CASE No. 2:16-cv-01023-RSM

1 THE HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 TAMARA LOHR and RAVIKIRAN SINDOGI, on 8 behalf of themselves and all others similarly NO. 2:16-cv-01023-RSM situated, 9 STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER TO 10 Plaintiffs, **EXTEND BRIEFING DEADLINES AND RE-**NOTE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS 11 VS. **CERTIFICATION** 12 NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC., and 13 NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD., **NOTED FOR CONSIDERATION:** June 28, 2021 14 Defendants. 15 16 I. STIPULATED MOTION 17 18 Plaintiffs Tamara Lohr and Ravikiran Sindogi and Defendant Nissan North America, Inc. respectfully request that the Court extend the briefing deadlines for Nissan's motions to 19 20 exclude as set forth below and re-note Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, Dkt. No. 109, so all four motions are considered and heard together. The deadline for Plaintiffs to file their 21 reply in support of class certification, which is currently set for August 2, 2021, would remain 22 unchanged. 23 24 There is good cause to grant the parties' motion. On June 14, 2021, Defendant filed its 25 opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for class certification together with its expert disclosures and reports. Dkt. Nos. 123, 123-2, 123-6, 123-12, 123-18. Contemporaneously with those filings, 26 Defendant filed three separate motions to exclude Plaintiffs' experts, each of which relies, in 27 STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER TO EXTEND BRIEFING TERRELL MARSHALL LAW GROUP PLLC DEADLINES AND RE-NOTE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS 936 North 34th Street, Suite 300 Seattle, Washington 98103-8869 **CERTIFICATION - 1** 

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part, on the opinions of its own experts. *See* Dkt. Nos. 124, 125, and 126. Plaintiffs' deadline to respond to the motions to exclude is July 5, 2021 and Defendants deadline to reply is July 9, 2021. *See* Dkt. No. 127.

To fully respond to Defendant's motions, Plaintiffs will need to depose Defendant's four experts. The parties have worked together to coordinate these depositions, and they are tentatively scheduled for July 9, July 13, July 14, and July 16, 2021. Once the depositions are complete, Plaintiffs will need time to obtain and analyze the transcripts and integrate the testimony into their responses. The parties are also coordinating deadlines with a companion case filed in the Northern District of California, *Johnson et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, No. 3:17-cv-00517-WHO. The Plaintiffs in *Johnson* are seeking a similar extension of the briefing schedule on Defendant's motions to exclude, which will allow both cases to remain on parallel tracks. The extended briefing schedule proposed below will not meaningfully delay the resolution of this case and will allow the parties to better address the complex and highly technical subject matter involved in Defendant's motions.

Accordingly, amending the briefing schedule to allow Plaintiffs to depose Defendant's experts, with a commensurate extension of the deadline for Defendant to file its replies, will serve the interests of the parties and judicial efficiency. The parties therefore stipulate and move the Court for an order extending the briefing schedule on Defendant's motions to exclude and re-noting Plaintiff's motion as follows:

EVENT	CURRENT DEADLINE	PROPOSED DEADLINE
Deadline for Plaintiff to File Responses to Defendant's Motions to Exclude	07/05/2021	08/13/2021
Deadline for Defendant to File Replies in Support of Defendant's Motions to Exclude	07/09/2021	09/03/2021
Noting Date for Defendant's Motions to Exclude	07/09/2021	09/03/2021

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## II. ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED. Defendant Nissan North America's motions to exclude Thomas Read, Neil Hannemann, Steven Gaskin, and Colin Weir, Dkt. Nos. 124, 125, 126, and Plaintiffs' Amended Motion for Class Certification, Dkt. No. 109, are RENOTED to September 3, 2021. Plaintiff's Responses to Defendant's motions to exclude are due August 13, 2021, and Defendant's replies thereto are due September 3, 2021. The August 2, 2021 deadline for Plaintiffs to file their reply in support of their motion for class certification shall remain unchanged.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE