

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE BROILER CHICKEN ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

This Document Relates To:

THE DIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFF
CLASS ACTION

Case No.: 1:16-cv-08637

The Honorable Thomas M. Durkin

Magistrate Judge Jeffrey T. Gilbert

**DIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS' STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE SECOND
DISTRIBUTION OF NET SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO QUALIFIED CLAIMANTS**

On March 25, 2026, the Court approved Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' ("DPPs") Motion For Approval of Second Distribution of Net Settlement Proceeds. (ECF No. 8310). On June 23, 2026, DPPs filed a status report setting a schedule for the distribution with a targeted distribution date of August 24, 2026. (ECF No. 8459). Since that time, Co-Lead Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator have been working diligently to comply with the schedule.

On July 27, 2026, non-party John Andren filed a motion for attorneys' fees (ECF No. 8499, "Motion"). On July 30, 2026, the Court ordered DPPs' response be filed on August 17, 2026, and Andren's reply be filed on August 24, 2026.

The previously set DPP distribution date of August 24 must be delayed during the pendency of this Motion. First, the Claims Administrator requires time to prepare for the distribution, including calculating and auditing the *pro rata* amounts to each qualified claimant, issuing checks, and setting up wire transfers. If these amounts change due to any award that the Court may award to counsel for Andren, this process (which was already started) would need to be started over. Second, any Order that the Court will issue will not be final, including any possible

appeals, before August 24, 2026. Third, to the extent that notice to the DPP Class of this Motion or payment is required, that cannot happen in the given time period.

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