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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JEREMY GURSEY, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY, a California Corporation;
EDISON INTERNATIONAL, a California
Corporation; and DOES 1-200, inclusive,

Defendants.

Lead Case No.: 25STCV00731
and Related Cases

Assigned for all purposes to:

Judge: Hon. Laura A. Seigle
Dept: 17

~~PROPOSED~~
**AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT
ORDER NO. 14B: COMPROMISE OF A
CLAIM FOR MINOR OR PERSON
WITH A DISABILITY**

FILED

Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

10/01/2026

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

By: G. Hall Deputy

1 **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 This Order is entered in the Eaton Fire Litigation, the group of cases related to the lead
3 case, *Gursey et al. v. Southern California Edison Co. et al.*, Case No. 25STCV00731 (the “Lead
4 Case”). This Order governs the approval of compromises of the claims of minors and persons with
5 a disability who are Individual Plaintiffs with complaints on file in the Eaton Fire Litigation,
6 whether their cases are already related to the Lead Case or are later related to or transferred into the
7 related proceeding.¹ This Order applies only to Petitions (as defined in § I.(a), below) in which the
8 amount payable to the minor or person with a disability is less than \$100,000. It establishes:

9 (a) the procedure for filing and adjudicating petitions to approve compromises of the claims
10 of such minors and persons with a disability (“Petitions”);

11 (b) the appointment of a Referee and the scope of the Referee’s authority to hear and
12 determine such Petitions;

13 (c) the disposition of settlement proceeds payable to minors and persons with a disability
14 under Probate Code § 3611; and

15 (d) the scope of information that may be redacted from such Petitions and the procedure for
16 filing Petitions and supporting materials under seal.

17 Pursuant to California Rules of Court 2.550–2.551 and 7.950 *et seq.*, Code of Civil
18 Procedure § 638, Probate Code § 3600 *et seq.*, and the Court’s inherent authority to promote
19 efficiency in this complex action, the Court orders as follows.²

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21 ¹ This Order does not govern the compromises of claimants who settled through Southern
22 ~~California Edison Company’s~~ Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program without having
previously filed a complaint, which are addressed in Case Management Order No. 14A.

23 ² Nothing in this order is intended to or does supersede any prior Case Management Order in this
24 matter, unless otherwise noted. See Case Management Order No. 1 dated March 17, 2025 (“CMO
25 1”), Case Management Order dated April 18, 2025 (“CMO 2”), Case Management Orders dated May
26 15, 2025 (“CMO 3” and “CMO 4”), and Case Management Order Dated June 2, 2025 (“CMO 5”),
Case Management Order Dated July 10, 2025 (“CMO 6”), and Case Management Order Dated
27 August 19, 2025 (“CMO 7”), Case Management Order Dated September 19, 2025 (“CMO 8”), Case
Management Order Dated October 6, 2025 (“CMO 9”), Case Management Order Dated December
28 18, 2025 (“CMO 10”), Case Management Order dated February 9, 2026 (“CMO 11”), Case
Management Order Dated April 7, 2026 (“CMO 12”), Case Management Order Dated April 8, 2026
 (“Amended CMO 8”), and Case Management Order Dated May 29, 2026 (“CMO 13”). Nothing in
this Order alters any party’s obligations under any applicable Protective Order.

1 **II. APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE UNDER CCP § 638(A)**

2 By stipulation of the parties, including the Individual Plaintiffs who have filed complaints
3 in the Eaton Fire Litigation, the Court appoints the Hon. Halim Dhanidina (Ret.) as the referee (the
4 “Referee”) under Code of Civil Procedure § 638(a) to hear and determine all Petitions governed by
5 this Order, including Petitions filed in cases under Section III. This appointment will take effect on
6 the date of entry of this CMO. The Referee is authorized, as to the Petitions, to hear and determine
7 all matters necessary to their resolution, including reviewing supporting documentation, conducting
8 hearings, and approving or denying Petitions, and to issue written decisions and orders. For any
9 claimant, the Petition for that claimant shall be heard and determined by the Referee.

10 As to each matter within the affected parties’ consent, the Referee’s decision shall, pursuant
11 to Code of Civil Procedure section 644(a), stand as the decision of the Court and have the same
12 force and effect as if made by the Court, subject to any applicable right of appeal.

