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# VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION AND ECF FILING

The Honorable Robert E. Gerber United States Bankruptcy Judge United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York Alexander Hamilton Custom House One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

> Re: In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al. Case No. 09-50026 (REG)

# **Technical Matters Concerning Proposed Judgment**

Dear Judge Gerber:

King & Spalding LLP is co-counsel with Kirkland & Ellis LLP for General Motors LLC ("<u>New GM</u>") in the above-referenced matter. It is submitting this letter pursuant to Your Honor's *Order Re Technical Matters Concerning Judgment*, entered on May 27, 2015 [Dkt. No. 13163] ("<u>May 27 Order</u>"), in which counsel was "invited to submit comments on technical matters relating to the Judgment." New GM would like to raise the following six technical matters for the Court's consideration:

1. Paragraph 6 of the proposed judgment provides, in part, as follows: "But based on the doctrine of equitable mootness, in no event shall assets of the GUC Trust held at any time in the past, now, or in the future (collectively, the "GUC Trust Assets") (as defined in the Decision) be used to satisfy any claims of the Plaintiffs, nor will Old GM's Plan be modified with respect to such claims . . . ." The parenthetical "(as defined in the Decision)" seems to have been inadvertently included, given that the term "GUC Trust Assets" is already defined in the proposed Judgment as the assets of the GUC Trust whenever acquired. Adding a cross-reference definition, to a term already defined in the Judgment, is superfluous and creates a potential ambiguity that can be avoided by deleting the parenthetical from the final version of the Judgment.

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- 2. Also in paragraph 6, there is a proviso that states as follows: "provided that nothing in this Judgment shall impair any party's rights with respect to the potential applicability of Bankruptcy Code section 502(j)." As Section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code concerns claims that have already been filed with the Court, New GM requests that the following language be added at the end of the above-referenced sentence so that the proviso is explicit on this point: "to any claims that have been previously allowed or disallowed by the Court." Thus, the entire proviso would read as follows: "provided that nothing in this Judgment shall impair any party's rights with respect to the potential applicability of Bankruptcy Code section 502(j) to any claims that have been previously allowed or disallowed by the Court." [additional language in bold and italics.]
- 3. In paragraphs 8(d) and 10(d), there is bracketed language that states as follows: "[Intentionally deleted, as inapplicable to stays, in contrast to dismissals]." The Court may want to consider removing this bracketed language from the final version of the Judgment.
- 4. In paragraph 13(a), there is a sentence that reads: "They shall also apply to any other plaintiffs in these proceedings (including, without limitation, the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs) . . . ." New GM believes the following should be added to the parenthetical to make it consistent with other paragraphs in the proposed judgment that refer to exhibits: "identified on Exhibit 'D' attached hereto." The sentence, in full, would then read as follows: "They shall also apply to any other plaintiffs in these proceedings (including, without limitation, the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs *identified on Exhibit 'D' attached hereto*) . . . ." [additional language in bold and italics.]
- Also in paragraph 13(a), there is a sentence that states: "The rulings set forth herein are without prejudice to the submission of other objections to New GM's Motions to Enforce Sale Order." As New GM noted in its May 21, 2015 response letter [Dkt. No. 13153] to the letter filed by Mr. Peller, pursuant to the May 16, 2014 Scheduling Order entered by the Court, parties were to identify any issues (including non-Threshold Issues ) that the Court was being asked to determine in connection with the Motion to Enforce prior to the July 2, 2014 Conference held in connection therewith. Other than the "fraud on the court" issue (except for the legal standard which was part of the Four Threshold Issues), no additional issues were timely raised by any party. Thus, the above-referenced sentence is contrary to what already has been resolved by the prior procedures established by the Court. The inclusion of this sentence might arguably cause Mr. Peller, or other plaintiffs' counsel, to believe it was now proper to raise issues such as (a) the Court's subject matter jurisdiction relating to the Motions to Enforce, or (b) whether the Motions to Enforce should have been brought as an adversary proceeding instead of a contested matter. While these issues were never raised by Designated Counsel and were resolved by the Court in connection with certain No Stay Pleadings, they arguably may not be explicitly part of the "rulings on the Four Threshold Issues." Notably, the Court dealt with this issue in its Decision Re Form of Judgment, dated May 27, 2015 [Dkt. No. 13162], wherein it held that "[t]he Peller Plaintiffs had more than ample opportunity to raise contentions Designated Counsel did not raise." Id. at 3. But, in order to avoid any confusion on this issue, New GM requests that the sentence be omitted from the final version of the Judgment.

