

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**DATE:** March 13, 2025

**TO:** Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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**Hamlet Garcia,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

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

**Federal Trade Commission**

**Defendant.**

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**U.S.C.A. Case No:**

**USCA Case Number: TBA**

Enclosed are documents and information relating to an appeal in the above-referenced action. Please acknowledge receipt on the enclosed copy of this letter.

- Honorable District Judge Mizelle, United States District Judge appealed from.
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- No hearing from which a transcript could be made.

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**U.S. District Court**  
**Middle District of Florida (Tampa)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 8:24-cv-01626-KKM-AAS**

Federal Trade Commission v. Start Connecting LLC et al  
Assigned to: Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone  
Cause: 15:0045 Federal Trade Commission

Date Filed: 07/09/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 890 Other Statutory  
Actions  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Plaintiff

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

**Start Connecting SAS**  
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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/09/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Doris E. Gallon-Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS filed by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(AM) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>2</u>	Ex-parte MOTION to temporarily Seal entire case file and court docket by Federal Trade Commission. (AM) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>3</u>	EMERGENCY EXPARTE MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order, Asset Freeze, MOTION to Appoint a Temporary Receiver and Other Equitable Relief, and Order to Show Cause why a Preliminary injunction Should Not Issue by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3A, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 3B, # <u>6</u> Proposed Temporary Restraining Order)(e-portal)(GL). (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>4</u>	DECLARATION of Nathan Nash re <u>2</u> MOTION to Seal Case, <u>3</u> MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order by Federal Trade Commission. (GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>5</u>	Ex Parte Recommendation of Receiver by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B)(e-portal)(GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>6</u>	PROPOSED summons to be issued by Federal Trade Commission. (e-portal)(GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS issued as to Doris E. Gallon-Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS. (GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Nathan Nash on behalf of Federal Trade Commission. (e-portal). (GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by D'Laney Gielow on behalf of Federal Trade Commission.(e-portal)(GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>10</u>	CORPORATE disclosure statement by Federal Trade Commission. (e-portal) (GL) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/10/2024	<u>11</u>	<b>CIVIL CASE STANDING ORDER. The Parties shall meet and file a Case Management Report using the standard form on the Court's website within forty days after any Defendant appears. Each Party must also file a Corporate Disclosure Statement using the standard template attached to this Order (also available on the undersigned's website under the "forms" tab) within fourteen days after appearing. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 7/10/2024. (ALE) (Entered: 07/10/2024)</b>
07/10/2024	12	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Plaintiff's <u>2</u> Motion to Temporarily Seal Entire Case File and Court Docket is GRANTED. The SEAL will expire on either (1) the date that all Defendants are served, or (2) five business days after the Court enters an</b>

		<b>order ruling on Plaintiff's <u>3</u> Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order, whichever occurs first. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/10/2024. (ALE) (Entered: 07/10/2024)</b>
07/11/2024	<u>13</u>	<b>ORDER. Plaintiff's <u>3</u> Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall serve Defendants in accordance with this Order no later than July 17, 2024. Plaintiff shall file a certificate of compliance with service no later than July 18, 2024. The parties shall appear before the Court on July 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for a Rule 16 case management conference. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/11/2024. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Financial Statement of Individual Defendant, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Financial Statement of Corporate Defendant, # <u>3</u> Exhibit IRS Form 4506, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Consent to Release of Financial Records). (ALE) (Entered: 07/11/2024)</b>
07/15/2024	<u>14</u>	RETURN of service executed on 7/11/2024 by Federal Trade Commission as to Doris E. Gallon-Goodman.(e-portal) (GL) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
07/15/2024	<u>15</u>	RETURN of service executed on 7/11/2024 by Federal Trade Commission as to Start Connecting LLC. (e-portal) (GL) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
07/15/2024	<u>16</u>	RETURN of service executed on 7/11/2024 by Federal Trade Commission as to Douglas R. Goodman. (GL) (Entered: 07/16/2024)
07/17/2024	<u>17</u>	CERTIFICATE of Partial compliance re <u>13</u> Order on Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Order on Ex Parte Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, Order on Motion to Appoint Receiver by Federal Trade Commission. (AA) (e-portal) (Entered: 07/18/2024)
07/18/2024	<u>18</u>	MOTION to waive the TRO's Personal Service Requirement as to Colombia-Based Defendants or, in the alternative, for MOTION for an Extension of the Deadline to effect Personal Service by Federal Trade Commission. (AA) (e-portal) (Additional attachment(s) added on 7/18/2024: # <u>1</u> Declaration of D'Laney Gielow) (AA). (Entered: 07/18/2024)
07/19/2024	<u>19</u>	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Plaintiff's <u>18</u> Motion to Waive the TRO's Personal Service Requirement as to Colombia-Based Defendants is GRANTED. Based upon the representations of the FTC, <i>see</i> (Doc. <u>18</u>), which details its efforts to provide notice to Defendants and confirms the Colombia-based Defendants' receipt of the Court's <u>13</u> Order, the Court waives the personal service requirement and deems the Colombia-based Defendants served with notice of the TRO. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/19/2024. (ALE) (Entered: 07/19/2024)</b>
07/19/2024	<u>20</u>	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Pursuant to the Court's <u>13</u> Order, the Clerk is hereby directed to UNSEAL this case. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/19/2024. (ALE) (Entered: 07/19/2024)</b>
07/22/2024	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew J. Mueller on behalf of Jared J. Perez (Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John A. Schifino on behalf of Doris E. Gallon-Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Melanie Britt Senosiain on behalf of Doris E. Gallon-Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start

		Connecting SAS (Senosiain, Melanie) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gregory Lathrop Pierson on behalf of Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS (Pierson, Gregory) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>25</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthieu Sellier Goddeyne on behalf of Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>26</u>	STATUS report <i>Receiver's Preliminary Interim Report</i> by Jared J. Perez. (Perez, Jared) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of a related action per Local Rule 1.07(c) by Federal Trade Commission. Related case(s): No (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>28</u>	NOTICE of Lead Counsel Designation by John A. Schifino on behalf of Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS. Lead Counsel: John A. Schifino. (Schifino, John) Modified text on 7/25/2024 (ABM). (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>29</u>	NOTICE of a related action per Local Rule 1.07(c) by Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting LLC, Start Connecting SAS. Related case(s): No (Schifino, John) Modified text on 7/25/2024 (ABM). (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>30</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Start Connecting SAS. (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>31</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Start Connecting LLC. (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>32</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Juan S. Rojas. (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>33</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Douglas R. Goodman. (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>34</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement by Doris E. Gallon–Goodman. (Schifino, John) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>35</u>	MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for the Clerk to serve the Colombia–based Defendants under Rule 4(f)(2)(C)(ii) by Federal Trade Commission. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/24/2024	36	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The Court held a Rule 16 Conference in this case on July 24, 2024. Based on the representations of Attorney John A. Schifino at the hearing, which accepted service on behalf of the Colombia–based Defendants, service is deemed effectuated on Defendant Start Connecting SAS and Juan S. Rojas as of July 24, 2024. Accordingly, Plaintiff's <u>35</u> Motion for Clerk of Court to Serve the Colombia–Based Defendants is DENIED AS MOOT. Defendants' deadline to file a response to the <u>1</u> Complaint is hereby extended to August 16, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/24/2024. (ALE)</b> (Entered: 07/24/2024)
07/24/2024	37	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: By agreement of the parties at the July 24, 2024, Rule 16 Conference, the Court's <u>13</u> Temporary Restraining Order is hereby extended to</b>



