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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MIKE MANDANI, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. <u>17-cv-07287-HSG</u>

ORDER REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

Re: Dkt. No. 146

Plaintiffs' counsel filed a motion for attorneys' fees in connection with a proposed class action settlement. *See* Dkt. No. 139. In that motion, Plaintiffs' counsel asks for "a reduced lodestar of 1,590 hours equating to fees in the amount of \$1,050,000.00." *Id.* at 11. At the hearing on the motion, the Court ordered Plaintiffs' counsel to submit a supplemental filing identifying counsel's lodestar and summarizing the timekeepers' rates and hours worked.

Plaintiffs' counsel submitted a supplemental filing on August 25, 2022. *See* Dkt. No. 146. By the Court's calculation, however, the supplemental filing corroborates only 1,281.3 hours worked for total fees of \$996,348.80. *See id.* Given the representation in footnote 3 of the supplemental filing that some timekeeper records have been lost, it is unclear if Plaintiffs' counsel is asking for a lower amount in fees than originally requested because the full hours worked cannot be substantiated.

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In light of this, the Court **ORDERS** Plaintiffs' counsel to e-file a second supplemental filing by September 6, 2022 that substantiates Plaintiffs' counsel's representation in its Motion for Attorneys' Fees that it is seeking "a reduced" amount in fees with a "negative multiplier." See Dkt. No. 139 at 11. The actual (i.e. non-reduced) lodestar must be supported with a summary of hours worked by timekeeper. The supplemental filing should also clarify what amount Plaintiff is requesting in fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

9/2/2022 Dated:

> HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR. United States District Judge