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6. In paragraph 13(e) of New GM's proposed form of judgment, which the Court did not change in its proposed judgment, New GM inadvertently omitted a reference to the GUC Trust Asset Pleading, and the GUC Trust's ability to file a Dismissal Order if no GUC Trust Asset Pleading is filed. The sentence in full should read as follows: "If a Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff or Non Ignition Switch Plaintiff listed on Exhibit "D" fails to timely file a No Dismissal Pleading or a GUC Trust Asset Pleading with the Court within the time period set forth in paragraphs 13(c) and (d) above, New GM, the GUC Trust and/or the GUC Trust Unitholders shall be permitted to file with this Court a notice of presentment on five (5) business days' notice, with an attached order . . . . " [additional language in bold and italics.]

A redlined version of the proposed judgment, with the above technical matters addressed, is attached hereto as Exhibit "1."

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arthur Steinberg

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# Exhibit 1

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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In re	:	Chapter 11
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MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No.: 09-50026 (REG)
f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.	:	
	:	
Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

### [PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

For the reasons set forth in the Court's *Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order*, entered on April 15, 2015 ("**Decision**"), <sup>1</sup> it is hereby ADJUDGED as follows:

- 1. The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs and the Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs (collectively, the "<u>Plaintiffs</u>") were "known creditors" of the Debtors. The Plaintiffs did not receive the notice of the sale of assets of Old GM to New GM ("<u>363 Sale</u>") that due process required.
- 2. Except with respect to Independent Claims (as herein defined), the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs were not prejudiced by their lack of notice of the 363 Sale, and they thus failed to demonstrate a due process violation with respect to the 363 Sale.

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Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Decision. For purposes of this Judgment, the following terms shall apply: (i) "Ignition Switch Plaintiffs" shall mean plaintiffs that have commenced a lawsuit against New GM asserting economic losses based on or arising from the Ignition Switch in the Subject Vehicles (each term as defined in the Agreed and Disputed Stipulations of Fact Pursuant to the Court's Supplemental Scheduling Order, Dated July 11, 2014, filed on August 8, 2014 [Dkt. No. 12826], at 3); (ii) "Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs" shall mean plaintiffs that have commenced a lawsuit against New GM based on an accident or incident that occurred prior to the closing of the 363 Sale; (iii) "Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs" shall mean that subset of the Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs that had the Ignition Switch in their Subject Vehicles; (iv) "Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs" shall mean plaintiffs that have commenced a lawsuit against New GM asserting economic losses based on or arising from an alleged defect, other than the Ignition Switch, in an Old GM vehicle.

- 3. The Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs were not prejudiced by their lack of notice of the 363 Sale, and they thus failed to demonstrate a due process violation with respect to the 363 Sale.
- 4. With respect to the Independent Claims, the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs were prejudiced by the failure to give them the notice of the 363 Sale that due process required. The Ignition Switch Plaintiffs established a due process violation with respect to the Independent Claims. The Sale Order shall be deemed modified to permit the assertion of Independent Claims. For purposes of this Judgment, "Independent Claims" shall mean claims or causes of action asserted by Ignition Switch Plaintiffs against New GM (whether or not involving Old GM vehicles or parts) that are based solely on New GM's own, independent, post-Closing acts or conduct. Nothing set forth herein shall be construed to set forth a view or imply whether or not Ignition Switch Plaintiffs have viable Independent Claims against New GM.
- 5. Except for the modification to permit the assertion of Independent Claims by the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, the Sale Order shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.
- 6. The Plaintiffs were prejudiced by the failure to receive the notice due process required of the deadline ("Bar Date") to file proofs of claim against the Old GM bankruptcy estate. Any Plaintiff may petition the Bankruptcy Court (on motion and notice) for authorization to file a late or amended proof of claim against the Old GM bankruptcy estate. The Court has not determined the extent to which any late or amended proof of claim will ultimately be allowed or allowed in a different amount. But based on the doctrine of equitable mootness, in no event shall assets of the GUC Trust held at any time in the past, now, or in the future (collectively, the "GUC Trust Assets") (as defined in the Decision) be used to satisfy any claims of the Plaintiffs, nor will Old GM's Plan be modified with respect to such claims; provided that nothing in this

Judgment shall impair any party's rights with respect to the potential applicability of Bankruptcy Code section 502(j) to any claims that have been previously allowed or disallowed by the Court. The constraints on recourse from GUC Trust Assets shall not apply to any Ignition Switch Plaintiff, Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff, or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiff who had a claim previously allowed or disallowed by the Court, but in no event shall he or she be entitled to increase the amount of any allowed claim without the prior authorization of the Bankruptcy Court or an appellate court following an appeal from the Bankruptcy Court.

