 I had alerted the Court that there was a possibility of some
17 issues coming up that the Court might be interested in, but
18 that's two months down the road now. So nothing to worry about
19 at the current time.

20 THE COURT: Thank you. I saw that in the July 31
21 related case update. That timing is better for my purposes,
22 since I'll be in the country at that time preparing for the
23 next trial here. Good to know.

24 Let's turn then to what may be the biggest ticket item
25 today, which is the economic loss motion practice and

1 discovery-related issues. I don't know if intervening events,
2 that is, between your letters and today, have changed anything
3 as far as you're concerned, the big intervening event being my
4 granting of the motion for reconsideration that was filed by
5 plaintiffs.

6 Let me give you my thoughts, unless you have anything
7 you need to add before I give you my thoughts. Good.

8 So first let me start with the areas of agreement. It
9 seems like you're in agreement that discovery should not
10 proceed at this time with respect to the FACC plaintiffs whose
11 claims have been dismissed, and I'm in agreement with that as
12 well.

13 Second, on the issue of summary judgment motions, I
14 want to understand a little better what the proposal and idea
15 here is. As I understand it, New GM is proposing to file a
16 summary judgment motion sooner rather than later but limited to
17 the issue of benefit of the bargain damages. The idea would be
18 to bring a summary judgment motion on all other issues down the
19 road as to some or all states depending on my resolution of
20 that.

21 Mr. Godfrey is nodding his head.

22 MR. GODFREY: Yes, your Honor. The centrality of the
23 plaintiffs' case has shifted to the major contours of elements
24 of the benefit of the bargain. That is a discreet legal issue
25 that the Court's guidance and ruling on will materially

1 expedite and define the case going forward, including whether
2 there can possibly be a class.

3 We have views on what "benefit of bargain" means in
4 various states. I'm sure the plaintiffs would disagree with
5 some of those views, maybe all of them. The Court will have to
6 decide that.

7 That issue, given the allegations with respect to the
8 16 states that the Court has already ruled upon, has become a
9 central question, the contours and outcome of which will be
10 very significant in terms of a class briefing.

11 We think it's helpful for the Court, indeed necessary
12 for the Court, to have a firm understanding of the differences
13 in state law, what the state law provides and doesn't provide,
14 and the meaning of that catch phrase "benefit of the bargain"
15 before we embark upon the class certification because it will
16 dictate, in many respects, how the Court views certain of the
17 class issues.

18 THE COURT: I put a lot of trust in you guys in
19 determining how to proceed and what makes sense and doesn't.
20 So I'm inclined to accept the proposal.

21 I've written something in the neighborhood of 240
22 pages on the laws of 16 states already and addressed the issues
23 of benefit of the bargain. I don't know what evidence has come
24 to light in discovery that would have meaning for you to sort
25 of shed light on this issue in a summary judgment motion or

1 what the story is.

2 This is partially because I'm, in general, not a fan
3 of piecemeal motion practice. I obviously have made some
4 exceptions here for reasons of practicality and otherwise.

5 The idea of having a substantial motion this fall
6 followed by another one at some point down the line isn't
7 particularly attractive to me. So I'm just trying to get a
8 better sense of what light could be shed that would be helpful
9 in terms of the class certification or settlement or otherwise.

10 MR. GODFREY: We thought hard about this before
11 proposing it. So this was not a late-night thought to burden
12 the Court. The Court has accepted the notion advanced by
13 plaintiffs that they have benefit of the bargain, that they can
14 make a claim for benefit of the bargain damages. The question
15 then becomes what is the nature and element of that definition.
16 What is benefit of the bargain damages. What is the type of
17 evidence.

18 From the depositions, we think that the plaintiffs,
19 the representative plaintiffs, don't have it, but we also think
20 that it would be very illusory for the Court to understand
21 precisely what benefit of the bargain means and does not mean
22 as compared to the label that has thus far been applied.

23 This is similar to what happens in a lot of mass tort
24 cases where the Court will identify, for example, a particular
25 causation issue and have a separate summary judgment tract on

1 that particular issue because it can materially advance or
2 materially inform the parties. So it's very analogous to what
3 is quite common in MDLs involving mass torts of a different
4 type.

5 So, from our perspective, we know what the deposition
6 discovery has shown. We believe we know what the law is. The
7 Court may or may not agree with us on that. We think that the
8 law and the plaintiffs' claims do not mesh, but we also think
9 there are some overarching principles that if the Court agrees
10 with us, that means certain things for class certification.

11 If the Court disagrees with us, it will mean different
12 things for class certification. It may be equally helpful from
13 our perspective, but we don't know until the Court actually
14 rules.

15 Otherwise, we are briefing class certification where
16 there is a central theory of recovery and a central theory of
17 measurement of the damages which is undefined for the Court and
18 undefined by the contours of the record thus far.

19 Therefore, we've analogized this to a classic
20 causation issue in certain types of mass tort, particularly Big
21 Pharma cases, for example.

22 THE COURT: Do you anticipate that it would need to
23 engage in a state-by-state analysis of each of the 16 states?
24 Or could this be done at a level of generality that doesn't
25 require that? Or is this some sort of grouping that could be

1 done where the parties, perhaps even in advance, agree to
2 different approaches to this and put the states in each of
3 those buckets?

4 MR. GODFREY: We have not discussed this with the
5 plaintiffs, at least I haven't. Maybe Mr. Bloomer has. Our
6 contemplation was an omnibus motion but with the law from the
7 16 states that your Honor has addressed.

8 I don't think it will be materially different for
9 certain other states. I didn't want to complicate this more
10 than it might otherwise be. So it was an omnibus motion.

11 If there were particular state differences, we would
12 draw those out individually. But from our reading of the law,
13 we think that there are common elements that will drive the
14 decision-making analysis of the Court that are overarching for
15 the 16 states on this particular issue.

16 There may be some differences. As to those, we would
17 brief those separately with a subset. So it is somewhat akin
18 to -- I hate to say this because we lost this motion, but it's
19 somewhat akin to the consequential damages issue where we had
20 an omnibus motion, and then we had as a fallback where there
21 were some individual state differences, and the Court did not
22 agree with us on the omnibus motion up until now but then gave
23 us the Court's views in terms of what to look for in individual
24 states, which was very, very helpful.

25 So that is how we envisioned it. We did not envision

1 that we would have a brief that says the law of Alabama is X.

2 The law of New York is Y. The law of Missouri is Z.

3 We envisioned it as here are the principles that the
4 courts follow when applying all of the states, and if there is
5 a difference in a particular state, then we would identify that
6 that says this particular state has the following additional
7 two elements or the following element to the claim.

8 So, from our perspective, we, frankly, focused on this
9 in connection with another case we're involved in where we were
10 discussing an overarching causation issue. We thought we have
11 the same issue here, but it's on benefit of the bargain
12 damages.

13 Mr. Bloomer and I had a case on this years ago on a
14 damages issue similarly where we focused on the damages
15 question, and it became the determinative factor in the court's
16 analysis on class certification.

17 THE COURT: Let me hear from someone at the front
18 table.

19 Mr. Berman, is that you?

20 MR. BERMAN: That's me, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Just get a microphone, if you can.

22 MR. BERMAN: You said you were relying on the wisdom
23 of the parties in coming up with this procedure.

24 THE COURT: I get the sense it's more the parties at
25 the back table in this instance.

1 MR. BERMAN: Exactly. I've heard Mr. Godfrey and
2 Mr. Bloomer explain it. I still don't understand exactly the
3 basis of the motion because you've already ruled in certain
4 states that benefit of the bargain damages are permissible.

