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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
6 **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**  
7 **AT SEATTLE**

8 SEAN WILSON, individually and on  
9 behalf of all others similarly situated,

10 *Plaintiff,*

11 v.

12 PTT, LLC (d/b/a HIGH 5 GAMES, LLC),  
13 a Delaware limited liability company,

14 *Defendant.*  
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Case No. 18-cv-05275-RSL

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION TO AMEND AND SUBSTITUTE**

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17 This matter comes before the Court on “Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to Amend and  
18 Substitute Rick Larsen as Class Representative.” Dkt. # 196. Class representative Sean Wilson  
19 (now Kipinä) has moved out of the country, apparently for personal reasons. There are now  
20 4,000 miles and ten time zones between him and class counsel, making his continued prosecution  
21 of this lawsuit significantly more difficult and raising potential issues regarding his ability to  
22 seek injunctive relief on behalf of the class. Class member Rick Larsen, a Washington resident,  
23 has stepped forward as a substitute class representative.

24 Courts “should freely give leave [to amend] when justice so requires.” Fed. R. Civ. P.  
25 15(a)(2). There is a “strong policy in favor of allowing amendment” (*Kaplan v. Rose*, 49 F.3d  
26 1363, 1370 (9th Cir. 1994)), and “[c]ourts may decline to grant leave to amend only if there is  
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