		<b>September 23, 2024, at 12:00pm. Any modification of the Court's <u>13</u> Temporary Restraining Order is due no later than July 26, 2024. Defendants' response to the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is due no later than August 30, 2024. A hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction, if necessary, to be set at a later date. No later than September 6, 2024, the parties shall file a status report apprising the Court of the status of any jointly stipulated preliminary injunction order. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/24/2024. (ALE) (Entered: 07/24/2024)</b>
07/24/2024	<u>41</u>	Minute Entry. In Person Proceedings held before Judge Thomas P. Barber: CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE held on 7/24/2024. Court Reporter: Rebekah Lockwood (SRC) (Entered: 07/28/2024)
07/24/2024	42	ORAL MOTION to unseal Docs. 3, 5 & 13 by Federal Trade Commission. (SRC) (Entered: 08/02/2024)
07/24/2024	43	<b>ORAL ORDER granting 42 Oral Motion to Unseal Docs. 3, 5, &amp; 13. The Clerk is directed to unseal the referenced documents. Entered by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 7/24/2024. (SRC) (Entered: 08/02/2024)</b>
07/25/2024	<u>38</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Karen Diane Dodge on behalf of Federal Trade Commission (Dodge, Karen) (Entered: 07/25/2024)
07/26/2024	<u>39</u>	WAIVER of service returned executed on 7/25/2024 by Federal Trade Commission Waiver of Service sent on 7/22/2024 as to Juan S. Rojas. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 07/26/2024)
07/26/2024	<u>40</u>	WAIVER of service returned executed on 7/25/2024 by Federal Trade Commission Waiver of Service sent on 7/22/2024 as to Start Connecting SAS. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 07/26/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>44</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by Start Connecting LLC. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>45</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting SAS. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>46</u>	STATUS report <i>Receiver's First Cash Accounting Report</i> by Jared J. Perez. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Cash Accounting Report)(Perez, Jared) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>47</u>	NOTICE by Jared J. Perez of <i>Expansion of Receivership to Include Zage Group, LLC</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Annual Report)(Perez, Jared) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
08/16/2024	48	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Finding good cause, the Court GRANTS the <u>45</u> Motion for Extension of Time filed by Defendants Start Connecting SAS and Juan Rojas. By September 16, 2024, Start Connecting SAS and Juan Rojas must respond to the <u>1</u> Complaint. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 8/16/2024. (KMP) (Entered: 08/16/2024)</b>
08/16/2024	49	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Finding good cause, the Court GRANTS the <u>44</u> Motion for Extension of Time filed by Defendant Start Connecting LLC. By August 30, 2024, Start Connecting LLC must respond to the <u>1</u> Complaint. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 8/16/2024. (KMP) (Entered: 08/16/2024)</b>
08/16/2024	<u>50</u>	

		Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically To Approve Agreements Regarding Receivership Entities by Jared J. Perez. (Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 08/16/2024)
08/16/2024	<u>51</u>	MOTION for More Definite Statement by Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 08/16/2024)
08/23/2024	<u>52</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>51</u> MOTION for More Definite Statement filed by Federal Trade Commission. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 08/23/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>53</u>	NOTICE of Expansion of Receivership to Include G&G International Consultants SAS by Jared J. Perez (Perez, Jared) Modified text on 8/28/2024 (JK). (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>54</u>	NOTICE of Expansion of Receivership to Include LEADSR4US, LLC by Jared J. Perez (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Google Ads Transparency Report)(Perez, Jared) Modified text on 8/28/2024 (JK). (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>55</u>	MOTION for John Schifino, Matthieu Goddeyne, Gregory Pierson, Melanie Senosiain, and Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. to Withdraw as Attorney by Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting SAS. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone. Modified text on 8/28/2024 (JK). (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/29/2024	<u>56</u>	<b>ORDER granting <u>55</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Attorneys John A. Schifino, Melanie Britt Senosiain, Matthieu Sellier Goddeyne, and Gregory Lathrop Pierson terminated from their representation of Start Connecting SAS and Juan S. Rojas. Signed by Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone on 8/29/2024. (CES)</b> (Entered: 08/29/2024)
08/29/2024	<u>57</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply Defendant Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman, and Doris E. Gallon–Goodman's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the FTC'S Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction by one week by Doris E. Gallon–Goodman, Douglas R. Goodman, Start Connecting LLC. (Goddeyne, Matthieu). (Entered: 08/29/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>58</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by Start Connecting LLC. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024	59	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting Defendant's <u>57</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiff's Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction. Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman, and Doris E. Gallon–Goodman must respond by September 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 8/30/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024	60	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting Defendant's <u>58</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. Defendant Start Connecting LLC must respond by September 16, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 8/30/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>61</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Case Management Report by Federal Trade Commission. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
09/04/2024	62	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Plaintiff's <u>61</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Case Management Report is hereby granted. The parties may file their Case Management Report on or before September 16, 2024. Signed by Judge</b>