13 The Referee is a retired California judicial officer and shall serve as a neutral decision-
14 maker. Any disclosures required under applicable law or rule shall be made before the
15 commencement of the Referee’s duties. The compensation of the Referee, whom plaintiffs’ counsel
16 retained, shall be borne by each petitioning Individual Plaintiff and not by SCE. For purposes of
17 Code of Civil Procedure § 639(d), the Referee’s maximum hourly rate is \$300/Petition and
18 \$1,500/hour for hearings. The Court retains jurisdiction to enter orders consistent with the
19 Referee’s determinations and to address any issue arising from this reference.

20 **III. PETITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS WITH FILED COMPLAINTS**

21 This Section applies to any minor or person with a disability who must obtain Court
22 approval of a Petition under California Rules of Court, rule 7.950 *et seq.*, including a plaintiff
23 whose case is already on file and related to the Lead Case, and a plaintiff who files a complaint in
24 the Eaton Fire Litigation after entry of this Order, other than a complaint filed pursuant to CMO
25 14A. For a plaintiff whose case is already related to the Lead Case, the petition shall be filed in that
26 plaintiff’s individual case. For a plaintiff who later files a complaint, the petition shall be filed in
27 that plaintiff’s individual case once the case is related to the Lead Case and assigned to Department
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17 through the Court’s ordinary relation procedures. In either event, the petition shall be determined as provided in Section IV.

IV. **PROCEDURE FOR ALL PETITIONS**

The following procedures apply to every petition to approve a Petition under this Order, filed in a case under Section III.

A. Forms. A petitioner may complete (i) a petition using form MC-350, or (ii) if the petition qualifies for expedited approval under California Rules of Court, rule 7.950.5—generally where the total amount payable to the minor or person with a disability is \$50,000 or less, the petitioning party is represented by counsel, and the petition otherwise qualifies under that rule—a petition using form MC-350EX. Forms MC-350 and MC-350EX Petitioner should also complete a form MC-351 (Order Approving Compromise of Disputed Claim), and a form MC-355 (Order to Deposit Money into Blocked Account). The spelling of the name of the minor or disabled adult, as well as the name of the appointed guardian ad litem, *shall* be consistent in all forms, as well as consistent with prior filings such as the complaint or short form complaint and the Application for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem.

B. Filing Location. All forms, including any Petition, and related proposed orders shall be submitted to the Referee by email to: hdhanidina@signatureresolution.com and eatonfiregal@signatureresolution.com. Each individual Petition shall be sent in a *separate email* with the subject line “Minor’s Compromise Petition – [Minor’s Last Name, Minor’s First Name]” or “Dependent Adult Compromise Petition – [Person’s Last Name, Person’s First Name]”. In the same submission, the petitioning party must also provide a copy of the operative complaint/short form complaint, Guardian Ad Litem application, and Order entered approving the Guardian Ad Litem application.

C. Determination Without Hearing. For a qualifying expedited petition, no hearing will be held, and the Referee will determine the petition within the time provided by rule 7.950.5, unless a Referee orders a hearing under particular circumstances—for example, where the minor seeks access to funds before reaching the age of majority.

1 **D. Hearings.** For a petition where the proposed compromise or settlement exceeds
2 \$50,000, or for any expedited petition that a Referee determines warrants a hearing, the hearing
3 will be conducted by the Referee.

4 **E. Requirements of Referee.** Upon concluding the resolution of a Petition, the Referee
5 shall prepare and provide to the petitioner party's counsel (i) a statement of decision, (ii) the Order
6 Approving Compromise of Disputed Claim (JCC Form MC-351), and (iii) the Order to Deposit
7 Money into Blocked Account (JCC Form MC-355).

8 The petitioning party's counsel, and not the Referee, shall file all such materials in the
9 individual case initiated by the complaint or short-form complaint, not in the Lead Case. Counsel
10 shall file all such materials within five (5) days of receiving the documents from the Referee. The
11 Referee shall not file these materials with the Court. The Referees' only regular submission to the
12 Court shall be a "Referee's List of Approved Compromise Claims," identifying each Minor's
13 Compromise approved since the prior list. Such a list shall be submitted at least on the last Court day
14 of every month when the Referee renders an order approving a Petition, with copy to Individual
15 Plaintiff's liaison counsel who will upload the list to Case Anywhere and file it in each individual
16 case at issue

17 **F. Disposition of Proceeds.** Pursuant to Probate Code § 3611, subdivision (e), if the
18 remaining balance of the money to be paid or delivered net of costs does not exceed five thousand
19 dollars (\$5,000), that sum may be delivered to the parent of the minor, provided that the sum is for
20 the direct benefit of the minor. Pursuant to Probate Code § 3611, subdivisions (b) and (g), for sums
21 net of costs exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), those sums must be deposited in, subject to
22 conditions the Court or Referee determines to be in the best interest of the minor or person with a
23 disability, (i) a trust, revocable by the minor upon attaining the age of 18 years, (ii) an annuity, subject
24 to withdrawal only upon the authorization of the court, or (iii) a blocked account, accessible only by
25 the minor upon attaining the age of 18 years.

