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## **RELIEF SOUGHT**

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-11, Defendant Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook") respectfully requests an enlargement of the page limits for its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (Dkt. 138), which is due on January 15, 2016. Specifically, Facebook requests an additional 15 pages for its Opposition, beyond the 25 pages provided by Local Rule 7-3(a), for a total of 40 pages. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-11(a), Facebook sought Plaintiffs' agreement to the requested relief (subject to the Court's approval), and offered Plaintiffs a corresponding enlargement for their reply brief, but Plaintiffs would not agree. (See Declaration of Christopher Chorba ¶ 2 & Ex. A.)

## **ARGUMENT**

Local Rule 7-3(a) provides that an opposition to a motion "may not exceed 25 pages of text." Civil Local Rule 7-3(a) (rev. Sept. 15, 2015). Although Facebook will continue to strive to present its arguments in the fewest number of pages possible, after careful consideration, it requests 15 additional pages for two principal reasons:

First, Plaintiffs' Motion discusses several new practices and functionalities that were not mentioned anywhere in the operative complaint. In particular, the operative complaint challenged the alleged incrementing of the "Like Button Count" on a third party website when a URL to that website was included in a Facebook message. (Consol. Am. Compl. (Dkt. 25) ¶¶ 2, 27-39.) The complaint also alleged that Facebook had used this information for "targeted advertising," a theory that this Court credited in allowing Plaintiffs' claims to advance beyond the pleading stage. (Dkt. 43.) Although Plaintiffs' Motion discusses the first of these practices (and references, but cites no evidence supporting, the second), the Motion and accompanying documents are replete with a lengthy discussion of functionalities that were never mentioned in—and certainly were not fully and fairly framed by—the complaint, including the "Recommendations Plugin," the "Activity Plugin," "Insights API," and "Graph API," among others. (See, e.g., Dkt. 138 at 5:1-8; 7:22-8:25; see also Golbeck Report [Dkt. 137-6; 137-7] ¶¶ 44-81.) Without any notice to Facebook, Plaintiffs also revised their proposed class in material ways, including changing the date range for, and definition of, the class.

These significant revisions to the practices Plaintiffs now challenge and the class they seek to

certify warrant an enlargement of Facebook's Opposition brief. Facebook already intended to address the practices challenged in the complaint (alleged incrementing of the "Like Button Count" on third party websites when a URL to that website was included in a Facebook message). But now, it also must explain the functionality (and variability) of several new functionalities ("Recommendations Plugin," the "Activity Plugin," "Insights API," "Graph API," and others) that are not mentioned in the complaint. Plaintiffs' new allegations (like their old ones) fundamentally misstate the operations of Facebook's technology in several critical but complex ways, and Facebook now must address these new practices in its Opposition. Unfortunately, Facebook requires more pages to do so in a satisfactory way.<sup>1</sup>

Allowing adequate space to fully address each of Plaintiffs' allegations and theories (including the new assertions) will not prejudice Plaintiffs in any way. As counsel for Facebook explained to Plaintiffs' counsel, it does not oppose a corresponding extension of Plaintiffs' reply brief. *See* N.D. Cal. Civ. L.R. 7-3(c) (authorizing 15 pages for reply briefs).

<u>Second</u>, Facebook also requests additional pages because it intends to move to strike the report submitted by Plaintiffs' proposed damages expert, Fernando Torres. (*See* Dkt. 137-8; 137-9.) Civil Local Rule 7-3(a) requires that "[a]ny evidentiary and procedural objections to the motion must be contained within the [opposition] brief or memorandum." Accordingly, Facebook intends to address its objections to Mr. Torres' report in its Opposition brief, and it requests additional pages to do so.

For the foregoing reasons, Facebook respectfully requests that the Court enlarge the page limit for its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification from 25 to 40 pages. As noted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facebook reserves its remaining objections to Plaintiffs' new theories, which it never had the opportunity to address through a Rule 12 Motion. In addition, it is because of Plaintiffs' shifting theories that Facebook ultimately refrained from filing its early Motion for Summary Judgment directed at the claims of the named Plaintiffs in this case. As a result of that decision, even if it were to grant the requested enlargement sought in this Administrative Motion, this Court will have far less briefing before it than originally contemplated by the schedule that it ordered at the March 12, 2015, Case Management Conference (Dkt. 62), because it is just presented with Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification and not an early Motion for Summary Judgment directed at the claims of the named Plaintiffs.

1	above, Facebook will endeavor to present its arguments in as few pages as necessary.	
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