UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:24-cv-1626-KKM-AAS

START CONNECTING LLC, d/b/a USA Student Debt Relief, a Florida limited liability company;

START CONNECTING SAS, d/b/a USA Student Debt Relief, a Colombia corporation;

DOUGLAS R. GOODMAN, individually and as an officer of START CONNECTING LLC;

DORIS E. GALLON-GOODMAN, individually and as an officer of START CONNECTING LLC; and

JUAN S. ROJAS, individually and as an officer of START CONNECTING LLC and START CONNECTING SAS,

Defendants.	

THE RECEIVER'S SECOND UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FIRST FEE APPLICATION

On July 11, 2024, the Court appointed Jared J. Perez as temporary receiver (the "Receiver") over, in relevant part, (1) START CONNECTING LLC, d/b/a USA Student Debt Relief; and (2) START CONNECTING SAS,

d/b/a both USA Student Debt Relief and Start Connecting (collectively, the "Receivership" or "Receivership Entities"). 1 See Doc. 13 (the "TRO").

With no opposition from the parties, the Receiver, through undersigned counsel, moves the Court to extend the deadline for his first fee application by a week from October 10, 2024 to October 17, 2024.

The Court previously granted the Receiver's motion to extend this deadline by 30 days. (Doc. 66). The Receiver has drafted his first fee application and shared a draft with counsel for the Plaintiff FTC and the participating Defendants on October 8, 2024. The Defendants, who reside in Sarasota, and their counsel have requested additional time to review the fee application and associated exhibits due to the impacts of the impending Hurricane Milton.

The Receiver's request for an additional week to file his first fee application is reasonable and not likely to cause any delay in the progress of this case. Both the Plaintiff's case and the Receivership will proceed during the requested extension period. No party will be prejudiced by the one-week extension.

¹ On August 15, 2024, the Receiver filed a Notice of Expansion of Receivership to Include Zage Group, LLC. Doc. 47. On August 27, 2024, the Receiver filed Notices of Expansion to include G&G International Consultants SAS and LeadsR4US, LLC. Docs. 53, 54.

LOCAL RULE 3.01(G) CERTIFICATION

Neither the Plaintiff FTC nor the participating Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman, and Doris E. Gallon-Goodman object to the extension.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Receiver moves the Court to for an extension of time to file his first fee application by one week to October 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 5, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system, which served all counsel of record. Defendants Juan S. Rojas and Start Connecting SAS were served by email.

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