26 The parent or guardian of the minor or person with a disability has an obligation to fund the
27 account and return the completed MC 356 form to the Referee and file the same with the Court within
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1 15 days of receipt of the funds.

2 **G. Dismissal.** Upon (i) approval of the Minor's Compromise and (ii) the filing by the
3 petitioning party's counsel of all materials identified in Section IV.E (which includes evidence that
4 the net proceeds have been deposited into the approved account), the petitioning party shall dismiss
5 their action with prejudice within fourteen (14) days after the filing described in clause (ii).

6 **V. SEALING**

7 **A. Findings**

8 The Court finds, as to every petition governed by this Order, that the following categories
9 satisfy California Rules of Court, rules 2.550(d) and 2.551, so that no separate motion or
10 application to seal is required for the filings authorized in Section V.B:

11 (1) *Personal Information*: a minor's date of birth and information about the past, present, or
12 anticipated medical condition of a minor or person with a disability. The privacy interest in this
13 information is an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access; there is a substantial
14 probability it would be prejudiced by public disclosure; the sealing is narrowly tailored because
15 only the fields enumerated in Section V.B are withheld while a redacted version is filed publicly;
16 and no less restrictive means exists.

17 (2) *Confidential Information*: the financial terms of the individual settlements resolved
18 under this Order, which the parties have agreed to keep confidential. The interest of the individual
19 plaintiffs and the Edison Defendants in the confidentiality of those terms is an overriding interest
20 that overcomes the right of public access; there is a substantial probability it would be prejudiced
21 by public disclosure; the sealing is narrowly tailored through the redaction procedure in Section
22 V.B; and no less restrictive means exists.

23 The Court retains authority to modify this Order, to require a further showing, or to order
24 unsealing on a proper motion, including by a member of the public.

25 **B. Redactions Permitted on Judicial Council Forms**

26 The following applies to the version of each form that will be submitted to the clerk for
27 inclusion in the public file:

1 (1) **JCC Form MC-350** (Petition to Approve Compromise of Disputed Claim or Pending
2 Action): Counsel may redact the Personal Information and Confidential Information in sections 2b,
3 7–9, 11–17, and 19, and any Attachments associated therewith.

4 (2) **JCC Form MC-350EX** (Expedited Petition): Counsel may redact the Personal
5 Information and Confidential Information in sections 2b, 8–10, 12–18, and 20, and any Attachments
6 associated therewith.

7 (3) **JCC Form MC-351** (Order Approving Compromise of Disputed Claim): Counsel
8 may redact the Confidential Information in sections 7–8.

9 (4) **JCC Form MC-355** (Order to Deposit Money into Blocked Account): Counsel may
10 redact the Confidential Information in section 4.

11 (5) **JCC Form MC-356** (Receipt and Acknowledgment of Order for the Deposit of
12 Money into Blocked Account): Counsel may redact the Confidential Information in sections 7–8.

13 **C. Procedure for Filing Under Seal**

14 Counsel may attach a copy of this Order to the back of an envelope containing a single
15 document being filed or lodged under seal pursuant to this Order. The face of the envelope shall
16 include the cover page of the enclosed document with the following notation in red ink: “Filed
17 Under Seal Pursuant to CMO No. 14B.” Each envelope shall contain a single filing. No courtesy
18 copies shall be delivered.

19 Alternatively, counsel may e-file the unredacted version. At the time of the filing, the party
20 submitting the filing has an option to include “notes” in a designated box. The filing party must
21 place in the notes section “**Filed Under Seal Per Case Management Order No. 14B, filed in**
22 **Related Case 25STCV00731**”. Failure to properly include this note risks the document being
23 rejected by the clerk’s office. For each petition, counsel shall file a redacted version in the public
24 record and shall lodge the corresponding unredacted version under seal in accordance with this
25 section. Both the unredacted (under-seal) and redacted versions shall be served on Defendants via
26 Case Anywhere.

1 Counsel need not file an ex parte application or motion to seal so long as the procedure
2 described in this Section V.C is followed.

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4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated: 10/01/2026, 2026



Laura Seigle

Hon. Laura A. Seigle
Judge of the Superior Court
Laura A. Seigle / Judge