MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTION PLAN

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Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Arkansas Teacher Retirement System ("Lead

1 2 Plaintiff"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and on behalf of itself, named plaintiff 3 John A. Prokop, and the class certified for purposes of settlement ("Settlement Class"), 4 respectfully submits this Memorandum in support of its unopposed Motion for an order, 5 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, approving the proposed plan for distributing the Net Settlement Fund to eligible Settlement Class Members ("Distribution Plan") as set 6 7 forth in the accompanying Declaration of Adam D. Walter in Support of Lead Plaintiff's 8 Unopposed Motion for Approval of Distribution Plan ("Walter Declaration" or "Walter 9 Decl."), submitted on behalf of the Court-authorized Claims Administrator A.B. Data, Ltd.

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There are no disputed Claims by any Settlement Class Member requiring Court review. As such, Lead Plaintiff's Motion is ripe for determination.

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself, named plaintiff John A. Prokop, and the Settlement Class, and defendants OSI Systems, Inc. ("OSI"), Deepak Chopra, Alan Edrick, and Ajay Mehra (collectively, "Defendants" and, together with Lead Plaintiff, the "Parties") entered into the Stipulation wherein the Parties agreed, in substance, that in exchange for consideration of \$12.5 million in cash, there would be a full and complete settlement of all Lead Plaintiff's Released Claims (as defined in $\P 1(z)$ of the Stipulation) against Defendants and the other Released Defendants' Parties.

By its Order Re: Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement dated December 30, 2021 (ECF No. 131) ("Preliminary Approval Order"), the Court directed dissemination of notice to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Stipulation. The mailing, publication, and posting of notice were conducted in accordance with the

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Walter Declaration and in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated October 22, 2021 (ECF No. 125-4) ("Stipulation").

Preliminary Approval Order and the Stipulation.² A.B. Data has mailed a total of 51,518 Notices Packets (i.e., the Notice, Claim Form, and Exclusion Request Form) to potential Settlement Class Members and nominees. Walter Decl., ¶ 5. The Notice informed Settlement Class Members, among other things, that if they wished to be eligible to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, they were required to complete and submit a Claim Form to A.B. Data. Walter Decl., ¶ 8.

On May 12, 2022, the Court held a hearing to consider, among other things, whether the proposed Settlement should be granted final approval. By its Order Re: Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement dated August 31, 2022 (ECF No. 146) and Judgment dated August 31, 2022 (ECF No. 147) (together, the "Judgment"), the Court: (i) approved the Settlement provided for in the Stipulation, finding it fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class; (ii) found the notice procedures to be proper; and (iii) dismissed with prejudice the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action. By the Judgment, the Court also approved Lead Plaintiff's proposed plan for allocating the settlement proceeds among eligible Settlement Class Members ("Plan of Allocation").

Pursuant to ¶ 33 of the Stipulation, the Effective Date of the Settlement has occurred and the Net Settlement may be distributed to Authorized Claimants. Accordingly, pursuant to ¶ 28 of the Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter the [Proposed] Order Approving Distribution Plan ("Class Distribution Order") submitted herewith.³

II. THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

As set forth in the Stipulation, the Settlement Amount (i.e., \$12,500,000) has been

See Declaration of Eric Schachter Regarding: (A) Mailing of the Notice, Claim Form, and Exclusion Request Form; (B) Publication of the Summary Notice; and (C) Report on Requests for Exclusion Received to Date (ECF No. 133-2) and Supplemental Declaration of Eric Schachter Regarding: (A) Continued Dissemination of the Notice Packet; (B) Update on Telephone Helpline and Settlement Website; and (C) Report on Requests for Exclusion Received (ECF No. 138-1).

The Court "retain[ed] jurisdiction over the parties, including class members, for the purpose of construing, enforcing, and administering the Order and Judgment, as well as the Settlement Agreement itself." ECF No. 146 at p. 15.

deposited into the escrow account established by Lead Counsel ("Escrow Account"). In total, \$669,484.81 in income has been earned on the Settlement Amount through August 31, 2024. In addition, the following amounts have been paid from the Escrow Account: (i) \$120,384.00 in Taxes; (ii) \$199,018.08 in Notice and Administration Costs to A.B. Data; and (ii) \$3,259,863.08 in Court-awarded attorneys' fees and expenses. As of August 31, 2024, the balance of the Escrow Account ("Net Settlement Fund") was \$9,590,219.65.

III. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

All Claims received by A.B. Data through June 15, 2024 have been fully processed in accordance with the Stipulation and the Court-approved Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice. Walter Decl., ¶ 8.6 A.B. Data has responded to all inquiries regarding the Action, the Settlement, and the procedures for completing and submitting Claims, and has worked with Claimants throughout this administration to help them perfect their Claims. *See generally id.*, ¶¶ 20-27.

As discussed in the Walter Declaration, a large portion of the Claims submitted in connection with the Settlement were initially deficient or ineligible for one or more reasons, including not being signed, not being properly documented, or indicating no eligible transactions in OSI common stock or OSI 1.25% convertible senior notes due 2022 (together "OSI Securities") during the Class Period (i.e., the period between August 21, 2013 and February 1, 2018, inclusive), and these Claims required additional follow-up work by A.B. Data. *Id.*, ¶¶ 20, 23. For the Claims that were determined to be deficient, or ineligible, A.B. Data mailed a letter (or sent an email/report in the case of Electronic

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Under the terms of the Stipulation, Lead Counsel was authorized to pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable, up to \$200,000. See Stipulation, ¶ 15.

The Court awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of 25% of the Settlement Fund (i.e., \$3,125,000) and \$134,863.08 in litigation expenses. Judgment, \P 1.

In anticipation of completing the administration for the Settlement, June 15, 2024 was chosen as the cut-off date, after which no additional Claims would be accepted for processing or considered for inclusion in the Initial Distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Walter Decl., ¶ 30. Claims received or adjusted after June 15, 2024, will be eligible to participate in subsequent distributions subject to the provisions of ¶¶ 40(d)-40(e) of the Distribution Plan set forth in the Walter Declaration.

Claims) to the Claimant describing the defects in their Claim(s) and advising what, if anything, was necessary to complete the Claim(s). Id., ¶¶ 21, 23-25.7 These letters/emails advised Claimants that they were required to submit the appropriate information and/or documentary evidence to complete their Claim(s) within twenty (20) days from the date of the letter/email or their Claim(s) would be recommended for rejection to the extent the deficiency(ies) or condition(s) of ineligibility were not cured. Id., ¶¶ 21, 24(a).

In addition to advising Claimants what was required to cure the Claim(s), the notices/emails advised Claimants of their right to request an additional review (and ultimately, the Court's review) of their Claim(s) if they contested A.B. Data's administrative determination to reject their Claim(s) in whole or in part. *Id.*, ¶¶ 21, 24(b), 28. A.B. Data has not received any Claim disputes/requests for Court review during this administration. *Id.*, ¶ 29. Accordingly, there are no outstanding requests for Court review.

Throughout this administration, A.B. Data spent considerable time addressing deficient and ineligible Claims and assisting Claimants in curing the deficiencies in their Claims in order to be eligible to participate in the Settlement. As a result of A.B. Data's efforts, many Claimants who submitted Claims with curable deficiencies were able to properly complete their Claims and are now eligible to participate in the Settlement and receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS FOR CLAIMS

A. Claims Recommended for Acceptance

As set forth in the Walter Declaration, a total of 20,647 Claims were received by A.B. Data in connection with the Settlement through June 15, 2024. Walter Decl., ¶¶ 8, 34. A total of 8,740 of these Claims have been provisionally accepted by A.B. Data in whole or in part. *Id.*, ¶¶ 35-36; *see also id.*, Exs. D & E (listing all accepted Claims (both timely and

A sample Deficiency Letter is attached as Exhibit A to the Walter Declaration. For Electronic Claims, A.B. Data emailed Claimants to notify them of any deficiencies in or the ineligibility of their Electronic Claims. These emails attached a report containing detailed information associated with the Claims contained in the electronic submission, including which of the Claims were deficient or rejected. Id., ¶ 23. A sample Status Email and Status Spreadsheet are attached as Exhibits B and C, respectively, to the Walter Declaration.

late) and their Recognized Claim amounts, in Claim number order). Of the 8,740 Claims being recommended for acceptance and approval by the Court, 103 Claims were submitted after the postmark deadline set forth in the Notice and Claim Form (i.e., May 11, 2022), but were received by A.B. Data on or before June 15, 2024. *Id.*, ¶ 36. Although these 103 Claims were submitted late, they were received while the processing of timely Claims was ongoing. Due to the amount of time needed to process the timely Claims received for the Settlement, the processing of these late Claims has not delayed the completion of the Claims administration process or the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Accordingly, Lead Counsel believes that it would be appropriate to allow these Late But Otherwise Eligible Claims to share in the Net Settlement Fund. *Id.*, ¶¶ 30, 36.