5 Having said that, we didn't see a mechanism over the
6 rules where we can stop GM from moving for summary judgment at
7 any time they want to. They apparently want to do it now.

8 So, unless the Court stops them and says, I only want
9 to do summary judgments once, not piecemeal, which is what
10 they're proposing, then we went along with the schedule with
11 the caveat that -- New GM seems to think that they've got this
12 magic bullet, but they want until December to file the brief.
13 If they've got the magic bullet and they've thought it out,
14 let's get it on the table like next week or something way
15 sooner than December.

16 THE COURT: I hear you that it's coming more from the
17 back table than yours, and I certainly do think I have the
18 authority to say we're only going to have one round of summary
19 judgment briefing here and it won't be until X.

20 I will adopt the proposal and allow New GM to file its
21 motion on this front. I'll adjust the scheduling in a few
22 minutes when we turn to issues where you don't agree, but
23 you'll find that I'm a little more in agreement with the
24 plaintiffs on that front, that we should get things moving more
25 quickly than New GM proposed.

1 The last point of agreement is that you will meet and
2 confer regarding essentially application of my two prior motion
3 to dismiss opinions to the 35 remaining states in an effort to
4 hopefully obviate the need for further motion practice, and
5 perhaps you could essentially resolve how the motions or the
6 decisions apply to those states.

7 I think that's optimistic. I imagine there will be
8 some points of disagreement, but as I understand it, you'll
9 meet and confer by December 1 and submit something to me,
10 either an agreed-upon proposal or some sort of competing
11 proposals, by December 15.

12 So I'll look for that. That's fine with me. I would
13 just ask you to please confer in good faith and to be
14 reasonable. In my experience, as you've probably seen, I think
15 in most of these jurisdictions you can find an outlier case or
16 two that say the opposite of what the weight of authority in
17 that state seems to say.

18 In that regard, I think in almost every one of these
19 issues in every one of these states, there is authority that
20 both parties can hang their hats on.

21 As you've seen, I tend to go with the majority
22 approach or the weight of the authority. So I guess I'm just
23 saying that recognizing that you can probably make an
24 argument -- you're good lawyers. You can make an argument for
25 anything.

1 Just pick your battles, and hopefully we can minimize
2 the amount of briefing that we need to do on the remaining 35
3 states, but obviously we'll see where that goes.

4 Now let's turn to the issues upon which you don't
5 agree. First is the one that Mr. Berman referred to a moment
6 ago, which is the briefing schedule for this first summary
7 judgment motion.

8 As I understand it, Mr. Berman mentioned a December
9 date. As I understood it, the competing proposals at this
10 point were only separated by two weeks, namely September 29 and
11 October 13. Mr. Bloomer is nodding his head. So I'm assuming
12 that's correct.

13 My proposal is to sort of split the difference and
14 take a little bit of time away so that it is still fully
15 submitted by the time that the plaintiffs have proposed.

16 On my proposal, I would have the motion due by
17 October 6, any opposition due by October 30, and then any reply
18 due by November 10, which is the date that the plaintiffs have
19 proposed. I think that may be a court holiday, but I think I
20 would still have it due on that date notwithstanding that since
21 you can file on ECF.

22 That splits the difference and gives New GM an extra
23 week. On the other hand, it gets the motion fully submitted by
24 the date the plaintiffs have proposed.

25 Any objections?

1 MR. GODFREY: We're okay with that, your Honor. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. BERMAN: I guess my only concern is New GM has
4 been preparing this for quite a while, and it's August. So
5 you're giving them another 45 days to get it ready. You're
6 giving us 24 days to respond. Maybe give us an extra week.

7 THE COURT: I was trying to --

8 MR. BERMAN: I hear you.

9 THE COURT: -- give you something that you were asking
10 for. On your proposal, they would have had until the end of
11 September anyway. So it's only seven days beyond what you have
12 contemplated.

13 MR. BERMAN: So how about if we get an three extra
14 days?

15 THE COURT: So you would get until November 2?

16 MR. BERMAN: Correct.

17 THE COURT: That's fine with me. We'll leave the
18 reply deadline as November 10, but I'll give plaintiffs until
19 November 2, which I think is the date we're starting the
20 Doddson trial, to file their opposition.

21 The second issue is the question of proposed
22 amendments to the 4th amended consolidated complaint. I think
23 one of the biggest issues you're going to have to address is
24 what to call the next complaint because fifth starts with the
25 same letter as fourth. I don't know if you have any thoughts

1 on that. We've been pondering that.

2 MS. CABRASER: Maybe the best amended consolidated
3 complaint.

4 THE COURT: Or maybe the last.

5 MS. CABRASER: That would be the lack, and we would
6 not want them to be characterized as lacking anything.

7 THE COURT: Understood. You can ponder what to call
8 it between now and then.

9 Let me tell you my thoughts on this. I have to say
10 that I share New GM's skepticism about the appropriateness of
11 the proposed amendments, that is to say, I think the plaintiffs
12 have a bit of an uphill fight to show that there is good cause,
13 which I think is the relevant standard here.

14 Having said that, I don't see how I can categorically
15 preclude the amount based on the current record and the
16 parties' letters. New GM's arguments against allowing the
17 amendment -- this is on page 7 of its letter, which is docket
18 number 4338 -- are really fact dependent based on who knew what
19 and when.

20 I don't know the answers to those questions, and I
21 also imagine that the answers might differ as to some of the,
22 say, proposed new plaintiffs versus others. So I don't really
23 see how I can categorically preclude an amendment.

24 I think what may make more sense -- as you have heard,
25 I'm not eager to invite more motion practice, but I think what

1 would make more sense would be to have the plaintiffs file
2 their proposed amended complaint with essentially a motion for
3 leave to amend, and we can then adjudicate it based on what the
4 actual concrete proposals are and what showing they can make as
5 to the proposed changes.

6 So that's a little different than I think either side
7 had contemplated. Maybe not. The plaintiffs essentially made
8 that argument in their letter but didn't exactly frame it as a
9 motion for leave to amend. It was more just a yes or no. I
10 guess what I'm saying is I don't see how I can say yes or no
11 without knowing more.

12 Mr. Bloomer, it looks like you want to say something.

13 MR. BLOOMER: Thank you, your Honor. Andrew Bloomer
14 on behalf of New GM.

15 If the Court grants leave to amend and then there is
16 motion practice on that, I take it that the motion practice
17 would encompass either the proprietary of adding the new
18 plaintiffs and/or why their claims should be dismissed on the
19 merits, which is what I think the plaintiffs had in their
20 proposed schedule.

21 We objected to the addition of the plaintiffs but said
22 regardless, since you're filling slots that have already been
23 briefed, we want to reserve our client's right to move to
24 dismiss them on the merits, and I just want to understand the
25 scope of what would be contemplated in opposing a motion for

1 leave to amend.

2 THE COURT: I hadn't really thought it all through. I
3 think you raise an interesting question. I was thinking that,
4 yes. We would adjudicate the question of amendment, and then
5 certainly you would have an opportunity to make your
6 12(b)(6)-type arguments with respect to any new plaintiffs. I
7 don't know if there are new claims, but I think it's more new
8 plaintiffs than anything else.

9 Having said that, what your comment points to is maybe
10 these two things can and should be consolidated. Obviously
11 futility is a factor in the leave-to-amend analysis. In that
12 regard, the 12(b)(6) arguments can be made in the context of
13 the leave-to-amend process, the only difference being really
14 who files the opening brief.

