

3. After Peco provided notice of the Data Breach in or around July 2024, Plaintiffs Ryan and Benson filed a putative Class Action Complaint in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on January 23, 2025.

4. After Peco provided notice of the Data Breach in or around July 2024, Plaintiffs Harrison, Carson, Hughes, Hargrave, Duncan, Patrick, and Caldwell filed putative Class Action Complaints in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, and filed a Consolidated Complaint on October 18, 2024.

5. On September 3, 2025, the parties participated in a full-day mediation facilitated by an experienced mediator, Jill Sperber. After a full day of negotiations, the parties reached an agreement in principle, the terms of which were later finalized in this Settlement Agreement and the attached exhibits.

6. On September 5, 2025, Plaintiffs Harrison, Carson, Hughes, Hargrave, Duncan, Patrick, and Caldwell voluntarily dismissed their claims in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama so they could join in the action Plaintiffs Ryan and Benson filed in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

7. On September 5, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their First Amended Class Action Complaint (“Complaint”), bringing claims against Peco for negligence, negligence *per se*, and unjust enrichment.

8. Pursuant to the terms set out below, this Settlement Agreement provides for the full and final resolution, discharge and settlement of all claims and causes of action asserted, or that could have been asserted, against Peco and the Released Persons (as defined below) arising out of or relating to the Data Breach, by and on behalf of the Representative Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members (as defined below) and any other such actions by and on behalf of any

other persons in the United States relating to the Data Breach. The settlement contemplated by this Settlement Agreement is subject to preliminary and final approval by the Court.

II. REPRESENTATIVE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AND BENEFITS OF SETTLING

Representative Plaintiffs believe the claims asserted in the Litigation (as defined below), as set forth in the Complaint, have merit. Representative Plaintiffs, and their counsel who are proposed as Class Counsel ("Proposed Class Counsel"), recognize and acknowledge, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the litigation against Peco through motion practice, trial, and potential appeals. They have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and risk of further litigation, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation. Proposed Class Counsel are experienced in class action litigation and are very knowledgeable regarding the relevant claims, remedies, and issues generally in such litigation and in the data privacy and security issues specific to this Litigation. They have determined that the settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement, which provides compensation for those individuals who are alleged to have suffered the consequences of the Data Breach, is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest of Representative Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class.

III. DENIAL OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY

Peco denies all the material contentions and claims alleged against it in the Litigation, and all charges of wrongdoing or liability as alleged, or which could be alleged, in the Litigation. Peco specifically denies that Representative Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members are entitled to any relief from Peco. Peco further asserts that neither the Representative Plaintiffs nor the Settlement Class Members have suffered harm and that the complications of managing a potential trial in this matter among other reasons would preclude class certification in the absence of

settlement. Nonetheless, without making any admission of wrongdoing whatsoever, Peco has concluded that further conduct of the Litigation would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that the Litigation be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement. Peco has also considered the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation. Peco has, therefore, determined that it is desirable and beneficial that the Litigation be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

IV. SETTLEMENT TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements, and releases set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, it is hereby agreed by and among Representative Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class Members, and Peco that, subject to the approval of the Court, the Litigation be forever resolved, settled, compromised, and dismissed with prejudice on the following terms and conditions:

1. Definitions

As used in the Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

- 1.1. “Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement” means this agreement.
- 1.2. “Approved Claims” means Settlement Claims in an amount approved by the Claims Administrator or found to be valid through the Dispute Resolution process.
- 1.3. “Claims Administration” means the notice provided to Settlement Class Members, along with the processing and payment of claims received from Settlement Class Members by the Claims Administrator.

1.4. “Claims Administrator” means Eisner Advisory Group LLC (“EAG”), a company experienced in administering class action settlements and claims generally and specifically those of the type provided for and made in data breach litigation, subject to approval by the Court.

1.5. “Claims Deadline” means the postmark deadline for valid claims pursuant to ¶ 2.7.2 which shall be 90 days after the Class Notice Date.

1.6. “Claim Form” means the form that the Settlement Class Members must complete and submit on or before the Claims Deadline in order to be eligible for the benefits described herein. The Claim Form shall require a sworn signature or electronic verification under penalty of perjury but shall not require a notarization. The Claim Form template is attached as **Exhibit A** to this Settlement Agreement.

1.7. “Class Notice Date” means thirty (30) days after entry by the Court of the Preliminary Approval Order.

1.8. “Court” means the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

1.9. “Data Breach” means the data breach that Peco announced in or around July 2024, during which an unknown actor accessed the PII of Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members.

1.10. “Dispute Resolution” means the process for resolving disputed Settlement Claims as set forth in this Agreement.

1.11. “Effective Date” means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 1.13 and ¶ 9.1 herein have occurred and been met.

1.12. “Final” means the occurrence of all of the following events: (i) the settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court; (ii) the Court has entered a Judgment (as that term is defined herein); and (iii) the time to appeal or seek permission to appeal from the Judgment has expired or, if appealed, the appeal has been dismissed in its entirety, or the

Judgment has been affirmed in its entirety by the court of last resort to which such appeal may be taken, and such dismissal or affirmance has become no longer subject to further appeal or review. Notwithstanding the above, any order modifying or reversing any attorney's fee award or service award made in this case shall not affect whether the Judgment is "Final" as defined herein or any other aspect of the Judgment.

1.13. "Judgment" means a Final Approval Order and Judgment rendered by the Court and in a form substantially similar to the one attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

1.14. "Litigation" means *Ryan, et al. v. Peco Foods Inc.*, Case No. 63-CV-2025-900067.00, pending in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

1.15. "Notice" means the written notice to be sent to or made available to the Settlement Class Members pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, including the Short Form Notice and the Long Form Notice.

1.16. "Notice and Administration Costs" means all actual costs associated with or arising from Claims Administration, including the costs of Notice.

1.17. "Notice Program" means the Claim notice program as explained in ¶ 3.2 herein.

1.18. "Objection Date" means the date by which objections to the settlement from Settlement Class Members must be filed with the Clerk of Court in order to be effective and timely and shall be sixty (60) days from the Class Notice Date.

1.19. "Opt-Out Date" means the date by which requests for exclusion from settlement must be postmarked in order to be effective and timely and shall be sixty (60) days after the Class Notice Date.

1.20. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed order preliminarily approving the settlement and directing mailed (and, where possible, emailed) notice to the Settlement Class

of the pendency of the Litigation and of the settlement. The Preliminary Approval Order template is attached as **Exhibit D** to this Settlement Agreement.

1.21. “Proposed Class Counsel” means James M. Terrell, Jonathan S. Mann, and Patrick A. Barthle II.

1.22. “Related Entities” means Peco’s past or present parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, related or affiliated individuals and entities, divisions, successors, predecessors (including companies they have acquired, purchased or absorbed), subcontractors, assigns and joint ventures, and each of their respective successors, predecessors, officers, partners, directors, owners, stockholders, servants, agents, shareholders, members, managers, principals, investment advisors, consultants, employees, representatives, attorneys, accountants, lenders, underwriters, benefits administrators, investors, funds, indemnities, insurers, and reinsurers, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by or through, or in concert with any of them, other than any individual who is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Data Breach or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.

1.23. “Released Claims” shall collectively mean any and all injuries, losses, damages, costs, expenses, compensation, claims, suits, rights, rights of set-off and recoupment, demands, actions, obligations, causes of action, and liabilities of any and every kind, nature, type, description, or character, whether known or unknown, contingent or vested, in law or in equity, based on direct or vicarious liability, and regardless of legal theory, of Representative Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member that were or could have been asserted (whether individually or on a class-wide basis) based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the Data Breach, alleged unauthorized access, theft, or misuse of Peco’s employees’ or other individuals’ PII, or the

allegations, facts, or circumstances related to the Data Breach as described in the Litigation including, without limitation, any causes of action for or under: state consumer protection statutes, including that of New York; the California Customer Records Act; the CCPA; the California Unfair Competition Law; the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act; the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act; the New York General Business Law; negligence; negligence per se; breach of contract; breach of implied contract; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of confidence; invasion of privacy; misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent or innocent); unjust enrichment; bailment; wantonness; failure to provide adequate notice pursuant to any breach notification statute or common law duty; any federal, state or local statutory or regulatory claims, including but not limited to, California's Consumer Privacy Act, the consumer protection laws and unfair and deceptive trade practice laws or other common laws or statutes of all fifty (50) states, U.S. territories, and the United States; and further including, but not limited to, any and all claims for damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, declaratory relief, equitable relief, attorney's fees and litigation costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit monitoring services, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, special damages, exemplary damages, restitution, the appointment of a receiver, and any other form of relief that either has been asserted, or could have been asserted, by Representative Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member against any of the Released Persons based on, relating to, concerning or arising out of the Data Breach, alleged theft or misuse of Peco's employees' or other individuals' PII or the allegations, facts, or circumstances related to the Data Breach. Released Claims shall include Unknown Claims as defined in ¶ 1.30. Released Claims shall not include the claims of Settlement Class Members who have timely excluded themselves from the Settlement Class. The Released Claims shall be accorded the broadest preclusive scope and effect permitted by law against the

Settlement Class Members and this definition of Released Claim is a material term of this Settlement Agreement.