The total Recognized Claims for the 8,740 Claims being recommended for acceptance in whole or in part is \$169,049,346.62 (\$158,689,512.25 for the Timely Eligible Claims listed on Exhibit D to the Walter Declaration and \$10,359,834.37 for the Late But Otherwise Eligible Claims listed on Exhibit E to the Walter Declaration). *Id.*, ¶¶ 35-36. Lead Counsel respectfully requests that the Court approve A.B. Data's administrative determinations with respect to the Claims being recommended for acceptance as listed on Exhibits D and E to the Walter Declaration.

B. Claims Recommended for Rejection

Of the total Claims received by A.B. Data through June 15, 2024, 11,907 Claims are being recommended for rejection. Walter Decl., ¶ 37; see also id., Ex. F (listing all Claims being recommended for rejection and the reasons for rejection, in Claim number order). The 11,907 Claims being recommended for rejection were determined to be ineligible for the following reasons: (i) 9,441 Claims did not result in a Recognized Claim pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation; (ii) 2,345 Claims had no purchase(s)/acquisition(s) of eligible OSI Securities during the Class Period; (iii) 92 Claims were duplicates or replaced Claims; 8 (iv) 28 Claims were withdrawn; and (v) one Claim was identified as

⁸ Replaced Claims are Claims that were re-submitted by Electronic Claim Filers to correct issues with the data initially presented.

questionable (and remained questionable after further review and verification). Id., ¶ 37. Lead Counsel respectfully requests that the Court approve A.B. Data's administrative determinations with respect to the Claims being recommended for rejection as listed on Exhibit F to the Walter Declaration.

V. FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR

In accordance with A.B. Data's agreement with Lead Counsel to act as the Claims Administrator for the Settlement, A.B. Data was responsible for, among other things, disseminating notice of the Settlement to the Class, maintaining a website and toll-free telephone helpline, processing Claims, and allocating and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. As set forth in the accompanying Walter Declaration, A.B. Data has incurred a total of \$240,048.02 for work performed in the Action. Walter Decl., ¶ 39. In accordance with the Stipulation, A.B. Data has been paid a total of \$199,018.08 from the Settlement Fund. *Id.* A.B. Data expects to incur an additional \$18,680.84 in fees and expenses to conduct the Initial Distribution. *Id.*; *see also id.*, Ex. G (copies of A.B. Data's outstanding invoices and cost estimate for Initial Distribution).

Lead Counsel respectfully requests that the Court approve payment of A.B. Data's unpaid fees and expenses incurred in connection with this administration as well as the costs it expects to incur to conduct the Initial Distribution and direct payment of this amount (i.e., \$59,710.78) to A.B. Data prior to the Initial Distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

VI. DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

The Net Settlement Fund is ready to be distributed at this time. Lead Counsel, therefore, respectfully requests the Court enter an order approving A.B. Data's determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims received through June 15, 2024, and approving the Distribution Plan set forth in the Walter Declaration.

Under the Distribution Plan, A.B. Data will distribute the Net Settlement Fund, after

Should the estimated fees and expenses for the Initial Distribution exceed A.B. Data's actual cost to conduct the Initial Distribution, the excess shall be returned to the Net Settlement Fund and will be available for subsequent distributions of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. Id., ¶ 39 n.6.

deducting all payments approved by the Court (i.e., the Initial Distribution). Walter Decl., \P 40(a). A.B. Data will first determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the total Net Settlement Fund based on the Claimant's Recognized Claim in comparison to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants. Id., \P 40(a)(i). In accordance with the Court-approved Plan of Allocation, A.B. Data will eliminate from the Initial Distribution any Authorized Claimant whose *pro rata* share calculates to less than \$10.00, as these Claimants will not receive any payment from the Net Settlement Fund. Id., \P 40(a)(ii). A.B. Data will then recalculate the *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund for Authorized Claimants who would have received \$10.00 or more. Id., \P 40(a)(iii).

