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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)

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES &
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

1 Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs came before this Court.
2 The Court, having considered the papers submitted by the parties, HEREBY ORDERS
3 THE FOLLOWING:

4 1. The Court awards attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,437,500 to Class
5 Counsel. The Court finds that the attorneys' fee award is reasonable under both the
6 common fund method and lodestar cross-check method. Specifically, the attorneys' fee
7 award represents 25% of the total settlement amount of \$9,750,000 and is equal to the 9th
8 Circuit benchmark for attorneys' fees, 25%. *In re Pac. Enterprises Sec. Litig.*, 47 F.3d 373,
9 379 (9th Cir. 1995) ("Twenty-five percent is the 'benchmark' that district courts should
10 award in common fund cases."). Furthermore, Class Counsel's total lodestar incurred to
11 date, even when parsing out attorney time spent not directly related to the claims
12 attributable to the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel's non-meritorious class
13 certification motion, represents a negative lodestar multiplier of 0.32.

14 2. The Court awards litigation costs in the amount of \$2,895,543.98 to Class
15 Counsel. This Court finds that litigation cost reimbursement in the amount of
16 \$2,895,543.98 million is fair and reasonable.

17 3. The Court awards service awards in the amount of \$25,000 to each of the
18 named Plaintiffs from the total settlement fund as compensation for the having spent a
19 significant amount of time assisting in the litigation of this case. The service awards are
20 reasonable, appropriate, and justified based on Plaintiffs' involvement in this case that has
21 been litigated for nearly five years. Each plaintiff assisted in responding to discovery and
22 produced documents relating to their claims; they reviewed the complaints and other
23 substantive pleadings, and they reviewed and approved the settlements.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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27 Dated: _____

STANLEY BLUMENFELD, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE