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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN**

GABRIEL TROCHE MALDONADO,
GREGORY A. SHERMAN, individually, and on
behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to
the California Private Attorneys General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMERIGAS PROPANE, INC., a California
limited liability company; and DOES 1 through
100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: STK-CV-UOE-2023-0010754

Honorable Barbara Kronlund
Department 10D

**DECLARATION OF GREGORY A. SHERMAN
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT (CAL. LABOR CODE § 2698,
ET SEQ.) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
AWARD OF PAGA COUNSEL FEES
PAYMENT, GENERAL RELEASE FEE
PAYMENTS, AND ADMINISTRATION
EXPENSES PAYMENT**

Date:
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Department: 10D

Complaint Filed: October 10, 2023
FAC Filed: June 14, 2024
Trial Date: February 2, 2026

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1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of California. I am one of the named plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.

3. Since joining the case, I have spent many hours communicating with my attorneys regarding the case and fulfilling my responsibilities as a PAGA representative, which included gathering documents concerning my employment with Defendant, reviewing documents with my attorneys, providing information regarding the duties of aggrieved employees, and helping develop a strategy as to what documents and information to obtain from Defendant. I routinely checked in with my attorneys and their staff to make sure that they had all of my most current information and any additional information that I had obtained.

5. As far as the settlement is concerned, I was available to review documents and answer

any questions my attorneys had. I spent several hours reviewing the settlement agreement and asking questions and discussing the potential settlement with my attorneys before signing the settlement agreement.

6. I believe that I have done everything that is expected of a PAGA representative and also everything that my attorneys have asked of me. I have tried, to the best of my ability, to seek relief for the aggrieved employees and the State of California, and I think my efforts helped to get the result obtained in this case.

7. For my broader individual waiver and general release of claims with a California Civil Code Section 1542 waiver (set forth in Paragraphs 3.2.1 and 5.1 of the Stipulation of Settlement of Representative Claims Under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act and also memorialized in a separate confidential individual release agreement) and agreement not to disparage Defendant or any of the Released Parties (memorialized in a separate confidential individual release agreement), the Settlement provides for a General Release Fee to be paid to me in the amount of \$7,500.00, out of the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to Court approval. I respectfully request that the Court award me full payment of the General Release Fee.

8. I am not related to anyone associated with Lawyers *for* Justice, PC.

9. I have not received any undisclosed compensation in this case. The only compensation I will receive is the General Release Fee, as well as my share of the settlement as an aggrieved employee, subject to Court approval.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 8 day of July 2025, at Rocklin, California.

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Gregory A. Sherman