- 7. Any claims and/or causes of action brought by the Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs that seek to hold New GM liable for accidents or incidents that occurred prior to the closing of the 363 Sale are barred and enjoined pursuant to the Sale Order. The Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs shall not assert or maintain any such claim or cause of action against New GM.
- 8. (a) Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph 8, each Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff (including without limitation the Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto) is stayed and enjoined from prosecuting any lawsuit against New GM.
- (b) Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Judgment, New GM shall serve a copy of this Judgment on counsel in the lawsuits identified on Exhibit "A," by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail or, if none of the foregoing are available, regular mail, with a cover note that states: "The attachment is the Judgment entered by the Bankruptcy Court. Please review the Judgment, including without limitation, the provisions of paragraph 8 of the Judgment."

- (c) If counsel for an Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff (including, but not limited to, one identified on Exhibit "A") believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to maintain that its lawsuit against New GM should not be stayed, it shall file a pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment ("No Stay Pleading"). The No Stay Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision, this Judgment, or any other decision, order, or judgment of this Court. If a No Stay Pleading is timely filed, New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
  - (d) [Intentionally deleted, as inapplicable to stays, in contrast to dismissals].
- 9. Except for Independent Claims and Assumed Liabilities (if any), all claims and/or causes of action that the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs may have against New GM concerning an Old GM vehicle or part seeking to impose liability or damages based in whole or in part on Old GM conduct (including, without limitation, on any successor liability theory of recovery) are barred and enjoined pursuant to the Sale Order, and such lawsuits shall remain stayed pending appeal of the Decision and this Judgment.
- 10. (a) The lawsuits stayed pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall include those on the attached Exhibit "B." The lawsuits identified on Exhibit "B" include the Pre-Sale Consolidated Complaint.
- (b) Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Judgment, New GM shall serve a copy of this Judgment on counsel in the lawsuits identified on Exhibit "B", by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail or, if none of the foregoing are available, regular mail, with a cover note that states: "The attachment is the Judgment entered by the Bankruptcy Court. Please review the Judgment, including without limitation, the provisions of paragraph 10 of the

Judgment."

- (c) If a counsel listed on Exhibit "B" believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to maintain that its lawsuit against New GM should not be stayed, it shall file a No Stay Pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment. The No Stay Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision and this Judgment, or any other decision or order of this Court. If a No Stay Pleading is timely filed, New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
  - (d) [Intentionally deleted, as inapplicable to stays, in contrast to dismissals].
- ("Hybrid Lawsuits") include claims and allegations that are permitted under the Decision and this Judgment and others that are not. Accordingly, until and unless the complaint in a Hybrid Lawsuit is (x) amended to assert solely claims and allegations permissible under the Decision and this Judgment (as determined by this or any higher court, if necessary), or (y) is judicially determined (by this or any higher court) not to require amendment, that lawsuit is and shall remain stayed. The Hybrid Lawsuits include the Post-Sale Consolidated Complaint. Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Judgment, New GM shall serve a copy of this Judgment on counsel in the Hybrid Lawsuits, by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail or, if none of the foregoing are available, regular mail, with a cover note that states: "The attachment is the Judgment entered by the Bankruptcy Court. Please review the Judgment, including without limitation, the provisions of paragraph 11 of the Judgment."
- (b) Notwithstanding the stay under the preceding subparagraph, however, the complaints in the actions listed in Exhibit "C" may, if desired, be amended in accordance with

the subparagraphs that follow. Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph 11, and unless the applicable complaint already has been dismissed without prejudice pursuant to an order entered in MDL 2543, each Plaintiff in a Hybrid Lawsuit wishing to proceed at this time may amend his or her complaint on or before June 12, 2015, such that any allegations, claims or causes of action concerning an Old GM vehicle or part seeking to impose liability or damages based on Old GM conduct (including, without limitation, any successor liability theory of recovery) are stricken, and only Independent Claims are pled.

