UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EPIC GAMES, INC.,

Plaintiff.

v.

APPLE INC.,

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Defendant.

Case No.: 4:20-CV-05640-YGR

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS

Re: Dkt. Nos. 904, 906 & 908

Pending before the Court are three motions for leave to file amicus curiae briefs in support of plaintiff Epic Games, Inc.'s motion to enforce the injunction.¹ Defendant Apple, Inc. opposes the motions on the grounds that the proposed *amicus* briefs would be "neither necessary nor helpful" to the Court. (Dkt. No. 912 at 1:23.) Instead, Apple argues the proposed briefs are irrelevant to and/or duplicative of Epic's motion.

Given the Court's "broad discretion" to permit the filing of amicus briefs, Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982), abrogated on other grounds by Sandin v. Conner, 515 U.S. 472 (1995), as well as proposed amici curiae's perspectives on Epic's motion to enforce the injunction, the motions for leave are GRANTED.² As set forth in the Court's prior order, Apple's consolidated response to Epic's motion, as well as the proposed *amicus* briefs, shall be due on April 12, 2024 and not exceed **35 pages**. (See Dkt. No. 911.)

This terminates Dkt. Nos. 904, 906 & 908.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: April 4, 2024

LEZ ROGERS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

¹ The motions are brought on behalf of a range of non-parties, including, in no particular 25 order: Match Group, LLC; Meta Platforms, Inc.; Microsoft Corp.; X Corp.; Spotify USA, Inc.; and 26 Digital Content Next. See generally Dkt. Nos. 904, 906 & 908.

27 2 Since the Court determines the motions for leave are suitable for adjudication based on the record before it, Epic is **RELIEVED** of its obligation, under the Court's prior order, to file a reply brief 28 in support of the motions.

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