IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

ANNE PEARSE-HOCKER)
Plaintiff,))) No. 10-269C
v.) Judge Lynn J. Bush
THE UNITED STATES,)
Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH KOCH

I, Elizabeth C. Koch, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, L.L.P., located in Washington, D.C.
- 2. I represent Firelight Media, Inc. ("Firelight") and am the attorney of record in a related suit filed by Ms. Pearse-Hocker in federal district court, <u>Pearse-Hocker v. Firelight Media, Inc.</u> (E.D. Va. Case No. 1:10cv458).
- 3. I am aware that this Court has issued a notice pursuant to Rule 14(b)(1) of the Rules of the Court of Federal Claims ("RCFC") that would permit Firelight to join the above-entitled suit and assert any claim or interest it may have. I have received a copy of this notice from defendant's counsel and have read its contents.
- 4. I also understand from defendant's counsel that the defendant attempted to serve this notice on Firelight by U.S. certified mail but was unsuccessful.
- 5. In lieu of the defendant attempting to serve Firelight again, I have agreed to accept service on Firelight's behalf. Firelight, however, has decided that they do not wish to participate as a party to the above-entitled suit and, thus, does not intend to make an appearance during the time permitted by the RCFC.

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