15 In the normal case, of course, in a motion for leave
16 to amend, the plaintiff would essentially file the opening
17 brief and say why the amendment is not futile, and then you
18 would have an opportunity to make your 12(b)(6) arguments in
19 opposing, and then they would have the reply, as opposed to I
20 think the way you guys had sort of proposed doing it, there
21 would be an amendment followed by 12(b)(6) practice where GM
22 would be the moving party and file the reply.

23 So I don't have a strong view either way, except that
24 the most efficient way we can do this and the faster we can get
25 it resolved I would think the better, particularly if we have a

1 summary judgment motion coming down the pike.

2 MS. CABRASER: Your Honor, we hadn't thought of that
3 specifically, but we think that makes sense. Certainly it
4 would be more efficient to combine those arguments.

5 We would be providing the plaintiffs' FACC sheets for
6 the additional plaintiffs. There are ten or less of those. So
7 the information would be in the proposed amended complaint.
8 The FACC sheet would be there. We would be making our
9 arguments in our motion to amend opening brief.

10 As you know, futility is an argument against
11 amendment. So this would really be any attack on this pleading
12 in terms of what is new or different in it, and then once we're
13 past that, we either have the amended complaint in whole or in
14 part or we don't, and we move on.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Bloomer.

16 MR. BLOOMER: I think both parties are trying to
17 figure out a way, your Honor, to try to streamline the
18 proceedings without kind of sacrificing rights, at least
19 certainly from our perspective, our right to move to dismiss.

20 If the plaintiffs want to move for leave to amend and
21 we raise an opposition that addresses both the leave and the
22 12(b)(6)-type arguments, to the extent we have them, I think we
23 can accept that. I realize they'd get a reply. I think,
24 depending on what happens, we may want to seek leave for a
25 surreply just to kind of --

1 THE COURT: Get the last word?

2 MR. BLOOMER: Get the last word and keep in line with
3 traditional motion practice on 12(b)(6).

4 THE COURT: I think we can probably wait and see if
5 that proves to be necessary. I think this is probably the way
6 to go, just thinking out loud. I think it probably means
7 getting these things resolved even faster than you guys have
8 proposed in your competing schedules. So why don't we plan on
9 proceeding that way.

10 I have been, I think, fairly reasonable, more than
11 aggressive, in granting requests to file surreplies because I
12 have generally trusted you guys and your assessment that that
13 is appropriate and necessary. So, if you think it is here, you
14 can make an application, and I will consider it in the normal
15 course.

16 I'll leave it to you to propose deadlines for that. I
17 think if plaintiffs can still file the proposed amendments by
18 August 25, that would be great. If they weren't contemplating
19 doing that with a motion -- that may be ambitious, particularly
20 if we're now essentially consolidating the sort of contemplated
21 12(b)(6) motion practice with a motion for leave to amend. It
22 may be that we can still push that deadline back a bit and have
23 that resolved quickly, if not more quickly than contemplated in
24 your proposed schedules.

25 So can I leave it to you to confer and come up with a

1 proposed schedule?

2 MS. CABRASER: Yes, your Honor. We'll confer on that,
3 and we'll come up with a schedule. It will be somewhat later
4 than the August date, but I think it will end up being more
5 expeditious.

6 THE COURT: Great. I trust that you will, again, be
7 reasonable and proceed in good faith on the question of
8 futility and that you're not going to make arguments that
9 really amount to reconsideration of a decision that I've made
10 in the first two motions that I've resolved, which is another
11 way of saying that you can reserve your rights and the relevant
12 footnotes as you regularly do, but I don't expect to see
13 arguments that are really taking issue with rulings I've made.

14 It's one thing to make new arguments based on the
15 specific allegations concerning those plaintiffs. It's another
16 thing to reargue points that as far as I'm concerned, are
17 settled. So I trust that you will hear me loud and clear on
18 that front and not seek to re-litigate issues that I've already
19 decided.

20 So I'll look for your proposal on that. If you can
21 incorporate it into the proposed order memorializing what we're
22 doing here today, great. If you need additional time, that's
23 fine as well as far as I'm concerned, but I'll leave it to you
24 and trust that you'll submit it to me as soon as you can.

25 That leaves the bigger issue of sort of the structure

1 of future motion practice. I did, number one, review other
2 MDLs and some of the decisions cited in your letters, I think
3 more plaintiffs' letter than New GM's letter, but I did review
4 other MDLs and spoke to other MDL judges to get a sense of
5 their experiences in these matters.

6 The bottom line is I do not intend to proceed in the
7 manner that New GM is proposing, that is to say, as I
8 understand it, briefing summary judgment and class
9 certification as to all 51 states and D.C.

10 As I indicated before, I'm not a big fan of piecemeal
11 motion practice, but I think adopting that approach would
12 really involve a significant delay before we even got to motion
13 practice because of the need for discovery.

14 GM has made clear that it would take the position that
15 it's entitled to take discovery of every plaintiff in every
16 state that is subject to motion practice. I think it would be
17 a while before we even got to motions. Frankly, what those
18 motions would look like and what a ruling would require from me
19 are things that I shudder to think about.

20 I think it makes a lot more sense, as I think I had
21 intimated at the July conference, to adopt some sort of
22 bellwether-type approach along the lines of what I think I
23 suggested last month and what the plaintiffs have proposed, and
24 that does seem to be the way that, if not most other MDLs of
25 this sort facing similar issues have proceeded, but certainly

1 the way that many have with some success.

2 I think that a decision on essentially some number of
3 the states that I have already addressed on the motions to
4 dismiss would help inform the settlement discussions that I
5 assume are either ongoing or would be ongoing. In any event, I
6 think it's likely that we would be able to apply those
7 decisions in some streamlined fashion to other states down the
8 road.

9 So that's a long way of saying that I agree with the
10 plaintiffs that some sort of bellwether approach is warranted
11 here, which raises the question of sort of how to choose the
12 bellwether states, if I can call them that. I include D.C. as
13 a state, even though as every resident of D.C. would tell you,
14 it is certainly not a state.

15 I am inclined to pick two to be agreed upon jointly by
16 you, and I hope that you could agree jointly of the 16 that I
17 have addressed sort of the two that would make the most sense,
18 either from the perspective that the most plaintiffs are in
19 those or they're most representative of the 51 states or at
20 least the 16 states that I've resolved.

21 I just think that given the amount of briefing and the
22 decisions you already have from me, that you guys could
23 actually agree upon that. If you can't, I'm inclined to think
24 that you should submit letter briefs to me, and then I'll
25 decide.

1 This is not like the personal injury/wrongful death
2 cases where I'm in the dark about the specifics of the cases
3 and, therefore, not in a good position to choose. I obviously
4 know quite a bit about the 16 states that we're choosing among.

5 So, if you can't agree, I think you can submit your
6 views on which of those states we should adopt, and I could
7 then make that decision. I would rather not have to do that,
8 but I'm certainly prepared to do that, if necessary.

9 So my inclination is to say two and leave it to you to
10 try and meet and confer and either submit something, an
11 agreed-upon kind of schedule and protocol identifying those two
12 states or competing proposals, and I'll then resolve things
13 that you don't resolve.

14 I would say in the mix of that if in the course of
15 talking about it, you guys decide, based on the particular
16 facts of either the number of plaintiffs or the categories of
17 state laws involved, if you think that a number other than two
18 makes sense -- I'm not interested in 16, but if three or four
19 would make more sense than two, I'm certainly open to that. As
20 an opening bid, I would suggest two.

