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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JEAN MACDONALD, VERONICA H. AGUIRRE, AND BRIAN C. BARBEE, individually, and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:13-cv-02988-JST

**CLASS ACTION**

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING JOINT STIPULATION TO BIFURCATE CATALYST FEE REQUEST AND MODIFY BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Judge: Hon. John S. Tigar

1 Having considered the parties' joint stipulation, and good cause being found, the Court  
2 Orders:

3 1. The new deadline for Plaintiffs to file their motion regarding their entitlement  
4 attorneys' fees under a catalyst theory shall be June 22, 2015.

5 2. The new deadline for Ford to file its Opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for  
6 catalyst fees shall be August 6, 2015.

7 3. The new deadline for Plaintiffs to file their reply in support of the catalyst fee  
8 motion shall be August 27, 2015. The hearing date on Plaintiffs' motion shall be September  
9 15, 2015, or another date to be set by the Court.

10 5. The proceedings related to Plaintiffs' catalyst fee motion shall be bifurcated.  
11 The first stage will determine only whether Plaintiffs are entitled to recover attorneys' fees  
12 under a catalyst theory. If the Court determines that Plaintiffs are entitled to fees, the amount  
13 of fees to be awarded will be determined in a second stage of the proceedings. The Court will  
14 set a Status Conference, if necessary, after the Court rules on Plaintiffs' Motion for Catalyst  
15 Fees, to set a schedule relating to the amount of Plaintiffs' fee request.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: March 31, 2015

