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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CURTIS MARKSON, MARK
MCGEORGE, CLOIS MCCLENDON,
and ERIC CLARK, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CRST INTERNATIONAL, INC., CRST
EXPEDITED, INC.; C.R. ENGLAND,
INC., WESTERN EXPRESS, INC.,
SCHNEIDER NATIONAL CARRIERS,
INC., SOUTHERN REFRIGERATED
TRANSPORT, INC., COVENANT
TRANSPORT, INC., PASCHALL
TRUCK LINES, INC., STEVENS
TRANSPORT, INC., and DOES 1-10,
inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 5:17-cv-01261-SB (SPx)

**DECLARATION OF CURTIS
MARKSON IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

Judge: Hon. Stanley Blumenfeld, Jr.
Date: July 29, 2022
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Courtroom 6C
350 West 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Discovery Cutoff Date: 7/2/2021
Pretrial Conference Date: TBD
Trial Date: TBD

1 I, Curtis Markson, declare as follows:

2 1. The facts set forth herein are true of my own personal knowledge, and if
3 called upon to testify thereto, I could and would competently do so under oath.

4 2. I am one of the four named Plaintiffs in this action.

5 3. Throughout this case, I have understood and appreciated my role and
6 responsibilities as a class representative. I have understood that it is my responsibility
7 to look out for the best interests of all class members and to not put my own interests
8 ahead of theirs. I have willingly and knowingly accepted these responsibilities and
9 have carried them out to the best of my ability.

10 4. In or around March 2017, prior to bringing this lawsuit, I interviewed
11 attorneys and ultimately selected Mayall Hurley, P.C., Ackermann & Tilajef, P.C., and
12 Melmed Law Group P.C. to represent myself and the Class. It is my understanding that
13 Mayall Hurley, P.C., Ackermann & Tilajef, P.C., and Melmed Law Group P.C. are
14 experienced in litigating class actions.

15 5. In or around May 2017, I filed this lawsuit as a class action. By deciding
16 to file the lawsuit as a class action, I agreed to pursue not only my own claims, but also
17 the claims of all similarly situated individuals. In so doing, I agreed to put the interests
18 of the class ahead of my own. I also agreed to participate actively in the lawsuit and to
19 assume the risks of serving as a named Plaintiff and class representative.

20 6. In or around June 2018, I also retained Susman Godfrey, L.L.P. to
21 represent me. It is my understanding that Susman Godfrey, L.L.P. is experienced in
22 litigating class actions, particularly anti-trust matters.

23 7. On July 26, 2018, the Third Amended Complaint was filed adding the anti-
24 trust allegations.

25 8. Since hiring Susman Godfrey, L.L.P., Mayall Hurley, P.C., Ackermann &
26 Tilajef, P.C., and Melmed Law Group P.C. I have been in regular contact with my
27 attorneys and participated closely with them in all phases of this litigation. I have spent
28 considerable time helping the Class of individuals I seek to represent win compensation

1 from the Settling Defendants. The tasks I have been actively involved in included, but
2 are not limited to:

- 3 a. Interviewing and selecting Class Counsel;
- 4 b. Providing documents to Class Counsel relevant to the claims at issue;
- 5 c. Providing statements of factual details to Class Counsel to assist them in
6 understanding the nature of the Class' claims and to assist them in assessing potential
7 damages;
- 8 d. Assisting in the preparation of the class action and the subsequent
9 amendments;
- 10 e. Reviewing documents and policies produced by Defendants with Class
11 Counsel to assist them;
- 12 f. Reviewing discovery responses to ensure accuracy;
- 13 g. Traveling to, preparing for, and participating in two separate full day
14 depositions, one in October 2017 and another in May 2021;
- 15 h. Preparing for and participating telephonically in the mediations on behalf of
16 the Class;
- 17 i. Participating in the settlement negotiations that culminated with the
18 Settlements; and
- 19 j. Following up with Class Counsel on a regular basis to check in regarding
20 the status of the case and whether anything further was needed of me.

21 9. Overall, I estimate that I have spent in excess of 250 hours of my time to
22 help vindicate the rights of the Class.

23 10. Although this case has been actively litigated for more than 5 years, I have
24 and remain willing to continue to pursue the claims against the Non-Settling
25 Defendants.

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

Executed on 6/13/2022 in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

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/s/ A4FC82DFF442419
Curtis Markson

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