21 Mr. Berman.

22 MR. BERMAN: Your Honor, Ms. Cabraser and I were
23 talking this morning, and coincidentally we came up with two as
24 well. We bounced around four, five, six. It doesn't matter.
25 We thought we could do one because that's going to guide a lot

1 of future thinking, but maybe there is a difference in law that
2 might be helpful. So we came up with two.

3 We'll certainly try to agree with GM on which two.
4 The only thing I think we need to do is then have a timetable
5 for selection and more letter briefing on the issue.

6 THE COURT: Let me hear from the back table. If you
7 guys sit down and talk and look at the particular states and
8 decide that we could do this as to only one state -- and there
9 are several MDLs that have done that, and I think that it has
10 benefited the litigation even where it's been limited to one
11 state and bellwether trials limited to one state or what have
12 you -- I'm certainly open to that.

13 Two is sort of an abstract number. I guess what I'm
14 intimating is the devil may be in the details. If it turns out
15 that one can be as useful or three would be more useful, I'm
16 certainly open to that. Again, two is the opening bid.

17 Mr. Bloomer, Mr. Godfrey.

18 MR. GODFREY: I think we would like to reflect upon
19 it, your Honor. The last time I did this in this court, that
20 is, the Southern District in front of Judge Scheindlin, we
21 settled on four.

22 I don't recall whether that was agreed to by the
23 parties or we each got two, in other words, the pick two
24 lottery. The plaintiffs picked two, and we picked two.

25 I don't recall Ms. Cabraser was directly involved. I

1 believe it was one of her colleagues. They had some
2 advantages, both from a numeric perspective and geographic
3 perspective that more appropriately canvassed the differences
4 in the law.

5 I'd like to reflect upon it. I understand the Court's
6 direction. We will have this discussion. I know that we do
7 not think one is appropriate. Two, three, or four -- we'll get
8 together with the plaintiffs and see if we can agree. If not,
9 then we'll brief it for the Court's consideration.

10 THE COURT: Great. Sounds good. Let me leave it to
11 you to try and hammer all this out. In terms of a schedule,
12 I'm not prepared, for any number of reasons, to actually go
13 through each and every one of the dates.

14 I'd be inclined to leave that to you to try and hammer
15 out with the one statement from me that I'm more in agreement
16 with the plaintiffs' proposal than I am with New GM's in terms
17 of how to proceed with the actual schedule which I think gets
18 things done more quickly than New GM, but it may be that having
19 resolved the big-picture issue, you guys can reach some
20 agreement, even if it means modifying the plaintiffs' proposal
21 here and there.

22 So why don't I leave it to you in the first instance
23 and see if you can agree on a schedule that fits with the
24 overall structure that I have proposed, and we'll take it from
25 there.

1 How long do you want to confer and submit something to
2 me? Would two weeks be sufficient?

3 MR. BERMAN: Two weeks would be sufficient from our
4 perspective.

5 MR. GODFREY: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: So I'll give you two weeks from today to
7 submit something, either agreed upon -- and if not agreed upon,
8 then in the normal course with competing letter briefs. That
9 exhausts that issue.

10 The last issue is the status of bellwether trial
11 number 9. I like that you guys keep the numbers. It makes my
12 colleagues think I'm trying many more cases than I am.

13 Is there anything to discuss on this front? I have a
14 couple minor sort of administrative things that I would propose
15 based on lessons learned from the last trials. I'm also open
16 to hearing if you guys think there are any ways that we could
17 proceed differently that would help you and make things run
18 more smoothly. I think the last trial actually ran pretty
19 smoothly, all things considered.

20 Let me first just ask: Is there anything sort of
21 substantive to discuss or any issues on that front?

22 Is Susman Godfrey trial counsel for plaintiff on that
23 case?

24 MR. HILLIARD: Co-trial counsel. My law firm is going
25 to co-try it with them. So they will be here at probably the

1 status conferences involving the Doddson trial, but we'll be
2 co-lead counsel on that.

3 THE COURT: Good. I was beginning to miss you,
4 Mr. Hilliard. I'm glad to hear that.

5 Anything substantive to discuss, Mr. Brock?
6 Mr. Hilliard?

7 MR. BROCK: The case is proceeding to trial in the way
8 we would expect. I don't think we have anything to discuss.

9 MR. HILLIARD: In discussing the last couple of
10 trials, specifically, the last one, and then reflecting on the
11 others, it seems that the streamlinedness is working, and the
12 amount of time that we think we need versus the amount of time
13 that we need is less.

14 Perhaps both sides have the courage now to say, we
15 only need a week and we can get it done in a week instead of
16 extending the proposed time. It helps with the jury panel, as
17 well as helps with the preparation of experts.

18 THE COURT: Yes. I think that was all true. I would
19 say to the amount of time you think you need and the amount of
20 time you actually need, I would actually add a third category,
21 which is the amount of time I'm going to give you.

22 MR. HILLIARD: That should probably be category one.

23 THE COURT: I can't remember if you were here or if it
24 was folks from Weitz & Luxenberg. I think that the first
25 couple trials, with all due respect, were somewhat overtried.

1 I understand why that might have been the case and how
2 much is at stake in each of these cases. I do think in the
3 last one we were sort of approaching a better equilibrium in
4 terms of paring it down and remembering that it's about an
5 individual accident. So I would urge you to continue with
6 that, and I will do my part as well when the time comes.

7 A couple things that I wanted to note just in advance
8 and would invite you guys to also discuss with each other and
9 among yourselves, if there are ways to tweak the procedures
10 that we have been using, that would be helpful or make things
11 more efficient from your perspective. That is to say, any
12 lessons learned from the last trial or two, if you have any
13 thoughts on that, feel free to propose them to me. I'm
14 certainly open to changing the way we do things.

15 A couple things on that front. One is I don't know to
16 what extent you guys have conferred in advance of the motion in
17 limine deadlines about motions in limine, but I get the sense
18 that more discussion might be beneficial, that is to say, that
19 in each trial I think there have been motions that have
20 essentially been mooted because they're not really disputed or
21 the disagreements turned out to be a lot narrower than the
22 opening brief seems to think.

23 I would think that you might save yourselves some
24 trouble and ultimately me some trouble in what I have to
25 ultimately read if you could kind of discuss that ahead of time

1 and figure out more precisely what you actually do need to
2 brief as opposed to what might be agreed upon.

3 Second, with respect to deposition designation
4 disputes, it would be helpful, when you file the sort of
5 omnibus letter and transcripts and so forth -- I think in the
6 past ones you have not identified which party is calling which
7 witness, and I think I mentioned in the last trial that I was
8 trying to get ahead of things and ended up reviewing, during
9 the plaintiffs' case, some witnesses that were actually GM
10 witnesses, and, therefore, I ended up needing to do that
11 anyway, but it would just be helpful in terms of me triaging
12 and knowing what I need to prioritize.

13 Third, because I think your resources exceed my
14 resources on this front, I would like one or the other of
15 you -- I would propose New GM -- to take on the task of copying
16 the jury questionnaires when we have a copy of the final
17 version of them and provide them to the jury department to
18 distribute to the jury pool. Is that acceptable?

19 MR. BROCK: Yes, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: That's it from me on this, but I would
21 invite you to discuss among yourselves if you think there is
22 anything that I can do or should be doing differently that
23 would be helpful and make things run more smoothly.

