## HONORABLE MARSHA J. PECHMAN

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

CAROLYN ANDERSON,

Plaintiff.

v.

DOMINO'S PIZZA, INC., DOMINO'S PIZZA, LLC, FOUR OUR FAMILIES, INC. and CALL-EM-ALL, LLC,

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-902-MJP** 

DEFENDANT CALL-EM-ALL, LLC'S ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendant CALL-EM-ALL, LLC (hereinafter, "CEA"), by and through the undersigned attorneys of record, hereby answer Plaintiff CAROLYN ANDERSON's Amended Class Action Complaint For Damages, Injunctive And Declaratory Relief (hereinafter, "Amended Complaint") as follows:

# I. PARTIES, JURISDICTION, VENUE

1.1 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.1 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting

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Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.

- 1.2 CEA admits the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 1.2 of the Amended Complaint. With respect to the second sentence of Paragraph 1.2 of the Amended Complaint, CEA respectfully refers the Court to the referenced website for an accurate recitation of the contents thereof.
- 1.3 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.3 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.
- 1.4 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.4 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.
- 1.5 The allegations contained in Paragraph 1.5 of the Amended Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.5 of the Amended Complaint.

### II. FACTS

- 2.1 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.1 of the Amended Complaint.
- 2.2 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.2 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.

- 2.3 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.3 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.
- 2.4 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.4 of the Amended Complaint.
- 2.5 With respect to the other Defendants, CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.5 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein. With respect to itself, CEA denies the allegations to the extent it alleges it conducts its business in any manner other than in compliance with the law.

### III. CAUSES OF ACTION

3.1 With respect to the second sentence of Paragraph 3.1 of the Amended Complaint, CEA realleges its responses to the foregoing paragraphs as if fully stated herein. The second sentence of Paragraph 3.1 of the Amended Complaint requires no answer.

# Count A. Violation of 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1)(B) (National Class)

- 3.2 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.2 of the Amended Complaint.
- 3.3 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.3 of the Amended Complaint.

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# Count C. Violation of RCW 80.36.400 (Washington State Class)

- 3.4 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.4 of the Amended Complaint.
- 3.5 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.5 of the Amended Complaint.

## Count D. Violation of RCW 19.86 (Washington State Class)

- 3.6 The allegations contained in Paragraph 3.6 of the Amended Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.6 of the Amended Complaint.
- 3.7 CEA denies the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 3.7 of the Amended Complaint. The allegations contained in the second sentence of Paragraph 3.7 of the Amended Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required to the second sentence of Paragraph 3.7 of the Amended Complaint, CEA denies same.

# Count E. Declaratory Relief Under The Washington Declaratory Judgment Act (RCW 7.24.010) (Washington State Class)

- 3.8 CEA denies it used an automated dialing and announcement device to send a pre-recorded message to the telephones of persons in Washington.
- 3.9 The allegations contained in Paragraph 3.9 of the Amended Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is

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required, CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.9 of the Amended Complaint.

### IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 4.1 CEA realleges its responses to the foregoing paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 4.2 CEA admits this action purports to be brought pursuant to CR 23(b)(2) and admits Plaintiff seeks to represent National and Washington State classes. To the extent that Paragraph 4.2 makes any factual allegations, CEA denies such allegations, denies that this action may be maintained as a class action and denies that any allegations in Paragraph 4.2 are relevant to CEA.
- 4.3 CEA admits that the proposed classes likely have more than 100 members, but denies that this action may be maintained as a class action. CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 4.3 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every remaining allegation.
- 4.4 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.4 of the Amended Complaint.
- 4.5 CEA denies it violated the two cited statutes and lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 4.5 of the Amended Complaint, and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every remaining allegation.

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- 4.6 CEA lacks knowledge and information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.6 of the Amended Complaint and thus denies same, putting Plaintiff to her burden of proof for each and every allegation contained therein.
- 4.7 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.7 of the Amended Complaint.
- 4.8 CEA denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.8 of the Amended Complaint.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. Plaintiff has failed to state a cause of action for which relief can be granted.
- 2. Upon information and belief, the calls made to Plaintiff were not illegal.
- 3. If Plaintiff's allegations are found to be true, CEA has established and implemented, with due care, reasonable practices and procedures to prevent and limit telephone solicitations in violation of the regulations prescribed under 46 U.S.C. § 227.
- 4. RCW 80.36.400 is preempted by the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 5. To the extent Plaintiff suffered any damages at all, such damages resulted from the conduct of parties other than CEA.
- 6. CEA is not the legal cause or proximate cause of any damages that might have been suffered by Plaintiff.
  - 7. Plaintiff lacks standing to bring her claims.
  - 8. Plaintiff's claims are barred because she failed to mitigate her damages.

- 9. Plaintiff's claims against CEA are barred because at all times, CEA acted in good faith, consistent with any applicable standard of care and /or lacked any duty to Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff's allegations lack sufficient particularity and/or detail, and accordingly CEA seeks a more definite statement of her claims.
- 11. CEA reserves the rights to amend this answer to assert additional affirmative defenses as warranted by discovery
  - 12. CEA is not legally responsible for the calls at issue.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 1. CEA denies each and every prayer for relief requested in the Amended Complaint.
- 2. CEA is entitled to dismissal of each and every cause of action brought in the Amended Complaint.
- 3. CEA is entitled to judgment in its favor and to recover its attorney fees and costs of suit as permitted by applicable law.
  - 4. CEA is entitled to any other or further relief which the Court deems fair and equitable.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

I am employed at Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece LLP, attorneys of record for Defendant Call-Em-All, LLC herein.

I hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the attached foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following persons:

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and I hereby certify that I have delivered via U.S. Mail the document to the following non CM/ECF participants:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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