- (c) If a counsel listed in the lawsuits on Exhibit "C" believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to maintain that its allegations, claims or causes of action against New GM should not be stricken, it shall file a pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment ("No Strike Pleading"). The No Strike Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision and Judgment. If a No Strike Pleading is timely filed, New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
- (d) If an Ignition Switch Plaintiff fails to either (i) amend his or her respective complaints on or before June 12, 2015, such that all allegations, claims and/or causes of action concerning an Old GM vehicle or part seeking to impose liability or damages based on Old GM conduct (including, without limitation, any successor liability theory of recovery) are stricken, and only Independent Claims are pled, or (ii) timely file a No Strike Pleading with the Court within the time period set forth above, New GM shall be permitted to file with this Court a notice of presentment on five (5) business days' notice, with an attached order ("Strike Order") that directs the Ignition Switch Plaintiff to strike specifically-identified allegations, claims and/or

causes of action contained in his or her complaint that violate the Decision, this Judgment and/or the Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and this Judgment), within 17 business days of receipt of the Strike Order.

- (e) For any allegations, claims or causes of action of the Ignition Switch
  Plaintiffs listed on Exhibit "C" that are stricken pursuant to this Judgment (voluntarily or
  otherwise), (i) the statute of limitations shall be tolled from the date of the amended complaint to
  30 days after all appeals of the Decision and Judgment are decided, and (ii) if the Decision and
  Judgment are reversed on appeal such that the appellate court finds that the Ignition Switch
  Plaintiffs can make the allegations, or maintain the claims or causes of action, against New GM
  heretofore stricken pursuant to this Judgment, all of the Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' rights against
  New GM that existed prior to the striking of such claims or causes of action pursuant to this
  Judgment shall be reinstated as if the striking of such claims or causes of action never occurred.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent (but only the extent) acceptable to the MDL Court, the Plaintiff in any lawsuit listed on Exhibit "C" may elect not to amend his or her complaint and may await the outcome of appellate review of this Judgment. If that plaintiff thereafter determines to proceed with his or her lawsuit, the plaintiff's counsel shall provide notice to New GM, and the procedures set forth above shall apply.
- 12. (a) The lawsuits captioned *People of California v. General Motors LLC, et al.*, No. 30-2014-00731038-CU-BT-CXC (Orange County, Cal.) and *State of Arizona v. General Motors LLC*, No. CV2014-014090 (Maricopa County, Ariz.) (the "**State Lawsuits**") likewise include claims and allegations that are permitted under the Decision and this Judgment and others that are not. Accordingly, until and unless the complaint in a State Lawsuit is (x) amended to assert solely claims and allegations permissible under the Decision and this

Judgment (as determined by this or any higher court, if necessary), or (y) is judicially determined (by this or any higher court) not to require amendment, that lawsuit is and shall remain stayed. Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Judgment, New GM shall serve a copy of this Judgment on counsel in the State Lawsuits, by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail or, if none of the foregoing are available, regular mail, with a cover note that states: "The attachment is the Judgment entered by the Bankruptcy Court. Please review the Judgment, including without limitation, the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Judgment."

- (b) Notwithstanding the stay under the preceding subparagraph, however, the State Lawsuits may, if desired, be amended in accordance with the subparagraphs that follow. Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph 12, and unless the applicable complaint already has been dismissed without prejudice, each Plaintiff in a State Lawsuit ("State Plaintiff") wishing to proceed at this time may amend its complaint on or before June 12, 2015, such that any allegations, claims or causes of action concerning an Old GM vehicle or part seeking to impose liability or damages based on Old GM conduct (including, without limitation, any successor liability theory of recovery) are stricken, and only Independent Claims are pled.
- (c) If a counsel in a State Lawsuit believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to maintain that its allegations, claims or causes of action against New GM should not be stricken, it shall file a No Strike Pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment. The No Strike Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision and Judgment. If a No Strike Pleading is timely filed, New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
  - (d) If a State Plaintiff fails to either (i) amend its complaint, on or before June