24 The next item is the trial setting for bellwether
25 number 11. I have to say I'm a little puzzled because I

1 understand that May 7 was a date that I came up with on my own,
2 in part, quite frankly, to protect my summer.

3 I looked back at your proposal on this front, which is
4 docket number 4298, and you guys had initially proposed June 25
5 as a trial date. So I don't know why all of a sudden you're
6 not available until August, and part of what is animating my
7 asking that is, quite candidly, I can't try this case in August
8 for any number of reasons.

9 A, it would be hard to find a jury. B, my own
10 schedule doesn't really permit it. And then complicating
11 matters further, September really isn't an available option
12 either.

13 There are pretty much two days every week in September
14 that I would be off for Jewish holidays, and many jurors would
15 also be unavailable anyway, all of which is to say that if we
16 don't try it before I would say July or before, we're really
17 looking at an October trial date at the earliest, and that
18 doesn't strike me as ideal.

19 So I guess I wanted to get a sense of A, what's
20 changed; and B, what the conflicts are. You guys have a pretty
21 large number of lawyers working on these things. I understand
22 if one or the other person has a conflict. I get it. There is
23 a lot of time between now and then, and other people can fill
24 in. So what's going on?

25 MR. BROCK: Your Honor, the trial conflict -- this is

1 Mike Brock for GM.

2 The trial conflict is mine. I have a case scheduled
3 for trial in Washington, D.C. on April 30. It's expected to be
4 a three- to four-week trial. I am available to try a case in
5 this court I really feel like June 11 or later. The last case
6 I tried here I tried with a two-week break from a four-week
7 trial out in Kansas. I feel like that's something that I can
8 do and can be available to do.

9 We did look at earlier dates. We didn't know if
10 your Honor would have availability, say, in late March. Allan
11 Pixton and I and others on our team tried to see if we could
12 work out a schedule that might work for March. It just looked
13 like it would be very difficult to do, even if your Honor had a
14 date in March. As it turns out, Mr. Hilliard had a trial
15 conflict I think in April anyway.

16 So that's the issue we face. I have talked to my
17 client about having another lawyer lead a trial here in the
18 MDL. They have expressed a strong preference that I lead the
19 cases here. So, for better or worse, that's where we are.
20 That's why we were trying to find a way for me to be able to do
21 that.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Hilliard, I don't know who is trying
23 it for the plaintiffs.

24 MR. HILLIARD: Unlike Mr. Brock, we have more than one
25 rooster in the henhouse. You pick the date, and we will be

1 there. There are plenty of executive committee members that
2 would like to step up and try it.

3 There are the potential of the actual lawyers who
4 represent the plaintiffs that might be available, with
5 assistance, to try it. I would not be available to do it
6 personally. But, again, the Court and the case does fine
7 without me, as we've done twice already.

8 So whatever date that works for Mr. Brock and the
9 Court, I can represent that I am sure there is a trial team
10 that could be available and come and try it, given the Court's
11 comments that started this discussion.

12 THE COURT: So give me one moment to figure out a
13 couple things on my end.

14 How is June 18, 2018?

15 MR. BROCK: Yes for us.

16 MR. HILLIARD: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: June 11 would be challenging on my end. I
18 think the 18th is better than your original proposal of the
19 25th because it's less risk that we would run into the July 4
20 holiday. So we'll do that.

21 Why don't you guys look back at the schedule. The
22 schedule was obviously predicated on a trial date of May 7.
23 Obviously the more time I have to do what I need to do, the
24 better.

25 Recognizing that we're now a month plus later, if you

1 want to give yourselves a little more time on some of the
2 things, that's fine with me. If you have any proposed
3 modifications, why don't you talk about them to each other, and
4 we'll go from there.

5 Next is supplemental briefing on successor liability.
6 Sorry to give you more briefing. I'm sorry to give myself more
7 briefs to read. As you can see, I thought it was appropriate
8 for a couple reasons.

9 Without intimating whether I agree with the
10 plaintiffs' characterization of New GM's proposal as a fishing
11 tactic or not, I am inclined to agree with plaintiffs that it's
12 unnecessary to proceed in the manner that GM has proposed and
13 likely only to result in more delay, given the arguments made
14 by GM thus far, and they're summarized a bit in the agenda
15 letter but the portion attributable to the plaintiffs, but
16 certainly the arguments that have been made to me thus far.

17 I don't quite understand why we would need to proceed
18 in that manner and why GM couldn't make the arguments that it
19 thinks are to be made based on the information that it
20 currently has.

21 I think it would make more sense to stick with the
22 current plan, which is simultaneous briefing by August 24 with
23 the understanding, perhaps, or the caveat that New GM or the
24 plaintiffs, for that matter, could always seek leave to file a
25 supplemental brief, that is, supplemental supplemental brief.

1 If there is something in the declarations that are
2 filed in the first instance that changes the situation in some
3 material way, I think that enables us to stick with the current
4 schedule but allows GM, if it learns something from the factual
5 declarations that are filed that it changes things in some
6 meaningful way, it gives New GM an opportunity to tell me what
7 that is. I would think that that would be a better way to
8 proceed. That's what I would propose.

9 Thoughts. No thoughts?

10 MR. GODFREY: I have thoughts. I thought Mr. Berman
11 was going to say something.

12 THE COURT: It looks like he is.

13 MR. BERMAN: I am. On Wednesday we informed General
14 Motors that we plan on presenting papers in the bankruptcy
15 court next week, perhaps as early as Tuesday, that would ask
16 the bankruptcy court to issue a claims estimation order
17 pursuant to the sale agreement.

18 And under the sale agreement, your Honor, the Guc
19 Trust has the authority to go to the bankruptcy court and to
20 compromise claims. In the event the Guc Trust makes a
21 determination that claims exceed \$35,000,000, to ask the Court
22 to issue an estimation order that would require New GM to issue
23 stock that would be put into an account for the benefit of,
24 actually, our class.

25 And pursuant to that estimation order, we're going to

1 ask the bankruptcy court to issue that order which would
2 require GM to put up stock that's worth roughly a little over
3 \$1,000,000,000.

4 THE COURT: Correct me if my understanding of this is
5 wrong. I take it this is the so-called "accordion feature";
6 that essentially the estimation order would trigger the
7 accordion feature?

8 MR. BERMAN: That's correct.

9 THE COURT: This might be what Mr. Godfrey was fearing
10 would be the --

11 MR. BERMAN: Yes. We gave GM a heads-up, as I said,
12 this week. I don't think that this changes your briefing idea
13 because the fact of the matter is that you recognize the
14 positions New GM has taken with respect to successor liability.
15 We're not going to have a resolution of this proposed
16 settlement. I suspect that GM is not going to just quietly
17 agree to issue \$1,000,000,000 worth of stock.

18 THE COURT: I'm pretty confident in sharing that
19 prediction.

20 MR. BERMAN: I'm also pretty confident that the sale
21 agreement actually gives GM no rights to object, but we'll
22 fight that out.

23 THE COURT: I intimate no view on that.

24 MR. BERMAN: So I think that we should continue with
25 the briefing, but I wanted to give the Court a heads-up that

1 there will be some new facts on the table next week.

2 THE COURT: I appreciate that heads-up. I think, if
3 anything -- I understand from the grumpy looks at the back
4 table that you're not happy about the accordion feature issues
5 here. Those are not my concern, at least in the
6 first instance.

7 I think to the extent that these implicate me, that
8 suggests to me that you'll have the information before the
9 deadline that I've imposed, and we can just proceed as I had
10 already planned.

11 Any reason otherwise, with the caveat, I suppose,
12 Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Bloomer, that if upon seeing what
13 plaintiffs file on Tuesday, you need additional time to sort
14 through what it all means, that you can always seek a
15 reasonable extension, and I would consider it. Obviously the
16 sooner we can get briefing, the better, as far as I'm
17 concerned.

18 Your thoughts. I don't want to hear your thoughts on
19 the accordion feature issue. You'll have plenty of
20 opportunity, I'm sure, to air those, whether you have any right
21 to or not. I'm sure you'll make those arguments but not to me,
22 at least in the first instance.

23 Any issues with what I have said on the successor
24 liability issues before me?

25 MR. GODFREY: Well, both issues are going to be before

1 your Honor. Let me address the first issue, which is the
2 successor liability briefing.

3 I think, in light of what your Honor has said with
4 respect to the option of having supplemental briefing if we
5 deem it necessary, then that is acceptable to New GM.

6 With respect to the second issue though, I have some
7 points that your Honor -- this is a marker. This is not going
8 to be in the bankruptcy court.

9 At my age, I'm seldom surprised, and I'm never
10 shocked. But a day and a half ago, I was both surprised and
11 shocked when we were given a bare-bones description of this
12 settlement agreement.

13 This is not a compromise by the Guc Trust or the
14 plaintiffs' claims in the bankruptcy court. This is a complete
15 surrender and sellout using GM's money to pay for a settlement
16 that was not defended against, claims that were meritless that
17 were asserted.

18 Let me express, in no uncertain terms, how we view the
19 proposal.

20 THE COURT: Let me stop you, only because I want to
21 get out of here as I suggested. I don't mean to cut you off
22 and not give you an opportunity to be heard on this, but I
23 don't think this is the time or place to do it.

24 You'll have plenty of opportunity in the
25 first instance, I would think in front of the bankruptcy court,

1 even if it's ultimately an issue that I'll need to resolve or
2 even some higher court.

3 Am I wrong about that?

4 MR. GODFREY: Yes. We are going to file a motion to
5 withdraw as soon as permissible, withdraw the reference from
6 the bankruptcy court and this court.

7 The notion that they can settle for no material money
8 from the Guc Trust -- the Guc Trust has \$400,000,000 in assets.
9 They're getting \$15,000,000, as we understand it, assigning
10 rights, agreeing to a \$10,000,000,000 claim. And supposedly GM
11 has no rights when they take a billion dollars of our money.

12 That is not going to stand. We're going to withdraw
13 the reference. We're going to bring it to the Court. This is
14 collusive. There are cases on point that we can refer the
15 Court to.

16 This has got all the indicia of a collusive
17 settlement. They are awaiting a time-barred defense. We have
18 no idea upon what basis and what expert the Guc Trust had,
19 which I doubt, by which they are not contesting \$10,000,000,000
20 in claims.

21 And that is the trigger mechanism by which they claim
22 New GM has no choice but putting up a billion dollars. That is
23 not going to happen without this Court hearing and ruling on
24 the issues.

25 We have unfairness issues. We have the indicia of

1 collusive issues. We have the fact that General Motors has
2 been excluded. And you heard this morning that supposedly we
3 have no rights to even object. I don't think that in our
4 country when someone is told to give a billion dollars to
5 someone else, we have some rights to object, including notice
6 and opportunity to be heard.

7 So, from a marker perspective, we're going to file a
8 motion. We're going to brief the motion. We're going to
9 attack the settlement, and it's going to be before your Honor.
10 We're going to do it as soon as we can permissibly do it.

11 THE COURT: The marker is laid. I'll look for the
12 motion. The question is your arguments seem to me to be more
13 geared towards the merits of the issue than the forum in which
14 it should be litigated, at least in the first instance.

15 In proposing that the reference be withdrawn may be
16 the fact that it's a collusive agreement, if it is -- I
17 intimate no view on the matter -- is a factor to consider in
18 that analysis.

19 The question that occurs to me, thinking out loud, is
20 why you can't make those arguments to the bankruptcy court in
21 the first instance, recognizing that they may ultimately come
22 to me.

23 MR. GODFREY: That's a good question. Since
24 your Honor said I should keep this short, but there is an
25 answer to that.

1 THE COURT: I trust the answer will be clear from your
2 motion.

3 MR. GODFREY: It will be very clear, but we can talk
4 about this further in the motion. One simple point for
5 your Honor to consider. This is on behalf of a putative class,
6 among other things.

7 Your Honor has got the class before the court. This
8 Court is going to decide Rule 23 issues, not the bankruptcy
9 court and not some quasi class which has the same implications.

10 This has come up before in other cases where the court
11 has said, no. That's the MDL's court's purview we think. So
12 there is significant overlap between the issues, both in terms
13 of the merits of the claims and the class issues and in terms
14 of notice issues that this Court has the jurisdiction over and
15 that this Court should have the primary role over.

16 So we will lay this out for the Court, but make no
17 mistake. General Motors objects to this. We believe that it's
18 brought an indicia of collusiveness. Frankly, what the few
19 facts we were told are, they've got \$400,000,000 in assets from
20 the Guc Trust for \$15,000,000.

21 They are released from all liability for this alleged
22 \$10,000,000 claim, and General Motors is supposed to put up a
23 billion dollars to make it all right. General Motors has been
24 excluded from the settlement negotiations and had no knowledge
25 of the terms of the settlement negotiations.

1 If you look at the terms of the accordion feature, we
2 don't believe that they can do this.

3 THE COURT: Understood. I will look for it. If you
4 want to discuss with each other a briefing schedule for that
5 motion, you're certainly welcome to, and you can propose it to
6 me.

7 In the absence of that, it sounds like GM is planning
8 to file the motion at some point soon regardless. Unless and
9 until I see otherwise, the local rules and default schedule
10 will apply.

11 As for the successor liability briefing, we'll stick
12 with the existing plan with the understanding that if there is
13 need for supplemental supplemental briefing, that is to say,
14 another round, then you'll let me know.

15 I want to say two notes on that. That is not to give
16 you an opportunity to reply. I am contemplating simultaneous
17 briefing. So I would grant an additional round of briefs only
18 if there is something new learned from the submissions on that
19 date that changes things in some material fashion that you
20 think you need to address. It's not an opportunity to reply to
21 the other side's arguments.

22 The second is that I'm not going to set a deadline
23 right now for that additional briefing or page limits for that
24 matter because I'm hoping and assuming that it won't be
25 necessary.

1 I do caution you that you're not going to have a lot
2 of time and you're not going to have a lot of pages. If you do
3 propose another set of briefs, keep both of those in mind.

4 MR. GODFREY: I think we understood that, your Honor.
5 At this point, I think we understand your views on supplemental
6 briefing.

7 THE COURT: Good.

8 Let me also just say on the briefs that you will be
9 filing in the next couple weeks on this front, I would endeavor
10 to make them, as much as you can, sort of standalone briefs,
11 that is to say, on the one hand, you don't need to waste time
12 on the preliminaries, the background, etc.

13 I know what the issues are. I have obviously
14 addressed a lot of the issues in the opinion that I handed down
15 a week or so. You can cut to the chase and brief the issues
16 under that law, as I indicated, and address the effects, if
17 any, of the settlement with the Guc Trust.

18 Having said that, to the extent you can write it so
19 that my clerks and I don't need to keep looking back at the
20 prior set of briefs, that would be helpful for two reasons.

21 One is, as I'm going to tell you in a minute or two,
22 today is Ms. Kumar's last day with me. Actually, last Friday
23 was. She's actually just done me the courtesy of coming to
24 this to make things easier in transitioning.

