UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

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Plaintiff,

v.

PREMIER PORTFOLIO GROUP, et al.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-CV-236-RSL

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S EX PARTE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FIRST AMENDED **COMPLAINT**

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's "Ex Parte Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint ("the Motion"). Dkt. #5. Plaintiff filed her initial Complaint on February 13, 2018. Dkt. #1. Plaintiff then filed an "Ex Parte Motion for Leave to Engage in Discovery Prior to Rule 26(f) Conference," Dkt. #3, which the Court granted on April 12, 2018. Dkt. #4. Plaintiff was permitted to "issue subpoenas on the relevant internet service providers or website hosts seeking information that would yield details about Premier [Portfolio Group]'s ownership, the identities of the company's owners and operators, and addresses for effecting service." Id.

Plaintiff accordingly served a subpoena on GoDaddy.com LLC, and has concluded that Michael Evans and his company, Asset, Consulting Experts LLC ("Asset"), are responsible for the actions that gave rise to plaintiff's complaint. See Dkt. #5 at 1-2. Plaintiff requests leave to file a First Amended Complaint that names Mr. Evans and Asset as defendants.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), a court should "freely give leave [to amend] when justice so requires." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). "District courts generally consider four

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factors in determining whether to deny a motion to amend: "bad faith, undue delay, prejudice to the opposing party, and the futility of amendment."" In re Korean Air Lines Co., Ltd., 642 F.3d 685, 701 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting Kaplan v. Rose, 49 F.3d 1363, 1370 (9th Cir. 1994)). The amendment is not futile. There being no evidence of undue delay, bad faith, or prejudice, the motion to amend is hereby GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to file the proposed First Amended Complaint that was filed as Exhibit A to the Motion. Dkt. #5-1. DATED this 4th day of December, 2018. MMS (asuik Robert S. Lasnik United States District Judge

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