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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
12 etc.,

Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 MARIA GALLARDO, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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CASE NO. CV 12-8798 UA (DUTYx)

ORDER SUMMARILY REMANDING
IMPROPERLY-REMOVED ACTION

17 The Court will remand this unlawful detainer action to state court summarily
18 because Defendant removed it improperly.

19 On March 28, 2012, Defendant Maria Gallardo, having been sued in what appears
20 to be a routine unlawful detainer action in California state court, lodged a Notice of
21 Removal of that action to this Court and also presented an application to proceed *in forma*
22 *pauperis*. The Court has denied the latter application under separate cover because the
23 action was not properly removed. To prevent the action from remaining in jurisdictional
24 limbo, the Court issues this Order to remand the action to state court.

25 Simply stated, Plaintiff could not have brought this action in federal court in the first
26 place, in that Defendant does not competently allege facts supplying either diversity or
27 federal-question jurisdiction, and therefore removal is improper. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a); *see*
28 *Exxon Mobil Corp v. Allapattah Svcs., Inc.*, 545 U.S. 546, 563, 125 S. Ct. 2611, 162 L. Ed.

1 2d 502 (2005). Even if complete diversity of citizenship exists, the amount in controversy
2 does not exceed the diversity-jurisdiction threshold of \$75,000. See 28 U.S.C.
3 §§ 1332, 1441(b). On the contrary, the unlawful-detainer complaint recites that the
4 amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000.

5 Nor does Plaintiff's unlawful detainer action raise any federal legal question. See
6 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441(b).

7 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that (1) this matter be REMANDED to the Superior
8 Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Long Beach Courthouse, 415 West Ocean
9 Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802, for lack of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28
10 U.S.C. § 1447(c); (2) the Clerk send a certified copy of this Order to the state court; and
11 (3) the Clerk serve copies of this Order on the parties.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 DATED: 10/21/12

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19 GEORGE H. KING
20 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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