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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

QUINCY GRIFFIN PERKINS, JOSE
JOHNSON, IGNACIO PARKS, AND
TIWAN JOHNSON, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HADCO METAL TRADING SANTA FE
SPRINGS CA dba RYDER
INTEGRATED
LOGISTICS INC.: and DOES 1-50,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Lead Case No. 3:23-cv-00502-WHO
[Consolidated for all purposes with Case
No. 3:23-cv-01694-WHO & Case No.
4:22-cv-07456-JST]

[Assigned to the Honorable William H.
Orrick]

FRCP RULE 23 CLASS ACTION

**DECLARATION OF JOSE
JOHNSON IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

I, Jose Johnson, hereby declare:

2. I am one of the named plaintiffs in this action.

4. On or about November 23, 2022, the case was removed to Federal Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 3:22-cv-07456-AGT, later consolidated with No. 3:23-cv-00502-WHO.

6. As a non-exempt employee employed by Defendant, I was not paid minimum wage, I was not reimbursed for all business expenditures, I was also not provided accurate itemized wage statements and did not receive all of my wages due upon termination of my employment.

7. I understand that, as a Class Representative, I have a duty to look out for and protect the interest of the class members as a whole. I do not believe, nor do I have any reason to believe, that my interests in this lawsuit are in conflict or in any way antagonistic to the interests of those of my fellow similarly situated employees. Given

1 the various defenses asserted by Defendant, I believe, along with my attorneys, that the
2 settlement obtained is fair and reasonable to the putative class members.

3 8. As the named Plaintiff in this action, I provided invaluable assistance to
4 my attorneys and the putative class members in this case, including providing factual
5 information, wage and hour documentation, wage statements, my payroll records and
6 personnel file and factual background for the allegations in the Complaint. I also spent
7 numerous hours preparing for and was available on the day of mediation. I also
8 participated in various phone calls with my lawyers to discuss litigation and settlement
9 strategy and reviewed the settlement documents. My efforts were instrumental in
10 securing the favorable terms of the Settlement Agreement, which will provide
11 monetary compensation to the similarly aggrieved employees of Defendant. I also
12 agreed to participate in this case with no guarantee of personal benefit.

13 9. This case also involved risks for me, such as the potential risk of having
14 to pay Defendant's costs if we lost. Disregarding these risks, I pursued this case on
15 behalf of the aggrieved employees and the State of California to a successful resolution
16 and settlement. Further, as part of the Settlement, I am also agreeing to a general release
17 of all claims, which is broader than the release of claims that the members of the class
18 will agree to if they wish to participate in the settlement.

19 10. I have not received and will not receive any benefits in connection with
20 this action other than my portion of the general settlement and requested service award.

21 11. It is my understanding that based upon my industrious efforts as the
22 named Plaintiff in this action, I may be entitled to a Service Award. I respectfully
23 request that the Court grant this award to me in the amount of \$15,000 in addition to
24 my pro rata share of the settlement fund.

25 12. In light of what I have done for the class and the hard work I put in, I
26 believe that the requested award is fully warranted and respectfully request that it be
27 granted. Moreover, I voluntarily undertook a great amount of risk by publishing my
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1 name and putting my time and reputation on the line to represent the putative class
2 members. Regardless of these risks, I put the interests of the class before mine.

3 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the
4 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct this 4/10/2024 in
5 Alameda County, California.

DocuSigned by:
JOSE JOHNSON
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Plaintiff Jose Johnson