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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA OAKLAND DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER J. SOLBERG,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NDEx West, L.L.C.; WACHOVIA MORTGAGE; WELLS FARGO BANK, FSB, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: 10-4600 SBA

ORDER STRIKING DEFENDANT'S SURREPLY

On February 4, 2011, Plaintiff filed a reply brief in support of his motion for approval of substitution and joinder of nondiverse defendants and remand. Dkt. 28. Approximately one-and-a-half pages of the reply is devoted to a discussion of the recent decision in Saberi v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, No. 10CV1985 DMS, 2011 WL 197860 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2011). Dkt. 28 at 12:2-13:11. On February 7, 2011, Defendant requested leave to file a surreply solely to respond to the "narrow issue" relating to Plaintiff's citation to Saberi. Dkt. 30. The Court granted Defendant's request. Dkt. 31.

On February 14, 2011, Defendant filed its surreply. Instead of limiting its discussion to Plaintiff's reliance on <u>Saberi</u>, Defendant filed an *eleven-page* brief that provides extensive argument and case citations that extend well beyond the scope of what the Court permitted. In fact, Defendant's surreply is two pages *longer* that its opposition brief. Dkt. 27. The Court will not countenance Defendant's effort to "sandbag" Plaintiff in this manner. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Defendant's surreply (Dkt. 32) shall be STRICKEN from the record. Within three days of the date this order is filed, Defendant may refile a revised surreply to respond to Plaintiff's arguments regarding <u>Saberi</u>. The

surreply is limited to no than 500 words and shall be accompanied by a certification of word count. The hearing on Plaintiff's motion for approval of substitution and joinder of nondiverse defendants and remand (Dkt. 25) is CONTINUED from March 1, 2011, to April 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The Court, in its discretion, may resolve the motion without oral argument. Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b); Civ. L.R. 7-1(b). The parties are advised to check the Court's website to determine whether an appearance is required. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: February 22, 2011 United States District Judge 

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10	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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