		<b>Thomas P. Barber on 9/4/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/04/2024)
09/06/2024	<u>63</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Receiver's First Fee Application by Jared J. Perez. (Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 09/06/2024)
09/06/2024	<u>64</u>	STATUS report <i>as to Preliminary Injunction</i> by Federal Trade Commission. (Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 09/06/2024)
09/06/2024	<u>65</u>	Joint MOTION for Leave to File Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman & Doris Gallon–Goodman by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 09/06/2024)
09/09/2024	66	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Receiver's <u>63</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Receiver's First Fee Application is GRANTED. The first fee application must be filed by October 10, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/9/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/09/2024)
09/09/2024	67	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>65</u> Joint Motion for Leave to File Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman &amp; Doris Gallon–Goodman. The Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction must be filed no later than September 13, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/9/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/09/2024)
09/10/2024	<u>68</u>	STIPULATION <i>Proposed Stipulated Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman &amp; Doris E. Gallon–Goodman</i> by Federal Trade Commission. (Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 09/10/2024)
09/11/2024	<u>69</u>	<b>PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/11/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/11/2024	70	<b>ENDORSED ORDER denying as moot <u>50</u> Motion for Miscellaneous Relief in the light of the <u>69</u> Preliminary Injunction stipulating to the requested relief. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/11/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/12/2024	<u>71</u>	MOTION for Leave to File and for Entry of Proposed Unopposed Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Juan S. Rojas and Start Connecting SAS by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 09/12/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>72</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by Start Connecting LLC. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>73</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT REPORT. (Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/13/2024	74	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>72</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Start Connecting LLC must file their answer by September 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/13/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>75</u>	NOTICE of Appearance of Counsel by Taylor Arana on behalf of Federal Trade Commission (Arana, Taylor) (Modified on 9/17/2024, to edit text) (BGR). (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/16/2024	76	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>71</u> Motion for Leave to File Proposed Unopposed Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Juan S. Rojas and Start Connecting SAS. The Proposed Preliminary Injunction must be filed no later than September 19, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/16/2024.</b>

		(KMP) (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>77</u>	PROPOSED Preliminary Injunction re 76 Order on Motion for Leave to File Document filed by Federal Trade Commission. (Gielow, D'Laney) (Modified on 9/17/2024, to edit text) (BGR). (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/19/2024	<u>78</u>	<b>PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 9/19/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 09/19/2024)
09/30/2024	<u>80</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for an Order Directing GODADDY.COM to Transfer Receivership Entities' Domains to Receiver's Control by Jared J. Perez. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Mueller, Matthew) Modified text on 10/1/2024 (GL). (Entered: 09/30/2024)
09/30/2024	<u>81</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for an Order Directing Hostinger to Transfer Accounts Related to Receivership Entities to Receivers Control by Jared J. Perez. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Mueller, Matthew) Modified text on 10/1/2024 (GL). (Entered: 09/30/2024)
09/30/2024	<u>82</u>	MOTION for More Definite Statement by Start Connecting LLC. (Goddeyne, Matthieu) (Entered: 09/30/2024)
10/09/2024	<u>83</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Receiver's First Fee Application by Jared J. Perez. (Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 10/09/2024)
10/09/2024	84	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>83</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Receiver's First Fee Application. Receiver's First Fee Application must be filed no later than October 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Thomas P. Barber on 10/9/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 10/09/2024)
10/11/2024	<u>85</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>82</u> MOTION for More Definite Statement filed by Federal Trade Commission. (Gielow, D'Laney) (Entered: 10/11/2024)
10/11/2024	<u>86</u>	MOTION for Clerk's Entry of Default against Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting SAS by Federal Trade Commission. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit of D'Laney Gielow Pursuant to Rule 55(a))(Gielow, D'Laney) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone. (Entered: 10/11/2024)
10/17/2024	<u>88</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically Receiver's First Application For Order Awarding Fees, Costs, And Reimbursement Of Costs To Receiver And His Professionals by Jared J. Perez. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8)(Mueller, Matthew) Modified text on 11/19/2024 (KME). (Entered: 10/17/2024)
10/28/2024	89	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>86</u> Motion for Clerk's Default. The Clerk is directed to enter default against Defendants Start Connecting SAS and Juan S. Rojas. Signed by Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone on 10/28/2024. (CES)</b> (Entered: 10/28/2024)
10/29/2024	90	<b>ORDER REFERRING MOTION: <u>88</u> Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically RECEIVER'S FIRST APPLICATION FOR ORDER AWARDING FEES, COSTS, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS TO RECEIVER AND HIS PROFESSIONALS. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 10/29/2024. (KMP)</b> Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone. (Entered: 10/29/2024)

10/29/2024	<u>91</u>	<b>Clerk's ENTRY OF DEFAULT as to Juan S. Rojas, Start Connecting SAS Signed by Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone on 10/29/2024. (JS)</b> (Entered: 10/29/2024)
10/30/2024	<u>92</u>	<b>ORDER granting Motions for Miscellaneous Relief (Docs. <u>80</u>, <u>81</u>). No later than November 6, 2024, Hostinger and GoDaddy.Com must comply with this Order. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 10/30/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 10/30/2024)
11/01/2024	<u>93</u>	<b>CASE MANAGEMENT AND SCHEDULING ORDER: Discovery due by June 9, 2025. Dispositive motions due by July 23, 2025. Pretrial Conference scheduled for January 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Tampa Courtroom 13B before Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle. Jury Trial scheduled for the February 2026 trial calendar in Tampa Courtroom 13B before Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle. Conduct mediation by July 9, 2025. Lead counsel to coordinate dates. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 11/1/2024. (GSO)</b> (Entered: 11/01/2024)
11/18/2024	<u>94</u>	<b>REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION re <u>88</u> Receiver's First Application For Order Awarding Fees, Costs, And Reimbursement Of Costs To Receiver And His Professionals. Signed by Magistrate Judge Amanda Arnold Sansone on 11/18/2024. (CES)</b> Modified text on 11/19/2024 (KME). (Entered: 11/18/2024)
11/19/2024	<u>95</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Application for Default Judgment Against Defendants Start Connecting SAS and Juan S. Rojas by Federal Trade Commission. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 11/19/2024)
11/21/2024	<u>96</u>	<b>ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>95</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. Plaintiff shall apply for default judgment as to Defendants Start Connecting SAS and Juan S. Rojas no later than thirty-five (35) days after the resolution of claims—by default or otherwise—as to Defendants Start Connecting LLC, Douglas R. Goodman, and Doris E. Gallon–Goodman. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 11/21/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 11/21/2024)
12/03/2024	<u>98</u>	<b>ORDER adopting the <u>94</u> Report and Recommendations. The <u>88</u> Motion for Miscellaneous Relief is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 12/3/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 12/03/2024)
12/04/2024	<u>99</u>	Docketed in error (LSS). (Entered: 12/04/2024)
12/13/2024	<u>102</u>	NOTICE of mediation conference/hearing to be held on 03/14/2025 at 9:30 a.m. before Robert Daisley. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 12/13/2024)
12/16/2024	<u>103</u>	<b>MEDIATION ORDER: This case is set for mediation on March 14, 2025. Within seven days following the mediation conference, Lead Counsel shall file a Mediation Report. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 12/16/2024. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 12/16/2024)
12/31/2024	<u>105</u>	MOTION to Intervene by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(AA) (e–portal) (Entered: 01/03/2025)
12/31/2024	<u>106</u>	(STRICKEN per 107 Order) NOTICE to Intervene by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. re <u>105</u> MOTION to Intervene (AA) (e–portal) Modified docket text on 1/6/2025 (EVK). (Entered: 01/03/2025)
01/03/2025	<u>107</u>	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The <u>105</u> Motion to Intervene is DENIED because it exceeds the page number limit of twenty-five pages inclusive of all parts. See</b>