- 12, 2015, such that all allegations, claims and/or causes of action concerning an Old GM vehicle or part seeking to impose liability or damages based on Old GM conduct (including, without limitation, any successor liability theory of recovery) are stricken, and only Independent Claims are pled, or (ii) timely file a No Strike Pleading with the Court within the time period set forth above, New GM shall be permitted to file with this Court a notice of presentment on five (5) business days' notice, with an attached Strike Order that directs such State Plaintiff to strike specifically-identified allegations, claims and/or causes of action contained in its complaint that violate the Decision, this Judgment and/or the Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and Judgment), within 17 business days of receipt of the Strike Order.
- (e) For any allegations, claims or causes of action of a State Plaintiff that are stricken pursuant to this Judgment (voluntarily or otherwise), (i) the statute of limitations shall be tolled from the date of the amended complaint to 30 days after all appeals of the Decision and Judgment are decided, and (ii) if the Decision and Judgment are reversed on appeal such that the appellate court finds that the State Plaintiff can make the allegations, or maintain the claims or causes of action, against New GM heretofore stricken pursuant to this Judgment, all of the State Plaintiff's rights against New GM that existed prior to the striking of such allegations, claims or causes of action pursuant to this Judgment shall be reinstated as if their striking never occurred.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a State Plaintiff may elect not to amend its complaint and may await the outcome of appellate review of this Judgment. If such plaintiff thereafter determines to proceed with its lawsuit, the plaintiff's counsel shall provide notice to New GM, and the procedures set forth above shall apply.
  - 13. (a) The rulings set forth herein and in the Decision that proscribe claims and

actions being taken against New GM shall apply to the "Identified Parties" who were heard during the proceedings regarding the Four Threshold Issues and any other parties who had notice of the proceedings regarding the Four Threshold Issues and the opportunity to be heard in them—including, for the avoidance of doubt, the plaintiffs in the *Bledsoe*, *Elliott* and *Sesay* lawsuits listed on Exhibit "C." They shall also apply to any other plaintiffs in these proceedings (including, without limitation, the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs identified on Exhibit "D" attached hereto), subject to any objection ("Objection Pleading") submitted by any such party within 17 business days of the entry of this Judgment. New GM shall file a response to any such Objection Pleading within 17 business days of service. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary. The rulings set forth herein are without prejudice to the submission of other objections to New GM's Motions to Enforce Sale Order. To the extent an issue shall arise in the future as to whether (i) the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs were known or unknown creditors of the Debtors, (ii) the doctrine of equitable mootness bars the use of any GUC Trust Assets to satisfy late-filed claims of the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs and Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs, or (iii) the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs were otherwise bound by the provisions of the Sale Order, the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs shall be required to first seek resolution of such issues from this Court before proceeding any further against New GM and/or the GUC Trust.

(b) Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Judgment, New GM shall

<sup>&</sup>quot;<u>Identified Parties</u>" as defined in the Court's Scheduling Order entered on May 16, 2014 (ECF No. 12697), and persons that have asserted Pre-Closing personal injury and wrongful death claims against New GM based on the Ignition Switch Defect (as defined in the Decision).

serve a copy of this Judgment on counsel for the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs identified on Exhibit "D", by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail or, if none of the foregoing are available, regular mail, with a cover note that states: "The attachment is the Judgment entered by the Bankruptcy Court. Please review the Judgment, including without limitation, the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Judgment."

- Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiff listed on Exhibit "D" believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to maintain that its lawsuit, or certain claims or causes of action contained therein, against New GM should not be dismissed or stricken, it shall file a pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment ("No Dismissal Pleading"). If a No Dismissal Pleading is timely filed, New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
- Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiff believes that, notwithstanding the Decision and this Judgment, it has a good faith basis to believe that any of the GUC Trust Assets may be used to satisfy late proofs of claim filed by them that may ultimately be allowed by the Bankruptcy Court, it shall file a pleading with this Court within 17 business days of this Judgment ("GUC Trust Asset Pleading"). The GUC Trust Asset Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision and Judgment. If a GUC Trust Asset Pleading is timely filed, the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust Unitholders and/or New GM shall have 17 business days to respond to such pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
  - (e) If a Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff or Non-Ignition