It is expected that not all of the checks sent to Authorized Claimants will be negotiated promptly and some of these checks will remain uncashed. Following the Initial Distribution, and after A.B. Data has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants negotiate their Initial Distribution checks, any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (including from tax returns, uncashed checks, or otherwise) nine (9) months after the Initial Distribution will, if cost-effective to do so, be redistributed, after deducting A.B. Data's unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including the costs of such redistribution, to Authorized Claimants who negotiated their Initial Distribution checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such redistribution ("Second Distribution"). *Id.*, ¶ 40(b).

Additional redistributions to Authorized Claimants who have negotiated their prior checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 on such additional redistributions may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with A.B. Data, determines that additional redistributions, after deducting any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including the costs of such further distributions, would be cost-effective. Id., $\P 40(c)$. At such time as it is determined that further redistribution of the funds remaining

In order to encourage Authorized Claimants to promptly deposit their payments, the Class Distribution Order sets forth that distribution checks state: "DEPOSIT PROMPTLY; VOID AND SUBJECT TO RE-DISTRIBUTION IF NOT NEGOTIATED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF DISTRIBUTION." Walter Decl., \P 40(a)(v).

in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, Lead Counsel requests that, in its discretion, it may pay any Claims received after June 15, 2024, or any Claims adjusted after June 15, 2024, their distribution amounts or additional distribution amounts on a *pro rata* basis, to the extent that funds are available, that would bring these Claimants into parity with other Authorized Claimants that have negotiated all their prior distribution checks. Id., ¶¶ 40(d)-40(e). Otherwise, any remaining balance, after deducting any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, will be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s) to be recommended by Lead Counsel and approved by the Court. Id., ¶ 40(d).

VII. RELEASE OF CLAIMS

In order to allow for the full and final distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, it is necessary to bar any further claims against the Net Settlement Fund beyond the amount allocated to Authorized Claimants, and to provide that all persons and entities involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the Claims submitted in connection with the Settlement of the Action, or who are otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, be released and discharged from any and all claims arising from such involvement. Accordingly, Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court release and discharge all persons and entities who are involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the Claims submitted in connection with the Settlement of the Action, or who are otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and, pursuant to the release terms of the Settlement, bar all Settlement Class Members, whether or not they are to receive payment from the Net Settlement Fund, from making any further claim against the Net Settlement Fund or the parties released pursuant to the Settlement beyond the amount allocated to them by the Settlement as approved by the

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VIII. RECORD RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION

Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court authorize A.B. Data to destroy paper copies of Claims and all supporting documentation one (1) year after the Second Distribution, if that occurs, or, if there is no Second Distribution, two (2) years after the Initial Distribution and all electronic copies of the same one (1) year after all funds have been distributed. Walter Decl., $\P 40(f)$.

IX. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant its Unopposed Motion for Approval of Distribution Plan and enter the [Proposed] Order Approving Distribution Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Similar language has been routinely approved by courts in connection with the distribution of settlement proceeds. See, e.g., In re LJ Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., 2010 WL 11520577, at *2 (C.D. Cal. May 19, 2010) ("All persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the claims submitted herein, or otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund are released and discharged from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and all Settlement Class Members, whether or not they are to receive payment from the Net Settlement Fund, are barred from making any further claim against the net Settlement Fund or the released persons beyond the amount allocated to them pursuant to this Order."); In re Helios and Matheson Analytics, Inc. Sec. Litig., 2022 WL 457311, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 15, 2022) (approving substantially similar language in order authorizing distribution of settlement proceeds); Baker v. Seaworld Entm't, Inc., 2022 WL 298662, at *3 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 31, 2022) (same); In re Signet Jewelers Ltd. Sec. Litig., 2021 WL 5357468, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 12, 2021) (same); In re Capstone Turbine Corp. Sec. Litig., 2020 WL 7889062, at *2 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 26, 2020) (same); In re OCZ Tech. Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig., 2016 WL 7974652, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 11, 2016) (same); In re Toyota Motor Co. Sec. Litig., 2014 WL 12586787, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2014) (same).

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