		<b>Local Rule 3.01(a). Hamlet Garcia, Jr. may refile a motion in compliance with Local Rule 3.01(a). The Clerk is directed to STRIKE Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s <u>106</u> Notice to Intervene, as such a notice is not contemplated under the Local Rules. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/3/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 01/03/2025)</b>
01/04/2025	<u>108</u>	NOTICE of Procedural Deficiency and Request for Corrective Action by Hamlet Garcia, Jr re <u>106</u> Notice (Other). (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(AA) (e-portal) (Entered: 01/07/2025)
01/05/2025	<u>109</u>	NOTICE by Hamlet Garcia, Jr re <u>108</u> Notice (Other). (AA) (e-portal) (AA). (Entered: 01/07/2025)
01/07/2025	110	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Hamlet Garcia Jr.'s construed <u>108</u> motion for reconsideration is denied. No later than January 13, 2025, Hamlet Garcia, Jr. may refile a brief in compliance with Local Rule 3.01(a) or move to exceed the page limit, though any increase on the page limit shall not exceed 25 pages in total. Any documents filed that are not in compliance with Local Rule 1.08 or contemplated by the Local Rules will be stricken from the docket. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/7/2025. (KMP) Modified on 1/7/2025 (KMP). (Entered: 01/07/2025)</b>
01/08/2025	<u>111</u>	MOTION to File Excess Pages by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified text on 1/9/2025 (JKB). (Entered: 01/08/2025)
01/08/2025	<u>112</u>	MOTION to Intervene by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-D) (JKB) Modified text on 1/9/2025 (JKB). (Entered: 01/08/2025)
01/08/2025	<u>113</u>	MOTION for Clarification re 107 Order on Motion to Intervene, by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified text on 1/9/2025 (JKB). (Entered: 01/09/2025)
01/09/2025	114	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The <u>111</u> Motion to File Excess pages is denied because it does not specify the need for excess pages. The <u>112</u> Motion to Intervene is denied because it does not comply with Local Rules 3.01(a) or 1.08. The <u>113</u> Motion for Clarification and construed <u>108</u> Motion for Clarification are denied because the Court's previous Order (Doc. 107) explained that the stricken notice is not contemplated under the Local Rules. Garcia is reminded that any documents filed that are not in compliance with Local Rule 1.08 or contemplated by the Local Rules will be stricken from the docket or denied. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/9/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 01/09/2025)</b>
01/09/2025	<u>115</u>	MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief; specifically Notice of Clerical Error and Request for Correction of Docket by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified text and event type on 1/9/2025 (JKB). (Entered: 01/09/2025)
01/13/2025	116	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The <u>115</u> Motion for Miscellaneous Relief is resolved. To the extent necessary for clarification, the referenced documents are signed and will be deemed so for purposes of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/13/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 01/13/2025)</b>
01/13/2025	<u>117</u>	MOTION to File Excess Pages by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) (Entered: 01/14/2025)
01/13/2025	<u>118</u>	AMENDED MOTION to Intervene with Brief in Support for Intervention by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Index of Exhibits, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D) (e-portal) (JKB) (Entered: 01/14/2025)

01/21/2025	119	<b>The <u>117</u> Motion to File Excess pages is denied because it does not provide an adequate basis to increase the page limit. The <u>118</u> Amended Motion to Intervene is denied because it does not comply with Local Rule 3.01(a). Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/21/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 01/21/2025)</b>
01/22/2025	<u>120</u>	EMERGENCY SECOND AMENDED MOTION to Intervene by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Index of Exhibits, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D, # <u>6</u> Notice of Request for Oral Argument)(AA) (e-portal) (Entered: 01/22/2025)
01/22/2025	<u>121</u>	NOTICE of ADA Accommodation. (AA) (e-portal) (Entered: 01/22/2025)
01/22/2025	<u>122</u>	SUPPLEMENT re <u>120</u> MOTION to Intervene by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (AA) (e-portal) (Entered: 01/22/2025)
01/23/2025	<u>123</u>	MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically ADA Accommodation by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (AA) (Filed as motion per Chambers) (Entered: 01/24/2025)
01/31/2025	<u>125</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically from the Mediation Order's Party Attendance Requirement by Federal Trade Commission. (Nash, Nathan) (Entered: 01/31/2025)
01/31/2025	<u>126</u>	<b>ORDER: The <u>120</u> Motion to Intervene is DENIED. The <u>123</u> Motion for Miscellaneous Relief is denied as moot. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 1/31/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 01/31/2025)</b>
02/03/2025	127	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The <u>125</u> Unopposed Motion for Miscellaneous Relief is GRANTED. Amended Mediation Order to follow. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/3/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/03/2025)</b>
02/04/2025	<u>128</u>	<b>AMENDED MEDIATION ORDER: This case is set for mediation on March 14, 2025. Within seven days following the mediation conference, Lead Counsel shall file a Mediation Report. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/4/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/04/2025)</b>
02/04/2025	<u>129</u>	NOTICE of Acknowledgement and Receipt of Order No. 126 by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A Letter Notice) (JKB) (Entered: 02/05/2025)
02/05/2025	130	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s construed <u>129</u> motion is denied. He cites no basis for compensation. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/5/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/05/2025)</b>
02/13/2025	<u>133</u>	***STRICKEN PER ORDER 135*** NOTICE of Filing Verified Objection by Hamlet Garcia, Jr re 127 Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, <u>128</u> Order. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified on 2/18/2025 to strike the entry as directed (RPB). (Entered: 02/14/2025)
02/13/2025	<u>134</u>	***STRICKEN PER ORDER 135*** MEMORANDUM in support re <u>133</u> Notice of Filing Verified Objection filed by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified on 2/18/2025 to strike the entry as directed (RPB). (Entered: 02/14/2025)
02/14/2025	135	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The Clerk is directed to STRIKE Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s <u>134</u> Memorandum and <u>133</u> Notice. His objection and notice are not contemplated by any Federal Rule of Civil Procedure or statute. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/14/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/14/2025)</b>

