

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Jordan Montrel Hardman (“Plaintiff”) and defendant TACI Energy Solutions, Inc. doing business as TACI Low Voltage Solutions (“TACI”) and PEOPLEASE, LLC (“PEOPLEASE”) (TACI and PEOPLEASE collectively “Defendants”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1 “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants captioned *Jordan Montrel Hardman v. TACI Energy Solutions, Inc.* initiated on October 10, 2023 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 23STCV24726.
- 1.2 “Administrator” means Apex Class Action, LLC (“Apex”), the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with approval of this Settlement.
- 1.4 “Aggrieved Employee” means all individuals who worked for Defendant TACI Energy Solutions, Inc. as an hourly and/or non-exempt employee in California at any time during the PAGA Period including individuals who worked for TACI Energy Solutions, Inc. and were issued wage statements by PEOPLEASE.
- 1.5 “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Defendants’ possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number and number of PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.6 “Aggrieved Employee Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.7 “Aggrieved Employees’ Notice” shall mean the Notice of Settlement and Approval, a sample of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Aggrieved Employees’ Notice shall further contain (i) an Aggrieved Employee’s first and last name, (ii) last known address, (iii) employee identification number, if applicable, (iv) the Aggrieved Employee’s number of individual pay periods worked for one or more of Defendants, and (v) the amount of the Aggrieved Employee’s Individual PAGA Payment.
- 1.8 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

- 1.9 “Defense Counsel” means Kristina Kourasis and Evelyn Zarranga of Landegger & Verano, ALC for TACI and Spencer Waldron of Fisher & Phillips LLP for *PEOPLEASE*.
- 1.10 “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) the day the Court enters Judgment.
- 1.11 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$207,500.00 which is the total amount Defendants agree to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 8 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Administrator’s Expenses Payment.
- 1.12 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.13 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.14 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (i).
- 1.15 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (i).
- 1.16 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid as PAGA Penalties, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments and 75% to the LWDA as the LWDA PAGA Payment.
- 1.17 “PAGA Counsel” means Emil Davtyan, David Yeremian, and Natalie Haritoonian of D.Law, Inc., the attorneys representing the Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.18 “PAGA Counsel Fees Payment” and “PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.19 “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.20 “PAGA Period” means the period from October 4, 2022 to April 3, 2025.

- 1.21 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code, § 2698. et seq.).
- 1.22 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s October 10, 2023 letter to Defendants and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a).
- 1.23 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Net Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$26,031.25) and 75% to the LWDA (\$78,093.75) in settlement of PAGA claims. The Net Settlement Amount is the amount of PAGA Penalties to be paid.
- 1.24 “Plaintiff” means Jordan Montrel Hardman, the named plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.25 “Approval Order” means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.26 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released by the Aggrieved Employees as described in Paragraph 5 below.
- 1.27 “Released Parties” means Defendants and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, and affiliates.
- 1.28 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.29 “Defendants” means named Defendants TACI Energy Solutions, Inc. doing business as TACI Low Voltage Solutions and PEOPLEASE, LLC.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1 On October 10, 2023, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for failing to pay minimum wages, overtime wages, failing to provide meal periods, failing to provide rest periods, failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failing to timely provide wages including wages due upon termination, failing to maintain accurate records, failing to provide reimbursable expenses, and failing to produce requested employment records. On December 8, 2023, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”). The First Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint”). On April 10, 2025, the class claims were dismissed without prejudice. Defendants deny the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.3 On February 3, 2025, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Gig Kyriacou which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.

2.4 Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, pertinent payroll, timekeeping, and other data.

2.5 The Parties, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, TACI promises to pay \$207,500.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. TACI has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to TACI.

3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

3.2.1 To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35%, which is currently estimated to be \$72,625.00, and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$25,000.00. Defendants will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendants harmless, and indemnifies Defendants, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.2 To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$5,750.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court.

3.2.3 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: After making the above deductions from the Gross Settlement Amount in amounts approved by the Court for the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and Administration Expenses Payment, the remainder (“Net Settlement Amount”) shall be paid as PAGA Penalties, which is currently estimated to be \$104,125.00, with 75% allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.3.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees’ 25% share of PAGA Penalties by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee’s PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.3.2 The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1 Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, TACI estimate there are 227 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 8,500 of PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2 Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 15 days, TACI will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employees’ privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which TACI must send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.