25 She helped me on that motion and won't be around when

1 your supplemental briefs come in, which is to say that I'll
2 have another clerk without the same institutional memory and
3 background on this helping me.

4 The second is while I certainly have read all the
5 materials, it will be several months basically since I have
6 done so. The less that I have to go back and reread things,
7 the better. I would just ask you to keep those in mind in
8 terms of how you write those briefs.

9 MR. GODFREY: Your Honor, I have a question on that.
10 Would it be helpful for us, if we are referring back to another
11 brief, to just attach as an exhibit the selected pages from
12 that brief?

13 THE COURT: Yes. I think that would be helpful
14 actually.

15 MR. GODFREY: I think we'll do that, if that's
16 acceptable to the Court.

17 THE COURT: I think that is. Otherwise, leave my
18 remarks standing. I gave you my guidance, but that would be
19 helpful, if you think it's necessary.

20 MR. GODFREY: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Settlement.

22 Mr. Berman, did you have something else you wanted to
23 add?

24 MR. BERMAN: Yes. We've been silent at the front
25 table with respect to Mr. Godfrey's comments.

1 THE COURT: I understand. Certainly you'll have an
2 opportunity to be heard.

3 MR. BERMAN: That's all I need to say.

4 THE COURT: Understood. Good.

5 On the issue of settlement, I received the first
6 monthly inventory of cases, which is very helpful and will be
7 helpful going forward.

8 On the question of the appointment of a mediator, I'm
9 happy to hear from both sides on that front. I am of the view
10 that we are getting to the point where having somebody in place
11 who could be helpful certainly on the economic loss side but
12 perhaps even on the personal injury/wrongful death side,
13 recognizing that Judge Cott only has a limited amount of time
14 available on his calendar, that would probably make sense.

15 I'm open to suggestions on that. I'm open to
16 suggestions on who that person could be. I think in our
17 closed session last time, I threw out a couple names that I was
18 thinking of.

19 I know from looking at an order that Judge Selna
20 entered in the Toyota matter, which I also wanted to mention --
21 I gather that Patrick Juneau was appointed to him to serve as a
22 sort of mediator capacity in that litigation.

23 I don't know Mr. Juneau or what the experience was
24 like, but I mention his name as a possibility. So I'm open to
25 your thoughts and suggestions here, both in terms of timing and

1 in terms of moving things forward.

2 The only other thing I wanted to throw out is I
3 referred to an order of Judge Selna that he issued, and I read
4 an order that established an "intensive settlement" process or
5 protocol.

6 I guess the question I have -- and this applies to
7 personal injury/wrongful death as much as anything -- whether
8 it might make sense now or sometime down the road to enter an
9 order along those lines.

10 I think thus far I've left this largely to you guys,
11 and I think it's largely been okay thus far. I guess I'm just
12 throwing that out there as another possibility.

13 Mr. Berman, it looks like you want to say something.

14 MR. BERMAN: Yes, your Honor. You mentioned earlier
15 that you assumed settlement discussions were ongoing. There
16 have been no settlement discussions since we made a demand on
17 GM.

18 We don't think settlement discussions are likely to
19 get started, unless a mediator gets the parties together. We
20 don't think we should wait for the benefit of the bargain
21 briefing for several reasons. A decision is three or four
22 months off at the earliest.

23 Second, it's my experience and Ms. Cabraser's
24 experience that so-called "important rulings" might make the
25 case harder to settle. If GM loses that, which we think they

1 will, then the price of settlement goes up. What that
2 typically forces a defendant to do is to look for the next big
3 ruling to get them out of the hard spot they're in.

4 So we think that you should appoint a settlement
5 mediator. That mediator can then reach out and decide what the
6 appropriate steps are. We think we should either agree or
7 submit names within a week.

8 This is not a complicated thing, to come up with a
9 potential mediator, and we've been raising this repeatedly, and
10 we've suggested a couple names to GM.

11 Ms. Cabraser and I were talking about this, and we
12 can't come up with an MDL that we've been involved in --
13 between of two of us it's been an embarrassing number of
14 MDLs -- where we didn't have a mediator appointed at this stage
15 of the case. So I think now is the time, and I think
16 Ms. Cabraser wanted to talk about the intensive.

17 MS. CABRASER: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.

18 I do agree with Mr. Berman that the time is now. The
19 procedure need not be a complicated one. The parties should be
20 directed to meet and confer and either agree on a name or
21 submit names.

22 There is a very small universe of people who have the
23 experience and confidence of both sides. You mentioned one
24 name that might be a possibility. I don't think it will be a
25 problem, either agreeing on a name, if the parties are directed

1 to do that.

2 With respect to the intensive settlement program from
3 Toyota, your Honor, you're right. That was a program to deal
4 with personal injury and wrongful death claims. The economic
5 claims were settled through a class action settlement.
6 Mr. Juneau was the mediator for that process.

7 The intensive settlement program has been -- it's
8 taken some time, but it has been successful. There are a
9 literal handful of personal injury cases left in that MDL to be
10 resolved. Everything else is resolved.

11 It's not that different from the private ordering that
12 has gone on so far in GM for the injury claims. What's
13 different is that everyone in the MDL or in the state court
14 cases has an opportunity to use the same procedure.

15 There is a protocol. It's streamlined. There is the
16 assistance of a settlement master if required, but the
17 experience has been that most of the claims settled in private
18 discussions between counsel for those plaintiffs and a
19 settlement counsel for Toyota.

20 We make reports -- we still do -- every month or so to
21 Judge Selna in writing and at a status conference, and that's
22 really provided the engine to resolve all of those claims. I
23 think at this point there is one case that is headed to trial,
24 an individual case. The rest are resolved.

25 THE COURT: I'll tell you what. In the interest of

1 time, let's table that until the next status conference, and
2 you guys can confer on it between now and then and essentially
3 tell me if there are any additional procedures, protocols,
4 processes, whatever word you want to use, that you think would
5 facilitate and help in the ongoing discussions that I know are
6 going on on the personal injury/wrongful death side,
7 particularly recognizing that we're going to be getting at some
8 point to a stage where New GM has to deal with lawyers who have
9 only one or a handful of cases as opposed to larger groups of
10 cases. So, for now, let's just discuss the mediator issue.
11 Let me hear from Mr. Godfrey or Mr. Bloomer.

12 I am inclined to agree with Mr. Berman and
13 Ms. Cabraser and think that the time is ripe and we ought to
14 name someone and get that ball rolling, and that person can
15 sort of, you know, facilitate discussions and do what is
16 appropriate and what have you. I'm inclined to think that the
17 time has come.

18 What are your thoughts on giving me a name or names by
19 let's say a week from now? Hopefully you can agree. If you
20 can't, I can pick someone from a short list that you guys can
21 agree upon.

22 MR. GODFREY: I think the Court knows what our
23 position is. I'm happy to provide Mr. Berman and Ms. Cabraser
24 a long list of MDLs where no mediator has been appointed at
25 this stage.

1 THE COURT: I'm not interested in that.

2 MR. GODFREY: I think we're beyond that, given the
3 Court's comments. So I think we will come up with a
4 recommended procedure list. It's a relatively small pool.
5 Some people are, frankly, disqualified for being in that pool
6 for various reasons.