02/14/2025	<u>136</u>	***STRICKEN PER ORDER 138*** NOTICE to the Courts to take judicial notice regarding Orders 126 and 127 by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Verified Objection)(JKB) Modified text on 2/19/2025 (MCB). (Entered: 02/18/2025)
02/18/2025	<u>137</u>	***STRICKEN PER ORDER 138*** NOTICE of filing Preemptive Brief in Support of <u>136</u> Notice to take judicial notice by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (e-portal) (JKB) Modified text on 2/19/2025 (MCB). (Entered: 02/18/2025)
02/18/2025	138	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The Clerk is directed to STRIKE Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s <u>136</u>, <u>137</u> Notices. Mr. Garcia is not a party to this action nor has he been granted permission as an intervenor or counsel or amicus to file in this case. Mr. Garcia is warned that continuing to engage in filing frivolous submissions may result in sanctions, including a prefiling injunction. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/18/2025. (KMP) Modified on 2/18/2025 (KMP). (Entered: 02/18/2025)</b>
02/21/2025	139	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: Mr. Garcia is not a party to this lawsuit and his requests to intervene have been denied. Nonetheless, Mr. Garcia persists in his efforts, filing numerous submissions and emailing chambers over 25 times during the last month. Two admonitions. First, any communications regarding a case should be filed on the public docket and not directed to chambers directly. Second, as Mr. Garcia has already been warned, continued behavior of this sort will not be tolerated. Judicial time and resources are wasted responding to phone calls, e-mails, letters, and voluminous pleadings and filings of various sorts. These resources are, of course, diverted from legitimate, meritorious claims. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/21/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/21/2025)</b>
02/24/2025	<u>140</u>	Unopposed MOTION to File Excess Pages by Jared J. Perez. (Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 02/24/2025)
02/25/2025	142	<b>ENDORSED ORDER: The <u>140</u> Motion to File Excess Pages is GRANTED. The Second Interim Report must not exceed 40 pages. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/25/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/25/2025)</b>
02/25/2025	<u>144</u>	<b>ORDER: The <u>51,82</u> Motions for More Definite Statement are DENIED. Defendants Goodman, Gallon-Goodman, and Start Connecting LLC are directed to respond to the <u>1</u> Complaint no later than March 11, 2025. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/25/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 02/25/2025)</b>
02/27/2025	<u>148</u>	NOTICE of Judicial Contradiction and MOTION for Clarification re <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 138 Order, 139 Order by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) (Entered: 02/27/2025)
02/27/2025	<u>149</u>	NOTICE of Jurisdictional Challenge and MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for Legal Recognition by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) (Entered: 02/27/2025)
02/27/2025	<u>150</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 138 Order, 135 Order, 139 Order, 130 Order by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support)(GL) (Entered: 02/27/2025)
02/28/2025	<u>151</u>	STATUS report <i>Receiver's Second Interim Report</i> by Jared J. Perez. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E, # <u>7</u> Exhibit F, # <u>8</u> Exhibit G, # <u>9</u> Exhibit H, # <u>10</u> Exhibit I, # <u>11</u> Exhibit J, # <u>12</u>



		Exhibit K, # <u>13</u> Exhibit L, # <u>14</u> Exhibit M, # <u>15</u> Exhibit N, # <u>16</u> Exhibit O, # <u>17</u> Exhibit P, # <u>18</u> Exhibit Q, # <u>19</u> Exhibit R, # <u>20</u> Exhibit S, # <u>21</u> Exhibit T, # <u>22</u> Exhibit U, # <u>23</u> Exhibit V, # <u>24</u> Exhibit W)(Mueller, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2025)
02/28/2025	<u>152</u>	<b>**STRICKEN PER ORDER <u>156</u>**</b> NOTICE of Record of Misclassification and NOTICE of Mandatory Docket Correction re <u>149</u> MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for Legal Recognition, <u>148</u> MOTION for Clarification re <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 138 Order, 139 Order, by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) Modified text on 3/3/2025 (GL). (Entered: 03/03/2025)
02/28/2025	<u>153</u>	MOTION to Strike <u>149</u> MOTION for Miscellaneous Relief, specifically for Legal Recognition, <u>148</u> MOTION for Clarification re <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 138 Order, 139 Order, by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) (Entered: 03/03/2025)
02/28/2025	<u>154</u>	<b>**STRICKEN PER ORDER <u>156</u>**</b> SUPPLEMENT Notice of Errata and Notice of Mandatory Docket Correction by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) Modified text on 3/3/2025 (GL). (Entered: 03/03/2025)
02/28/2025	<u>155</u>	<b>**STRICKEN PER ORDER <u>156</u>**</b> NOTICE Opposing Pre-Filing Injunction by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) (GL) Modified text on 3/3/2025 (GL). (Entered: 03/03/2025)
03/03/2025	<u>156</u>	<b>ORDER: Hamlet Garcia, Jr., is barred from submitting any documents in this case absent the signature of counsel admitted to the Middle District of Florida bar, including through the court's Electronic Document Submission Web Portal. The Clerk is directed to delete, disregard, or otherwise reject any submissions Garcia submits, or causes to be submitted, in this case absent the required signature of counsel. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 3/3/2025. (KMP)</b> (Entered: 03/03/2025)
03/03/2025	<u>159</u>	DECLARATION of Primordial Standing & Superior Claim by Hamlet Garcia, Jr.(eportal) <b>**Submitted before Order <u>156</u> entered**</b> (GL) (Entered: 03/04/2025)
03/03/2025	<u>160</u>	DECLARATION and Notice of Jurisdictional Preemption and Recognition Exemption of by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. (eportal) <b>**Submitted before Order <u>156</u> entered**</b> (GL) (Entered: 03/04/2025)
03/11/2025	<u>161</u>	<b>ANSWER and affirmative defenses to <u>1</u> Complaint by Doris E. Gallon-Goodman.(Goddeyne, Matthieu)</b> (Entered: 03/11/2025)
03/11/2025	<u>162</u>	<b>ANSWER and affirmative defenses to <u>1</u> Complaint by Douglas R. Goodman.(Goddeyne, Matthieu)</b> (Entered: 03/11/2025)
03/11/2025	<u>163</u>	<b>ANSWER and affirmative defenses to <u>1</u> Complaint by Start Connecting LLC.(Goddeyne, Matthieu)</b> (Entered: 03/11/2025)
03/11/2025	<u>165</u>	NOTICE OF APPEAL as to <u>126</u> Order on Motion to Intervene, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 138 Order, 135 Order, 139 Order, <u>156</u> Order, by Hamlet Garcia, Jr. Filing fee not paid; IFP submitted, not docketed per Order <u>156</u> . (e-portal) (JKB) (Entered: 03/13/2025)
03/12/2025	<u>164</u>	<b>ORDER: If Hamlet Garcia, Jr., elects to appeal the Order (Doc. 156), the Clerk must file that notice of appeal without requiring a signature from a member of the Middle District of Florida Bar. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on</b>

	3/12/2025. (KMP) (Entered: 03/12/2025)
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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, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

Hamlet Garcia, Jr., moves to intervene under Federal Rule 24(a), or alternatively, to intervene under Federal Rule 24(b).<sup>1</sup> Mot. to Intervene ([Doc. 120](#)). For the reasons below, the motion is denied on both grounds.

