IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT CO	OURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF I	LLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION
GERARDO ARANDA, GRANT	)
BIRCHMEIER, STEPHEN PARKES,	)
and REGINA STONE, on behalf of	)
themselves and a class of others	)
similarly situated,	)
	)
Plaintiffs	) CASE NO. 1:12-cv-04069
	)
vs.	)
	) Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly
CARIBBEAN CRUIS LINE, INC.,	)
ECONOMIC STRATEGY GROUP,	)
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INC., ECONOMIC STRATEGY,	)
LLC, THE BERKLEY GROUP, INC.,	)
and VACATION OWNERSHIP	)
MARKETING TOURS, INC.,	)
	)
Defendants.	)
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## SPECIAL MASTER'S UPDATE ON AWARD OF CALLS

Section 5.5 of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Court in this case appointed the undersigned Special Master to resolve in his sole discretion the number of calls to be awarded to Settlement Class members for whom the number of calls awarded has been challenged and who submit supplementary documentation or testify in response to the challenge. On May 17, 2019, I issued an Award of Calls, which did not account for 100 claimants who challenged KCC's award of calls to them and who requested a telephonic hearing. In order to address those challenges, the Settlement Administrator, Kurtzman Carson Consultants ("KCC") then sent out multiple notices advising claimants of the dates and times the telephonic hearings would be held and asking claimants to provide a telephone number so that I could hear and decide their challenges.

I held telephonic hearings with 87 such claimants from August through November 2019. I could not reach 13 claimants and they did not contact me despite multiple attempts to reach them, so those claimants did not participate in the telephonic hearings.

## **AWARD**

I hereby make the following awards with respect to claimants who requested a telephonic hearing with the undersigned as part of their challenge to the Administrator's award of fewer calls than they claimed:

Group A are claimants who claimed 10 or more calls. Hearings for Group A were held by conference call with attorneys for both plaintiffs and defendants actively participating. A court reporter took notes for most of these hearings. I hereby make the following awards to Group A claimants:

Claimant #	Last Name	First Name	Total Calls Awarded
10288905301	Armstrong	James	11
10291782601	Askew	Alex	20
9000384801	Bickham	Patrick	10
60013126901	Exum	Daisy	250
10522750001	Frye	Brian	20
10541322701	Gilliam	David	18
10604001701	Higginbotham	Yolanda	30
60011895201	Hoffman	Deni	16
10672755201	Kerska	Larry	10
60005869401	Makodila	Jeannette	10
10739053001	Malyar	Victor	8
10744752601	Marsh	Jason	10
10797895701	Morales	Julio Villa	9
10812252901	Nagel	Ralph	10
10842409101	Pakos	Mary	10
10861782801	Petrozzi	John	10
10890245601	Rase	Judith/James	20
10898279801	Rentsch	Latricia	6
10911784001	Robinson	Brittany	17
10934784501	Sanchez	Susan	12
10939074001	Saunders	Rob	9
10974690901	Smith	Bradley	10
11016022801	Tarleton	Scott	12

Group B are claimants who claimed fewer than 10 calls. The attorneys agreed that I could conduct those hearings ex parte, so no lawyers participated. I hereby make the following awards to Group B claimants:

Claimant #	Last Name	First Name	Total Calls Awarded
10268732801	Ademodi	Silfatu	4
60004606001	Ahmad	Malik	5
10311452001	Bauer	Jean	7
10314238101	Beaudry	Daniel	6
60000108801	Bianciotto	Matt	5
10332782401	Bliss	Robert	4
10378919401	Cannon	Patricia	6
10402153601	Clady	Ronald	4
60006081001	Codding	Roger	5
10436682501	Czerwony	Dennis	8
10442310901	Davey Carr	Mary	6
10444645601	Davis	Iris	6
10453715201	Dempsey	Brian	4
10459244801	Dickerson	Queen	3
60005995901	Donahoe	Greg	8
60008624001	Eck	John	5
70000297501	Enyi	Adama	5
10516310701	Fox	Patricia	7
700167601	Gammons	Jim	3
10528656401	Garberg	Jon	5
60004755601	Gray	Mary	4
60018726301	Gurner	Gary	6
10576362701	Hammons	Theresa	7
10585764601	Harshany	James	9
10597615501	Hennessy	Sean J	4
10604355901	High	Willie	4
60009022001	Hill	Darla	6
10621156001	Howell	Veritta	4
10620990501	Howell	John	6
10631660601	Insera	Pasquale	5
60010699801	Irizarry	Damian	5
10635933201	Jackson	Kirby	7
10652283801	Johnson	Veronica	5
10675126801	Kilian	A	5
60007838301	Kokaly	Alex	4
10687433001	Kozma	Cynthia	4

10699032901	Lantsberg	Alex	2
10713448201	Lewis	Floyd	5
10723043401	Long	Rick	4
10756708801	McKitrick	Bryan P	5
60007950801	McCann	Mark	3
60018052901	McCord	Lorraine	6
10763974901	McElroy	Paul E	6
10778237601	Messenger	Patricia	6
10805271001	Mrotek	John	6
10806900001	Mullins	Patrick	4
10813938401	Natelborg	Kenneth	4
10823241401	Nissen	Luann	6
10906105601	Rimson	Gina	5
10910495001	Roberts	Ronald	6
10911221001	Robertson	Roscoe	3
10953668001	Sermeno	A	5
10971427101	Skipper	Tamara	3
10974691001	Smith	Bradley	3
11041985601	Tucker	Ramona	4
60017766001	Valencia	Donna	5
60006321501	Vitello	Kristen	5
70000796901	Wagner	Suzanne	4
11067215001	Walters	Larry	4
11078953201	Wells	J	5
11088452801	Wiggs	Vanessa	6
11092599301	Williams	Eddie	4
60000623201	Zamudio	Diana	8

Group C are claimants I could not reach and who did not contact me despite multiple attempts to reach them. For each claimant in Group C, I award the number of calls awarded by the Administrator as follows:

Claimant #	Last Name	First Name	Total Calls Awarded
60005636301	Cox	George	1
10997297101	Stephens	John	1
10885115101	Raboin	Garry	1
10811915401	Nabors	Nazaruth	2
60000427201	Franco	Morris	1
10270627001	Ahern	James	1
11079387001	Welsh	James	1
60014820801	Doughty	Michael	1
10313961801	Beaton	Malcolm	1

60000325501	Burns	Brittany	1
10393033401	Chan	David	1
10999267201	Steward	Tandalaya	1
60007850401	Shelden	Milan	1

Date: December 2, 2019

Hon. Wayne R. Andersen (Ret.) Special Master

## **PROOF OF SERVICE BY E-Mail**

Re: Birchmeier, et al. / Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc., et al Reference No. 1340010868

I, Brooke Buczkowski, not a party to the within action, hereby declare that on December 2, 2019, I served the attached Update To Award Of Calls on the parties in the within action by electronic mail at Chicago, ILLINOIS, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing to be true and correct. Executed at

Chicago, ILLINOIS on December 2, 2019.

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