4.3 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. TACI shall fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator in four monthly installments of \$51,875: (1) Installment one due 30 days after the Effective Date; (2) Installment two due 60 days after the Effective Date; (3) Installment three due 90 days after the Effective Date; and (4) Installment four due 120 days after the Effective Date. The parties agree that Defendants' payment of the Gross Settlement Amount shall be made via electronic transfer of funds, pursuant to the PAGA Administrator's electronic transfer instructions. No later than 10 calendar days after the parties execute this Agreement, or as soon thereafter as possible, the PAGA Administrator shall provide the electronic transfer instructions to Defense Counsel. Defendants' payment obligations under the Settlement shall be met upon initiating the electronic transfer of funds to the PAGA Administrator, pursuant to its instructions.

4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employees whose remailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.

4.4.3 For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.

- 4.4.4 The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when TACI fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, the State of California, and all Aggrieved Employees, will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 **Release by Aggrieved Employees:** All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Complaints in the Action, and/or the PAGA Notices including, but not limited to, any and all claims involving (a) any failure to pay wages, including minimum wages; (b) failure to pay overtime wages; (c) failure to provide meal periods (including failure to pay meal period premiums); (d) failure to provide rest periods (including failure to pay rest period premiums) (e) failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; (f) failure to timely pay wages including wages due upon termination; (g) failure to maintain accurate records; (h) failure to provide reimbursable expenses; (i) failure to produce requested employment records; (j) violation of Business & Professions Code 17200 et seq.; and (k) any and all statutes and regulations referenced in the Complaints or PAGA Notices. This Release shall not apply to Defendants until the Gross Settlement Amount is fully funded, as provided in Paragraph 4.3.

6. **MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

- 6.1 **Plaintiff's Responsibilities.** Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (f)(2)) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (ii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Aggrieved Employee Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Aggrieved Employees or the LWDA; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel or Defense Counsel; (iii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel firm attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Lab. Code, §2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Lab. Code, § 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (iv) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel shall

aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion. PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Approval Order to the Administrator.

6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting and conferring, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting and conferring, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.

7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

7.4 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE Based on its records, TACI estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are 227 Aggrieved Employees who worked 8,500 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. If the Pay Periods increases by more than 10%, then the GSA will be increased proportionally by the

number of workweeks worked in excess of 10%. For example, if the Pay Periods increases by 15%, then the GSA will increase by 5%. In the alternative, TACI can avoid increasing the GSA by electing to end the PAGA Period when the number of PAGA Pay Periods reaches 9,350.

9. **CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.** The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

9.1 **Waiver of Right to Appeal.** Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties, and their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If another party appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

10. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

10.1 **No Admission of Liability or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes.** This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendants have any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

10.2 **Integrated Agreement.** Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants or inducements made to or by any Party.

10.3 **Attorney Authorization.** PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to

take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

- 10.4 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 10.5 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered or purported to assign, transfer or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 10.6 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 10.7 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 10.8 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 10.9 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 10.10 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 10.11 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.12 Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Evidence Code section 1152, and all copies and summaries of

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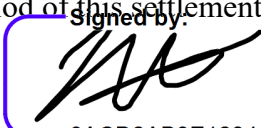
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10.15 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

10.16 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Dated: 6/24/2025

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Plaintiff Jordan Montrel Hardman

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Defendant TACI Energy Solutions, Inc.
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By: _____
Plaintiff Jordan Montrel Hardman

Dated: 8/21/2025 _____

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Sam Kouhkan
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Defendant TACI Energy Solutions, Inc.
By: Sam Kouhkan
Title: CEO

Dated: Aug 22, 2025

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Natalie Haritounian
Counsel for Plaintiff Jordan Montrel Hardman

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Counsel for Defendant TACI Energy Solutions,
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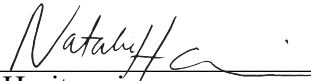
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