Switch Plaintiff listed on Exhibit "D" fails to timely file a No Dismissal Pleading or a GUC Trust Asset Pleading with the Court within the time period set forth in paragraphs 13(c) and (d) above, New GM, the GUC Trust and/or the GUC Trust Unitholders shall be permitted to file with this Court a notice of presentment on five (5) business days' notice, with an attached order ("Dismissal Order") that directs the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiff or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiff to dismiss with prejudice its lawsuit, or certain claims or causes of action contained therein that violate the Decision, this Judgment and/or the Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and Judgment), within 17 business days of receipt of the Dismissal Order. For any lawsuit, or any claims or causes of action contained therein, of the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs that are dismissed pursuant to this Judgment, (i) the statute of limitations shall be tolled from the date of dismissal to 30 days after all appeals of the Decision and Judgment are decided, and (ii) if the Decision and Judgment are reversed on appeal, such that the appellate court finds that the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs can make the allegations, or maintain the lawsuit or claims or causes of action, against New GM heretofore dismissed or stricken pursuant to this Judgment, all of the Non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs' or Non-Ignition Switch Plaintiffs' rights against New GM that existed prior to the dismissal of their lawsuit or the striking of claims or causes of action pursuant to this Judgment shall be reinstated as if the dismissal or the striking of such claims or causes of action never occurred.

- 14. The Court adopts the legal standard for "fraud on the court" as set forth in the Decision.
  - 15. (a) By agreement of New GM, Designated Counsel for the Ignition Switch

Plaintiffs, the GUC Trust, and the GUC Trust Unitholders, and as approved by the Court, no discovery in the Bankruptcy Court was conducted in connection with the resolution of the Four Threshold Issues. The Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident Plaintiffs did not challenge the earlier decision not to seek discovery in the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Bankruptcy Court's determination of the Four Threshold Issues. New GM, Designated Counsel, the Groman Plaintiffs, the GUC Trust, and the GUC Trust Unitholders developed and submitted to the Court a set of agreed upon stipulated facts. Such parties also submitted to the Bankruptcy Court certain disputed facts and exhibits. The Court decided the Four Threshold Issues on the agreed upon stipulated facts only.

- (b) The Court has determined that the agreed-upon factual stipulations were sufficient for purposes of determining the Four Threshold Issues; that none of the disputed facts were or would have been material to the Court's conclusions as to any of the Four Threshold Issues; and that treating any disputed fact as undisputed would not have affected the outcome or reasoning of the Decision.
- (c) The Groman Plaintiffs requested discovery with respect to the Four Threshold Issues but the other parties opposed that request, and the Court denied that request. To the extent the Groman Plaintiffs' discovery request continues, it is denied without prejudice to renewal in the event that after appeal of this Judgment, the discovery they seek becomes necessary or appropriate.
- (d) For these reasons (and others), the findings of fact in the Decision shall apply only for the purpose of this Court's resolution of the Four Threshold Issues, and shall have no force or applicability in any other legal proceeding or matter, including without limitation, MDL 2543. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all events, however, the Decision and Judgment

shall apply with respect to (a) the Court's interpretation of the enforceability of the Sale Order, and (b) the actions of the affected parties that are authorized and proscribed by the Decision and Judgment.

- 16. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction, to the fullest extent permissible under law, to construe or enforce the Sale Order, this Judgment, and/or the Decision on which it was based. For the avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise provided in this Judgment, the Sale Order remains fully enforceable, and in full force and effect. This Judgment shall not be collaterally attacked, or otherwise subjected to review or modification, in any Court other than this Court or any court exercising appellate authority over this Court.
- 17. Count One of the amended complaint ("Groman Complaint") filed in Groman et al v. General Motors LLC (Adv. Proc. No. 14-01929 (REG)) is dismissed with prejudice. The remaining counts of the Groman Complaint that deal with the "fraud on the court" issue are deferred and stayed until 30 days after all appeals of the Decision and Judgment are decided. With respect to Count One of the Groman Complaint, (i) the statute of limitations shall be tolled from the date of dismissal of Count One to 30 days after all appeals of the Decision and Judgment are decided, and (ii) if the Decision and Judgment are reversed or modified on appeal such that the appellate court finds that the Groman Plaintiffs can maintain the cause of action in Count One of the Groman Complaint heretofore dismissed pursuant to this Judgment, the Groman Plaintiffs' rights against New GM that existed as of the dismissal of Count One shall be reinstated as if the dismissal of Count One never occurred.
- 18. (a) New GM is hereby authorized to serve this Judgment and the Decision upon any additional party (or his or her attorney) (each, an "<u>Additional Party</u>") that commences a lawsuit and/or is not otherwise on Exhibits "A" through "D" hereto (each, an "<u>Additional</u>

Lawsuit") against New GM that would be proscribed by the Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and this Judgment). Any Additional Party shall have 17 business days upon receipt of service by New GM of the Decision and Judgment to dismiss, without prejudice, such Additional Lawsuit or the allegations, claims or causes of action contained in such Additional Lawsuit that would violate the Decision, this Judgment, or the Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and this Judgment).