To intervene under Rule 24(a), a prospective intervenor must show (1) that the intervention motion is timely; “(2) he has an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action;” (3) that disposition of the action, as a practical matter, may impede or impair his ability to protect that interest; and (4) the existing parties to the lawsuit inadequately represent the prospective intervenor’s interests. *Davis v. Butts*, [290](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Garcia filed the motion as an “emergency” because the motion “seeks to preserve the status quo and prevent irreparable harm to the Intervenor’s regulatory and competition protections.” Mot. to Intervene ([Doc. 120](#)) at 1. These reasons do not constitute an emergency. Garcia is warned that, under Local Rule 3.01(e), “the unwarranted designation of a motion as an emergency can result in a sanction.”

F.3d 1297, 1300 (11th Cir. 2002); *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a). “Putative intervenors . . . bear the burden of proof to establish all four bases for intervention as a matter of right.” *Burke v. Ocwen Fin. Corp.*, 833 F. App’x 288, 291 (11th Cir. 2020) (per curiam); *see* *Chiles v. Thornburgh*, 865 F.2d 1197, 1213 (11th Cir. 1989).

Garcia may not intervene as a matter of right because Garcia has not shown that he has the kind of “interest” required by Rule 24(a). A potential intervenor’s interest must be “direct, substantial, and legally protectable,” *Mt. Hawley Ins. v. Sandy Lake Props., Inc.*, 425 F.3d 1308, 1311 (11th Cir. 2005) (per curiam), and must be “more than an economic interest; substantive law must recognize the interest as belonging to or being owned by the movant,” *Retina-X Studios, LLC v. ADVAA, LLC*, 303 F.R.D. 642, 653 (M.D. Fla. 2014); *see* *United States v. S. Fla. Water Mgmt. Dist.*, 922 F.2d 704, 710 (11th Cir. 1991).

As a member of an organization that was the “architect of Defendant’s consumer strategy,” Garcia purports to “hold[] a direct [and] substantial interest in defending its business model and reputation.” Mot. to Intervene at 9 n.8. There are two problems with this asserted “interest.” First, the asserted interest appears to belong to the organization, not Garcia personally. *See id.* at 9–10, 18–20. Second, even if he had filed the motion on behalf of the organization, Garcia has not shown that the generalized opposition to the FTC’s regulations is an interest that is recognized by substantive law as “belonging to or

being owned” by his organization. *Mt. Hawley Ins.*, [425 F.3d at 1311](#) (quoting *S. Fla. Water Mgmt. Dist.*, 922 F.2d at 710).

Garcia may not intervene under Rule 24(b) either. Rule 24(b)(1) provides that “[o]n timely motion, the court may permit anyone to intervene who . . . has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact.” “In exercising its discretion, the court must consider whether the intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties’ rights.” [Fed. R. Civ. P. 24\(b\)\(3\)](#). A district court has discretion to deny permissive intervention even if the requirements are met. *Chiles*, [865 F.2d at 1213](#).

The nature of Garcia’s claims—that there is something unlawful about the FTC’s regulations in the underlying action—is fundamentally different from the FTC’s suit claiming that the defendants violated those regulations. As such, Garcia asserts no common question of law and it is unclear what common factual issues exist. *See Mt. Hawley Ins.*, [425 F.3d at 1312](#) (upholding district court’s decision to deny permissive intervention because the movant’s intervention would not help resolve the “primary issue” in the underlying action). Regardless, intervention will certainly delay the proceedings without benefit to the primary action’s resolution. That neither party agrees to the intervention suggests that they anticipate as much or that they expect some prejudice from Garcia’s intervention. Mot. to Intervene at 1 n.1. The addition of his claims would undoubtedly

cause delay, and his claims are better suited for a separate challenge of the regulations. *See Worlds v. Dep't of Health & Rehab. Servs., State of Fla.*, 929 F.2d 591, 595–96 (11th Cir. 1991) (per curiam).

Accordingly, the following is **ORDERED**:

1. The Emergency Motion to Intervene (Doc. 120) is **DENIED**.
2. The Request for Oral Argument (Doc. 120-6) is **DENIED** as moot.
3. The Motion for Miscellaneous Relief (Doc. 123) is **DENIED** as moot.

**ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, on January 31, 2025.

  
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Kathryn Kimball Mizelle  
United States District Judge

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**ENDORSED ORDER: The Clerk is directed to STRIKE Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s [134] Memorandum and [133] Notice. His objection and notice are not contemplated by any Federal Rule of Civil Procedure or statute. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/14/2025. (KMP)**

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**ENDORSED ORDER: The Clerk is directed to STRIKE Hamlet Garcia, Jr.'s [136, 137] Notices. Mr. Garcia is not a party to this action nor has he been granted permission as an intervenor or counsel or amicus to file in this case. Mr. Garcia is warned that continuing to engage in filing frivolous submissions may result in sanctions, including a prefiling injunction. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/18/2025. (KMP)**

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**Docket Text:**

**ENDORSED ORDER: Mr. Garcia is not a party to this lawsuit and his requests to intervene have been denied. Nonetheless, Mr. Garcia persists in his efforts, filing numerous submissions and emailing chambers over 25 times during the last month. Two admonitions. First, any communications regarding a case should be filed on the public docket and not directed to chambers directly. Second, as Mr. Garcia has already been warned, continued behavior of this sort will not be tolerated. Judicial time and resources are wasted responding to phone calls, e-mails, letters, and voluminous pleadings and filings of various sorts. These resources are, of course, diverted from legitimate, meritorious claims. Signed by Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle on 2/21/2025. (KMP)**

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

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v.

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

START CONNECTING LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

Hamlet Garcia, Jr., a nonparty to this case, has filed 26 frivolous documents since December 31, 2024. (Docs. 105, 106, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 129, 133, 134, 136, 137, 148, 149, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155). He initially filed a motion to intervene in this action, ([Doc. 105](#)), which was stricken because it did not comply with the Local Rules of the Middle District of Florida, ([Doc. 107](#)). Despite the Court reminding him on multiple occasions, (Docs. 110, 114, 119, 135), Garcia continually refused to comply with the local rules and filed documents contemplated neither by the local rules, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or federal statutes, *see* (Docs. 108, 109, 112, 113, 117, 118).

