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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by LETITIA JAMES, Attorney General of the State of New York,

Plaintiff,

-against-

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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AFFIRMATION OF JUSTIN ANDERSON IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED INTERVENORS' MOTION TO INTERVENE

JUSTIN ANDERSON, an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York and who is not a party to this action, affirms under penalty of perjury pursuant to CPLR 2106:

- 1. I am a partner at the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, counsel for Defendant Exxon Mobil Corporation ("ExxonMobil" or the "Company").
- 2. Pursuant to this Court's February 10, 2020 Notice, I submit this Affirmation to state ExxonMobil's position on the pending Motion to Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Seeking Public Access to Judicial Documents (the "Motion to Intervene" or the "Motion"). Dkt. No. 573. Proposed Intervenors seek access to certain documents ExxonMobil received from the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") during civil discovery. *See id.*; Dkt. Nos. 574-75.
- 3. On December 14, 2018, ExxonMobil propounded a document request to OAG, seeking, *inter alia*, documents concerning OAG's communications with third parties. ExxonMobil sought those communications to support its affirmative defenses to OAG's complaint.
- 4. In response to ExxonMobil's document requests, OAG produced responsive documents, including those that are the subject of the Motion to Intervene, and designated some of those documents "confidential" under the parties' protective order. Dkt. No. 46.

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5. On April 24, 2019, OAG moved to permanently seal some of the documents it produced to ExxonMobil in discovery. Dkt. No. 159. ExxonMobil opposed the motion.

Dkt. No. 206. On June 12, 2019, the Court granted OAG's motion to seal, after hearing argument

from the parties.¹

6. ExxonMobil did not seek reconsideration of, appeal, or otherwise challenge the

Court's decision. In its filings, ExxonMobil either redacted or temporarily filed under seal

"confidential" documents, consistent with the protective order.

From October 22, 2019 to November 7, 2019, this matter was tried before the Court, 7.

which returned a verdict in ExxonMobil's favor on December 10, 2019. OAG did not appeal the

adverse ruling.

8. On January 10, 2020, Proposed Intervenors filed papers in this Court to unseal

documents OAG produced to ExxonMobil during discovery. ExxonMobil takes no position on

the pending Motion to Intervene or the Proposed Intervenors' application to this Court to unseal

the documents.

9. ExxonMobil's taking no position on the pending Motion to Intervene is without

prejudice to its right to seek production of the at-issue documents in other proceedings.²

Dated: February 25, 2020 Washington, D.C.

¹ The transcript of the June 12, 2019 hearing is attached as Exhibit A. The Court's order granting OAG's motion to seal is attached as Exhibit B.

² On February 18, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit heard oral argument in ExxonMobil's constitutional challenge to OAG's official misconduct against the Company. Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Healey, No. 18-1170 (2d Cir.). If that Court remands the case to the District Court and the parties proceed to discovery, ExxonMobil reserves the right to seek full disclosure of the documents placed at issued by the Motion to Intervene at an appropriate time.