- (b) If any Additional Party has a good faith basis to maintain that the Additional Lawsuit or certain allegations, claims or causes of action contained in such Additional Lawsuit should not be dismissed without prejudice, such Additional Party shall, within 17 business days upon receipt of the Decision and Judgment, file with this Court a No Dismissal Pleading explaining why such Additional Lawsuit or certain claims or causes of action contained therein should not be dismissed without prejudice. The No Dismissal Pleading shall not reargue issues that were already decided by the Decision and Judgment. New GM shall file a response to the No Dismissal Pleading within 17 business days of service of the No Dismissal Pleading. The Court will schedule a hearing thereon if it believes one is necessary.
- (c) If an Additional Party fails to either (i) dismiss without prejudice the Additional Lawsuit or the claims and/or causes of action contained therein that New GM asserts violates the Decision, Judgment, and/or Sale Order (as modified by the Decision and this Judgment), or (ii) timely file a No Dismissal Pleading with the Court within the time period set forth above, New GM shall be permitted to file with this Court a notice of presentment on five (5) business days' notice, with an attached Dismissal Order that directs the Additional Party to dismiss without prejudice the Additional Lawsuit or the claims and/or causes of action contained therein that violate the Decision, this Judgment and/or the Sale Order (as modified by the

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Decision and this Judgment), within 17 business days of receipt of the Dismissal Order. With

respect to any lawsuit that is dismissed pursuant to this paragraph, (i) the statute of limitations

shall be tolled from the date of dismissal of such lawsuit to 30 days after all appeals of the

Decision and Judgment are decided, and (ii) if the Decision and Judgment are reversed on appeal

such that the appellate court finds that the Additional Party can maintain the lawsuit heretofore

dismissed pursuant to this Judgment, the Additional Party's rights against New GM that existed

as of the dismissal of the lawsuit shall be reinstated as if the dismissal of the lawsuit never

occurred.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this paragraph 18 shall apply to the (d)

Amended Consolidated Complaint to be filed in MDL 2543 on or before June 12, 2015.

Dated: New York, New York

May \_\_\_, 2015

United States Bankruptcy Judge

# Exhibit "A": Complaints Alleging Pre-Closing Ignition Switch Accidents To Be Stayed

Bachelder, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:15-cv-00155-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)<sup>3</sup>

Betancourt Vega v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 3:15-cv-01245-DRD (D.P.R.) (MDL No. 1:15-cv-02638)

Bledsoe, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-07631-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Boyd, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 4:14-cv-01205-HEA (E.D. Mo.) (MDL No. 1:14-cv-08385)<sup>5</sup>

Doerfler-Bashucky v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 5:15-cv-00511-GTS-DEP (N.D.N.Y.)

Edwards, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-06924-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)<sup>6</sup>

Johnston-Twining v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 3956 (Philadelphia County, Pa.)

Meyers v. General Motors LLC, No. 1:15-cv-00177-CCC (M.D. Pa.)

Occulto v. General Motors Co., et al., No. 15-cv-1545 (Lackawanna County, Pa.)

Scott v. General Motors Company, et al., No. 8:15-cv-00307-JDW-AEP (M.D. Fla.) (MDL No. 1:15-cv-01790)

Vest v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 1:14-cv-24995-DAF (S.D. W.Va.) (MDL No. 1:14-cv-07475)

The *Bachelder* complaint includes both Ignition Switch and non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident vehicles subject to the Judgment. Accordingly, it is listed both on Exhibits "A" and "D."

The *Bledsoe* complaint includes both Ignition Switch and non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident vehicles subject to the Judgment. Accordingly, it is listed both on Exhibits "A" and "D." In addition, the *Bledsoe* complaint includes economic loss claims regarding Old GM conduct and vehicles and, therefore, also appears on Exhibit "C."

The *Boyd* complaint contains allegations regarding both a Pre-Closing ignition switch accident and one or more Post-Closing ignition switch accidents. To the extent the complaint concerns one or more Post-Closing ignition switch accidents, those portions of the *Boyd* complaint that assert Product Liabilities (as defined in the Sale Agreement) based on a Post-Closing ignition switch accident are not subject to the Judgment.

The *Edwards* complaint includes both Ignition Switch and non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident vehicles subject to the Judgment. Accordingly, it is listed both on Exhibits "A" and "D."

# **Exhibit "B": Economic Loss Complaints To Be Stayed**

Hailes, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 15PU-CV00412 (Pulaski County, Mo.)

In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation, 14-MD-2543, Consolidated Class Action Complaint Against New GM For Recalled Vehicles Manufactured By Old GM and Purchased Before July 11, 2009

# Exhibit "C": Complaints Containing Particular Allegations And/Or Claims Barred By Sale Order To Be Stricken

# <u>Post-Sale Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Complaints With Economic Loss Claims To Be Stricken:</u>

Ackerman v. General Motors Corp., et al., No. MRS-L-2898-14 (Morris County, N.J.)

Austin, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 2015-L-000026 (St. Clair County, Ill.)

Berger, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 9241/2014 (Kings County, N.Y.)

Casey, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014-54547 (Texas MDL)

Colarossi v. General Motors, et al., No. 14-22445 (Suffolk County, N.Y.)

Dobbs v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 49D051504PL010527 (Marion County, Ind.)

Felix, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 1422-CC09472 (City of St. Louis, Mo.)

Gable, et al. v. Walton, et al., No. 6737 (Lauderdale County, Tenn.)

Goins v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014-CI40 (Yazoo County, Miss.)

Grant v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014CV02570MG (Clayton County, Ga.)

Green v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 15-144964-NF (Oakland County, Mich.)

Hellems v. General Motors LLC, No. 15-459-NP (Eaton County, Mich.)

Hinrichs v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 15-DCV-221509 (Texas MDL)

Jackson v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014-69442 (Texas MDL)

Largent v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 14-006509-NP (Wayne County, Mich.)

Licardo v. General Motors LLC, No. 03236 (Fulton County, N.Y.)

Lincoln, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 2015-0449-CV (Steuben County, N.Y.)

Lucas v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 15-CI-00033 (Perry County, Ky.)

Miller v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. CACE-15-002297 (Broward County, Fla.)

Mullin, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. BC568381 (Los Angeles County, Cal.)

Nelson v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. D140141 (Texas MDL)

Petrocelli v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 14-17405 (Suffolk County, N.Y.)

Polanco, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. CIVRS1200622 (San Bernardino County, Cal.)

Quiles v. Catsoulis, et al., No. 702871/14 (Queens County, N.Y.)

Quintero v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 15-995 (Orleans Parish, La.)

Shell, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 1522-CC00346 (City of St. Louis, Mo.)

Solomon v. General Motors LLC, No. 15A794-1 (Cobb County, Ga.)

Spencer v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. D-1-GN-14-001337 (Texas MDL)

Szatkowski, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014-08274-0 (Luzerne County, Pa.)

Tyre v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. GD-14-010489 (Allegheny County, Pa.)

Wilson v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 2014-29914 (Texas MDL)

### Post-Sale Economic Loss Complaints With Old GM Allegations/Claims To Be Stricken:

Bledsoe, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-07631-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Elliott, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 1:14-cv-00691-KBJ (D.D.C.) (MDL No. 1:14-cv-08382)

Sesay, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., MDL No.1:14-cv-06018-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation, 14-MD-2543, *Consolidated Complaint Concerning All GM-Branded Vehicles That Were Acquired July 11, 2009 or Later* 

# Exhibit "D": Non-Ignition Switch Complaints Subject to the Judgment

# Personal Injury/Wrongful Death Complaints:

Abney, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-05810-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Bachelder, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:15-cv-00155-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Bacon v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:15-cv-00918-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Bledsoe, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-07631-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Edwards, et al. v. General Motors LLC, MDL No. 1:14-cv-06924-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

Phillips-Powledge v. General Motors LLC, No. 3:14-cv-00192 (S.D. Tex.) (MDL No. 1:14-cv-08540)

Pillars v. General Motors LLC, No. 1:15-cv-11360-TLL-PTM (E.D. Mich.)

Williams, et al. v. General Motors LLC, No. 5:15-cv-01070-EEF-MLH (W.D. La.) (MDL No. 1:15-cv-03272)

### **Economic Loss Complaints:**

Watson, et al. v. General Motors LLC, et al., No. 6:14-cv-02832 (W.D. La.)

The Abney complaint includes a non-Ignition Switch Pre-Closing Accident vehicle subject to the Judgment.