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Through counsel and pursuant to the Court's Case Management Order No. 2 (Dkt. 304) and the Joint Notice Regarding Parties' Proposals for a Representative Customer Case filed by Plaintiffs and Amazon (Dkt. 303), Defendant Kongregate Inc. ("Kongregate") respectfully submits this Statement Regarding Representative Customer Case.

During the November 2, 2019 status conference, the Court made it clear that it wished to proceed with a "single" customer case, and that case should involve a customer alleged to infringe the asserted patents in all four categories. (Nov. 2, 2018 Trans., at pp. 5-9, 28-29, identifying Twitch Interactive, Inc. and Centaur Media as the only candidates). The Court soundly reasoned that proceeding with such a case would best promote efficiencies and provide the most comprehensive claim preclusion or collateral estoppel scenario as applied to Plaintiffs' claims against the other customers. Plaintiffs' counsel agreed. (*Id.* at 7).

Following the conference, and without notice to Kongregate, Plaintiffs apparently decided that the Kongregate case should also move forward. As Plaintiffs have not contacted Kongregate to discuss the matter, and Plaintiffs do not allege that Kongregate infringes under all four categories, Kongregate is left to speculate about Plaintiffs' motives (Perhaps Plaintiffs wish to proceed with the Kongregate case because Kongregate is one of the few customer defendants not currently represented by Amazon's counsel).

Regardless, Kongregate objects to Plaintiffs' new proposal. It makes no sense and runs counter to the Court's rational of proceeding with a single customer case that is comprehensive. Kongregate is not alleged to infringe under all four categories, and many defendants that are alleged to infringe the same categories as Kongregate are represented by Amazon's counsel. Moreover, requiring Kongregate to defend against Plaintiffs' claims while the Amazon case and a fully-encompassing customer case proceeds, would be highly prejudicial to Kongregate, only serve to complicate matters, and waste the Court's and Kongregate's resources. Accordingly, Kongregate respectfully submits that the Court should reject Plaintiffs' most recent proposal.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of November, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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