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Lead Plaintiffs Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, Första AP-fonden and Danske Invest Management A/S (collectively, "Lead Plaintiffs"), on notice to Defendants' Counsel, moved this Court for an order approving the distribution plan for the Net Settlement Fund in the above captioned class action (the "Action"). Defendants do not oppose this motion, and Lead Plaintiffs have requested disposition without a hearing. Accordingly, this matter is decided without oral argument pursuant to Local Rule 7-1(b), and the hearing set for September 11, 2014 is hereby vacated.

This Court, having considered all the materials and arguments submitted in support of the motion, including Lead Plaintiffs' Notice of Motion and Motion to Approve Distribution Plan, and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof; and the Declaration of Stephanie Thurin in Support of Lead Plaintiffs' Motion to Approve Distribution Plan (the "Thurin Declaration"), submitted therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement dated February 1, 2013 (the "Stipulation," ECF No. 248), and all terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation and the Thurin Declaration.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over all parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.
- 3. The administrative recommendations to accept claims, including the otherwise valid claims filed after the original August 6, 2013 deadline ("Late Claims"), and to reject wholly ineligible or otherwise deficient claims, as recommended by the Claims Administrator, Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. ("Epiq"), as stated in the Thurin Declaration, are adopted;
- 4. Lead Plaintiffs' plan for distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is approved. Accordingly,
- Epiq will calculate award amounts to all Authorized Claimants by calculating their pro rata share of the fund in accordance with the Court-approved Plan of Allocation (the Claimant's "Distribution Amount").

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Initial Distribution, Epiq will conduct a second distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (the

"Second Distribution"), pursuant to which any amounts remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after

the Initial Distribution, after deducting Epiq's fees and expenses incurred in connection with

administering the Settlement for which it has not yet been paid (including the estimated costs of

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such Second Distribution), and after the payment of any estimated taxes, the costs of preparing appropriate tax returns, and any escrow fees, will be distributed to all Authorized Claimants in the Initial Distribution who (1) cashed their distribution payment and (2) are entitled to at least \$10.00 from the redistribution based on their *pro rata* share of the remaining funds.

- H. In order to allow a final distribution of any remaining funds in the Net Settlement Fund after completion of the Second Distribution, whether by reason of returned funds, tax refunds, interest, uncashed checks, or otherwise, if cost effective, not less than six (6) months after the Second Distribution is conducted, Epiq will conduct a further distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, pursuant to which all funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund, after deducting Epiq's unpaid fees and expenses incurred or to be incurred in connection with administering the Net Settlement Fund (including the estimated costs of such distribution), and after the payment of any estimated taxes, the costs of preparing appropriate tax returns, and any escrow fees, will be distributed to Authorized Claimants who cashed their most recent distribution checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 in such further distribution. Additional redistributions, after deduction of costs and expenses as described above and subject to the same conditions, may occur thereafter until Lead Counsel, in consultation with Epiq, determines that further redistribution is not cost-effective.
- I. At such time as Lead Counsel, in consultation with Epiq, determines that further redistribution of the funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance of the Net Settlement Fund, after payment of any unpaid fees or expenses incurred in connection with administering the Net Settlement Fund and after the payment of any estimated taxes, the costs of preparing appropriate tax returns, and any escrow fees, shall be donated to an appropriate non-profit organization proposed by Lead Plaintiffs subject to approval by the Court.
- J. No further Proofs of Claim shall be accepted after July 11, 2014, and no further adjustments to Proofs of Claim shall be made for any reason after July 11, 2014.
 - K. All persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or

1	any other aspect of the processing of the Proofs of Claim submitted herein, or otherwise involved
2	in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, are released
3	and discharged from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and all Settlement Class
4	Members, whether or not they receive payment from the Net Settlement Fund, are barred from
5	making any further claims against the Net Settlement Fund, Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, the
6	Claims Administrator, the Escrow Agent or any other agent retained by Lead Plaintiffs or Lead
7	Counsel in connection with the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the New
8	Settlement Fund beyond the amount allocated to Authorized Claimants.
9	L. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, one year after the Initial
10	Distribution, Epiq will destroy the paper copies of the Proofs of Claim and all supporting
11	documentation, and one year after the all funds have been distributed, Epiq will destroy electronic
12	copies of the same.
13	5. All of the fees and expenses incurred by Epiq in connection with its administration
14	of the Settlement and to be incurred in connection with the Initial Distribution are approved
15	accordingly, Lead Counsel shall direct payment of \$633,076.05 out of the Settlement Fund to Epic
16	for such remaining unpaid fees and expenses; and
17	This Court retains jurisdiction to consider any further applications concerning the
18	administration of the Settlement, and such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.
19	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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22	HON. RICHARD SEEBORG UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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