7 Mr. Feinberg would be one. The name you mentioned
8 would be another for various reasons. So I think we will have
9 a conversation with them and see whether we can come up with an
10 agreed procedure. And, if not, then I think we submit
11 competing short briefs. This is not very complicated. We are
12 not in favor of an intensive settlement program. Part of the
13 issue here, frankly --

14 THE COURT: Let's table that for the next conference.

15 MR. GODFREY: I wasn't sure what was tabled and what
16 was not, given the Court's question to me.

17 THE COURT: Let's just focus on the mediator. Can you
18 get back to me within a week, either with an agreed-upon person
19 or, if you can't, submit competing proposals or what have you
20 on that date or at least a proposal of how we should proceed?
21 Is that reasonable?

22 MR. GODFREY: I would prefer if we could have until
23 the following Monday.

24 THE COURT: That's fine.

25 MR. GODFREY: That's ten days or something I think, if

1 that's agreeable.

2 THE COURT: That seems fine by me.

3 I think that's August 21, if I'm not mistaken,
4 Mr. Berman.

5 MR. BERMAN: That's fine, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: So August 21 I'll hear from you in some
7 form or fashion. Obviously, the more you can agree upon, the
8 better. I don't think this would warrant full-blown briefing
9 is my inclination.

10 MR. GODFREY: No. I think this is a one- or
11 two-pager, frankly, where we would either have agreement or,
12 here are the names that we propose. There are the names that
13 they propose, and here is the procedure that we propose and
14 that they propose, and the Court should decide from the list.

15 THE COURT: That sounds good in the abstract, but I'll
16 leave it to you to try and discuss.

17 Mr. Hilliard.

18 MR. HILLIARD: This mediator is expected to also
19 potentially address the injury and death cases? Is that what
20 the Court indicated?

21 THE COURT: I think the focus should be on economic
22 loss, in part because things have been proceeding at pace on
23 the personal injury and wrongful death side. I guess I'm open
24 to your thoughts on that question. I think, in the ideal
25 world, having somebody who could assist on those but with the

1 primary focus being on the economic loss front would be
2 helpful.

3 MR. HILLIARD: I'm not sure that we need it yet as
4 we're still talking and have not hit a loggerhead with regard
5 to the injury and death cases, as the entire docket seems to be
6 shrinking.

7 Mr. Berman and Ms. Cabraser just whispered that it was
8 four economic losses, which is just fine with me, but there
9 will be a point I think that there will be one-off cases that
10 will need to be addressed through some sort of process,
11 primarily not the focus of whatever mediator is appointed, but
12 should that mediator be directed to focus on these cases, then
13 maybe I'll have some input on who is selected.

14 THE COURT: I think it would be nice to leave the door
15 open. I'm inclined to agree that right now it seems less
16 necessary on that front, if only because things have been
17 proceeding relatively smoothly, and Judge Cott has some time
18 available certainly if there are one-off issues here or there.

19 I think the ideal would be if we name someone down the
20 road if the time comes when it would be helpful if that person
21 could be available for that purpose, and I can't think of
22 reasons why such a person would be precluded or conflicted from
23 doing it.

24 In any event, why don't you guys talk about that and
25 see if that makes sense or if there is something I'm not

1 thinking of.

2 MR. BROCK: I know we're in a hurry, but I was just
3 going to mention that Mr. Kyle Dreyer, who you met at the first
4 trial -- he was my trial partner in that case, as well as Wendy
5 Bloom -- are working close to full time on settlement issues.

6 They are continuing to examine documents and dockets.
7 They are meeting with plaintiffs' counsel. There have been a
8 few occasions where we thought a mediator might be beneficial,
9 and we actually would agree with an opposing party to have one
10 come in and actually mediate a docket.

11 I will talk to them about this, but I think that they
12 feel that the process is working pretty well in terms of what's
13 happening now.

14 THE COURT: That's my sense as well. It may also be
15 that if there are one-off cases where a mediation would be
16 helpful, but it wouldn't be hard to find someone just to step
17 in and be a mediator for that.

18 Let's take up the intensive settlement protocol-type
19 issues and whether there is anything else that can be done on
20 the personal injury/wrongful death side at the next conference.
21 Maybe Ms. Bloom should be here on that front, but I'll leave it
22 to you.

23 On the other issues that I flagged, given the time,
24 unless you think there is any urgency to it, I would propose
25 that we table the discussion of the 349 plaintiffs who have

1 asserted ignition-switch-related claims and non-ignition switch
2 recall claims for the next conference. I think that may be
3 something that Ms. Bloom could also be helpful with respect to
4 anyway.

5 For that matter, I don't think there is any urgency to
6 the question posed about the Anglin case, whether there are any
7 other cases out there like that. You could also let me know
8 also in a brief letter.

9 I just wanted to figure out if there was a need for
10 some sort of procedure to either identify or give notice to or
11 some such thing. I don't know if there are a bunch of those
12 cases out there or if I was going to get motions of that sort
13 in other cases.

14 So let's just figure out when we're next reconvening,
15 and then we will wrap things up.

16 Any thoughts, given all the things going on, of when
17 it would be helpful to return?

18 MR. GODFREY: We had had a discussion pursuant to the
19 Court's request, that is, Mr. Berman, Ms. Cabraser, and myself.
20 I think we settled on the first week of October time period.

21 MS. CABRASER: That would work timing-wise I think for
22 plaintiffs, except for Tuesday, October 3, and Friday,
23 October 6, which leaves essentially the Wednesday and Thursday
24 of that week.

25 THE COURT: The Thursday is a Jewish holiday. So it's

1 out for me.

2 MS. CABRASER: That is correct.

3 THE COURT: I could do Wednesday, October 4. Does
4 that work for everybody?

5 MR. GODFREY: That does, your Honor. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: So we will set it for Wednesday,
7 October 4. The normal starting time of 9:30 should work for
8 me. So Wednesday October 4 at 9:30.

9 The last thing I want to say -- I referred to this
10 earlier -- is that this is Ms. Kumar's last day helping me out
11 on this case. Number one, I wanted you to know that so you
12 could take an opportunity after the conference to say your
13 good-byes and thank her for all the work she has done because
14 she has done a tremendous amount to benefit you all.

15 I just want to say publicly, as I did on similar
16 occasions in the past, and thank her for all the work she has
17 done. This is a tall order, as you can imagine, in my
18 chambers.

19 She has really done an incredible job of making sure
20 the case remains on the rails for the most part and that I'm
21 doing as good a job as I can do. Whether you all agree that I
22 am doing a good job is not something I'll ask you, but I just
23 want to thank her for everything she has done to help. It's
24 been a tremendous asset to me, and I will miss her, and we will
25 deal with the transition.

1 I also wanted to take a moment to introduce -- I have
2 a clerk who will be starting in September who, for reasons
3 within chambers, is going to be taking over the GM docket, if
4 you will, Kristen Loveland, who just arrived from Europe last
5 night but who has agreed to be here this morning to sit through
6 this and transition with Ms. Kumar.

7 In the meantime, Sam Adelsberg, who is also here and
8 is currently in my chambers, is going to be attending to the
9 docket between now and when Ms. Loveland starts. So you can
10 introduce yourselves to her and him.

11 And Ms. Kumar will be sending an email to everyone to
12 just make sure you have the relevant contact information, but I
13 wanted to mainly thank her publicly and commend her publicly
14 for everything she has done to help.

15 With that, I wish you all a pleasant rest of your
16 summers. I will see you in early October. I'll be hearing
17 from you in various ways between now and then. We are
18 adjourned. Thank you and have a good day.

19 MR. GODFREY: Thank you, your Honor.

20 MS. CABRASER: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 (Adjourned)

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