Garcia's renewed motion to intervene in this action was denied on January 31, 2025. ([Doc. 126](#)). Following that denial, Garcia has filed frivolous notices or motions seeking compensation, ([Doc. 129](#)), objecting to the Court's orders, (Docs. 133, 134), and requesting that the Court take judicial notice, (Docs. 136, 137), among others. In addition, Garcia engaged in inappropriate communications with the Court, emailing several members of this Court over 25 times in the preceding two months. ([Doc. 139](#)).

A February 18, 2025 order warned Garcia "that continuing to engage in filing frivolous submissions may result in sanctions, including a prefiling injunction." ([Doc. 138](#)). And a February 21, 2025 order, after highlighting the excessive emails to chambers, reiterated that "continued behavior of this sort will not be tolerated." ([Doc. 139](#)). Yet Garcia persisted, filing seven additional frivolous documents consisting of various objections and complaints of perceived procedural inaccuracies, (Docs. 148, 149, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155), continuing to email the Court using alarming language to express his displeasure at the Court, and repeatedly calling the Clerk's office.

The Court has an obligation "to protect [its] jurisdiction from conduct which impairs [its] ability to carry out Article III functions," *Procup v. Strickland*, [792 F.2d 1069, 1073](#) (11th Cir. 1986) (en banc) (per curiam), and is "authorized to restrict access to vexatious and abusive litigants," *Brewer v. United States*, [614 F. App'x 426, 427](#) (11th Cir. 2015) (per curiam), to carry out this responsibility.

As evidenced by Garcia’s persistent and willful disregard for multiple court orders and harassment of court staff, Garcia has engaged in vexatious and abusive litigation tactics in this case. As a result, Garcia is prohibited from filing any submissions in this case unless signed by a member of the Florida bar who is in good standing and eligible to practice before courts in the Middle District of Florida. *See Brewer*, 614 F. App’x at 427; *Martin-Trigona v. Shaw*, 986 F.2d 1384, 1387 (11th Cir. 1993) (“The only restriction this Circuit has placed upon injunctions designed to protect against abusive and vexatious litigation is that a litigant cannot be ‘completely foreclosed from *any* access to the court.’” (emphasis in the original) (quoting *Procup*, 792 F.2d at 1074)); *Hooker v. United States*, No. 22-12820, 2023 WL 3317413, at \*1–2 (11th Cir. May 9, 2023) (per curiam) (concluding that the district court did not abuse its discretion in modifying a pre-filing injunction to enjoin the plaintiff “from filing any additional lawsuits against any agency of the United States related to his employment *or* [his ban from a healthcare system], unless signed by an attorney”).

Absent the signature of counsel as described above, the Clerk is directed to delete, disregard, or otherwise reject any submissions Garcia submits, or causes to be submitted, in this case, whether through the Electronic Document Submission Web Portal or by a paper filing.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

1. Garcia is barred from submitting any documents in this case absent the signature of counsel admitted to the Middle District of Florida bar, including through the court's Electronic Document Submission Web Portal.
2. The Clerk is directed to delete, disregard, or otherwise reject any submissions Garcia causes to be submitted in this case absent the required signature of counsel.
3. Garcia's motions (Docs. 148, 149, 150, 153) are **DENIED**.
4. The Clerk is directed to **STRIKE** the notices (Docs. 152, 155) and supplement ([Doc. 154](#)) from the docket.

**ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, on March 3, 2025.

  
Kathryn Kimball Mizelle  
United States District Judge



at; ‘UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA’  
‘TAMPA DIVISION’ - U.S.A.

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[-v-]

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States  
District Court for the Middle  
District of Florida, Tampa Division

8:24-cv-01626-KKM-AAS  
[Hon] Kathryn Kimball Mizelle,  
Presiding [Judge]  
(verified)

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL** FRAP 3(e)(1)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate  
Procedure 3(c)(1), Hamlet Garcia II, the Real Party in Interest, hereby appeals to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from the orders entered by  
the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division,  
including but not limited to:

**I. ORDERS ON APPEAL**

**1. Docket No. 126 (Jan. 31, 2025) <sup>1</sup> - [Hon.] Mizzle’s *Sua Sponte* Order:**

**a. Denial of Motion to Intervene (Dkt No. 121)**

<sup>1</sup> FRCP 59(e); and/or; 60(b) was timely filed. Cf. FRAP 4(a)(4)(A) (Extension).

- i. Denied intervention despite a direct, substantial, and legally protectable interest under FRCP 24(a)(2) and Eleventh Circuit precedent (*Mt. Hawley Ins. v. Sandy Lake Props.*, 425 F.3d 1308, 1311 (11th Cir. 2005)).
- ii. Contradicted itself—stating Garcia lacked a protectable interest but should file a separate case.
- iii. The court ruled without adversarial testing of arguments
- iv. Ruling contradicted itself—stating Garcia lacked a protectable interest but should file a separate case (logically irreconcilable).

**b. ADA accommodation (Dkt No. 121 Entered: Jan. 22, 2025)**

- i. Plain Text Language [of Local & FRCP];

**2. Docket No. 135 (Feb. 14, 2025) – Striking Procedural Filings**

- a. Struck filings not governed by FRCP 12(f) (which applies only to pleadings).
- b. Violated Eleventh Circuit precedent (*Bank v. Pitt*, 928 F.2d 1108, 1112 (1991) – "Substance, not form, governs procedural motions.").

**3. Docket No. 138 (Feb. 18, 2025) – Striking Request for Judicial Notice**

- a. Violated Federal Rule of Evidence 201(c)(2) (requiring judicial notice when facts are indisputable).
- b. Striking a properly framed request contradicts *Bryant v. Avado Brands*,

1 *Inc.*, 187 F.3d 1271, 1278 (11th Cir. 1999).

2 **4. Docket No. 139 (Feb. 21, 2025) – Order Warning of Future Sanction(s)**

- 3 a. Relied on off-record and/or unverified conduct (emails, phone calls),  
4 violating due process and judicial impartiality (*Caperton v. A.T. Massey*  
5 *Coal Co.*, 556 U.S. 868, 876 (2009)).

6 A true and correct screenshot is provided herewith:

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8 **Full docket text for document 139:**  
9 **ENDORSED ORDER:** Mr. Garcia is not a party to this lawsuit and his requests to intervene have been denied. Nonetheless,  
10 Mr. Garcia persists in his efforts, filing numerous submissions and emailing chambers over 25 times during the last month.  
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14 various sorts. These resources are, of course, diverted from legitimate, meritorious claims. Signed by Judge Kathryn  
15 Kimball Mizelle on 2/21/2025. (KMP)

16 **5. Dkt No. 156 (March 3, 2025)– Pre Filing Injunction & Procedural Bar**

- 17 a. Blanket restriction on filings without notice, hearing, or due  
18 process.  
19 b. Mischaracterized substantive motions as "frivolous" without  
20 analysis (violating fundamental fairness).  
c. Weaponized court administration to erase filings, preventing  
proper appellate review.  
d. Violated ADA rights under 42 U.S.C. § 12132 by failing to  
adjudicate accommodation requests separately (*Tennessee v.*

1 *Lane*, 541 U.S. 509 (2004)).

2 **II. GROUNDS FOR APPEAL** FRAP 4(a)(4)(A)

3 **1. Unlawful Prefiling Injunction & Violation of Due Process**

4 Eleventh Circuit precedent holds that a pre-filing restriction must be narrowly  
5 tailored and supported by factual findings (*Procup v. Strickland*, 792 F.2d 1069, 1074  
6 (11th Cir. 1986)). A pre-filing bar cannot completely foreclose access, yet here, it  
7 functionally does.

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9 No specific findings of abuse were made before barring Appellant from filing  
10 absent an attorney signature.

11 **2. Procedural Due Process Violations & Striking of Filings**<sup>2</sup>

12 Striking filings without review violates Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f), which allows  
13 striking only “redundant, immaterial, or scandalous” content [and applies solely to  
14 pleadings].

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16 Judicial discretion must be supported by record-based justification (*Tech.*  
17 *Training Assocs., Inc. v. Buccaneers Ltd. P’ship*, 874 F.3d 692, 696 (2017)). Here, no  
18 findings justified striking procedural notices.

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<sup>2</sup> ♦ **Violation of Due Process** – Orders collectively restricted access to court without due process protections (U.S. Const. amends. V & XIV).

1       **3. Misclassification of Filings & Selective Procedural Enforcement**

2           The district court arbitrarily misclassified procedural objections and judicial  
3 notices to justify striking them.

4           *Bank v. Pitt*, 928 F.2d 1108, 1112 (11th Cir. 1991) mandates that substance, not  
5 form, governs procedural motions. Yet, the court disregarded this principle and struck  
6 valid motions.

7           Opposing parties were not subjected to the same procedural scrutiny, violating  
8 basic principles of judicial impartiality.

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10       **4. Clerical Misconduct & Unauthorized Docket Manipulation**

11           Clerk deleted procedural filings despite FRAP 10(e)(2), which mandates record  
12 completeness. <sup>3</sup>Here, clerks misinterpreted the judicial order by deleting filings rather  
13 than docketing them, constituting an unlawful assumption of judicial power (In re  
14 Sharon Steel Corp., 918 F.2d 434 (3d Cir. 1990)).

15           Conflicting statements were provided—one clerk confirmed that filings are  
16 never deleted, while another admitted to deleting them. <sup>4</sup>

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18       **5. Jurisdictional & Constitutional Errors**

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<sup>3</sup> Clerks are bound by Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215(f), which require compliance with court orders but prohibit discretionary interpretation.

<sup>4</sup> Striking filings that are procedurally valid deprives the appellate court of review, violating FRAP 4(a)(4)(A)(iv).

1 A district court may not shield its own unlawful orders from review; *Cf.*  
2 *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137 (1803): mandating that courts must  
3 review unlawful orders, yet here, the lower court insulated its own rulings by erasing;  
4 deleting; and/or disregarding them from the record.

5 Functioning as a prefiling injunction, the bar exceeds jurisdictional authority  
6 and constitutes an unwarranted sanction absent procedural findings.

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8 **6. ADA Violations & Failure to Independently Adjudicate Requests**

9 The district court improperly dismissed Appellant’s ADA accommodation  
10 request (Dkt. 123) as “moot” without separate review. Federal law mandates an  
11 independent assessment of ADA claims (*Tennessee v. Lane*, 541 U.S. 509 (2004)). 42  
12 U.S.C. § 12132 and 28 C.F.R. § 35.160(b)(1) require individualized  
13 accommodations—summary denial is legally unsustainable.

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15 **III. RELIEF REQUESTED** <sup>FRAP 10(e)(2)</sup>

16 *i; Hamlet*: [Appellant:] seeks:

17 A. Reversal & Remand – Vacate all improper orders, restoring procedural  
18 filings and intervention status.

20 B. Injunction Against Further Prefiling Restrictions – Declare Docket 156  
21 unconstitutional as a prior restraint .

1 C. Formal Judicial Review of Stricken Filings – Ensure substantive filings  
2 are evaluated on the merits. [*Cf.* 11th Cir. R. 27-1(a)(8)]

3 D. ADA Compliance Order – Mandate adjudication of ADA  
4 accommodation requests separately.

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6 **IV. TIMELINESS & JURISDICTION**

7 Said Notice of Appeal is timely under FRAP 4(a)(1)(A) and FRAP  
8 4(a)(4)(A)(iv), as the Motion for Reconsideration (Dkt. 148) tolled the appeal  
9 deadline. Jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, as Dkt. 156 functionally  
10 operates as a final order imposing a pre filing injunction.

11 **V. NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MANDAMUS PETITION**

12 Appellant reserves the right to file a Writ of Mandamus under 28 U.S.C. §  
13 1651 challenging judicial obstruction and procedural irregularities.

14 Duly entered for the record: <sup>5</sup>

15 */s/ **Hamlet Garcia II***

16 Real Party in Interest Propria Persona

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18 General Delivery ‘USPS’ Unit 330

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120

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<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to FRAP 3(d) and FRCP 79(a), the Clerk is respectfully directed to promptly process and docket this Notice of Appeal to ensure timely filing of the Appendix, Opening Brief, and Judicial Complaint under the applicable appellate deadlines. Expedited docketing is necessary to safeguard Appellant’s rights and preserve judicial review.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In line with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (“FRAP”) & Local Rules of the Eleventh Circuit Court (“Local Rules”):

i, Hamlet, certify/verify that on this 11th day of March 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was submitted for electronic filing via the CM/ECF Web Portal, which, pursuant to FRAP 25(d) and Local Rule 25-3 automatically effects service upon all registered counsel and parties of record.

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*/s/ Hamlet Garcia II*

Real Party in Interest,  
Propria Persona  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Dated: March 11, 2025<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> **FRAP 26(a)(1)** – Determines how time is computed (excluding weekends/holidays for deadlines).



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