1.24. “Released Persons” means Peco, the Related Entities and each of their past or present parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, related or affiliated individuals and entities, divisions, successors, predecessors (including companies they have acquired, purchased or absorbed), subcontractors, assigns and joint venturers, and each of their respective successors, predecessors, officers, partners, directors, owners, stockholders, servants, agents, shareholders, members, managers, principals, investment advisors, consultants, employees, representatives, attorneys, accountants, lenders, underwriters, benefits administrators, investors, funds, indemnities, insurers, and reinsurers, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by or through, or in concert with any of them.

1.25. “Representative Plaintiffs” means Plaintiffs Earnestine Ryan, Dorothy Benson, Michael Harrison, Allan Carson, Arthur Hughes, Crystal Hargrave, Jason Duncan, Felicia Patrick, and Anjessica Caldwell.

1.26. “Settlement Claim” means a claim for settlement benefits made under the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

1.27. “Settlement Class” means all individual U.S. residents whose PII was accessed and/or acquired in the Data Breach that is the subject of the Notice of Data Breach that Defendant sent to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members on or around July 24, 2024. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) the Judge presiding over the Litigation, any members of the Judges’ respective staffs, and immediate members of the Judges’ respective families; (2) officers, directors, members and shareholders of Peco; (3) persons who timely and validly request exclusion from and/or opt-out of the Settlement Class and the successors and assigns of any such excluded

persons; and (4) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity or occurrence of the Data Breach or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge. Peco represents that there are no such individuals known within Settlement Class. Peco represents that the Settlement Class includes 46,442 individuals.

1.28. “Settlement Class Member(s)” means an individual (or individuals) who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class.

1.29. “Settling Parties” means, collectively, Peco and Representative Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class.

1.30. “Unknown Claims” means any of the Released Claims that any Settlement Class Member, including any Representative Plaintiffs, does not know or suspect to exist as of the date of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order that, if known by any of them, might have affected their settlement with, and release of, the Released Persons, or might have affected their decision not to object to and/or to participate in this Settlement Agreement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date, Representative Plaintiffs expressly shall have, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, waived the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by California Civil Code § 1542, and also any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state, province, or territory of the United States (including, without limitation, Montana Code Ann. § 28-1-1602; North Dakota Cent. Code § 9-13-02; and South Dakota Codified Laws § 20-7-11), which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS
THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT

KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Settlement Class Members, including Representative Plaintiffs, and any of them, may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those that they, and any of them, now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Representative Plaintiffs expressly shall have, and each other Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, upon the Effective Date, fully, finally and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver is a material element of the Settlement Agreement of which this release is a part.

1.31. “United States” as used in this Settlement Agreement includes the District of Columbia and all territories of the United States.

2. Settlement Benefits

2.1. Settlement Fund. Within thirty (30) days of an order granting preliminary approval of the settlement, Peco will fund a non-reversionary cash settlement fund in the amount of \$950,000.00 for the benefit of Settlement Class Members (the “Settlement Fund”). As set forth below, the Settlement Fund will be used to pay for: (1) Credit Monitoring Services, (2) reimbursement for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses; (3) reimbursement for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time; (4) Residual Cash Payments; (5) Notice and Administration Costs; (6) service award payments approved by the Court; and (7) attorneys’ fees and expenses awarded by the Court.

2.2. Reimbursement for “Ordinary” Out-of-Pocket Losses. All Settlement Class Members may submit a claim for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses up to \$1,000.00 per individual. The Settlement Fund will be used to pay valid and timely submitted claims for each of the following categories:

2.2.1. “Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses” are unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures incurred by a Settlement Class Member in responding to notice of the Data Breach that were incurred between December 4, 2023, and the Claims Deadline. Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses may include, without limitation, the following: (1) costs associated with accessing or freezing/unfreezing credit reports with any credit-reporting agency; (2) other miscellaneous expenses incurred related to any Ordinary Out-of- Pocket Loss such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges; and (3) credit monitoring or other mitigative costs.

2.2.2. Settlement Class Members who elect to submit a claim for reimbursement of Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses must provide to the Claims Administrator the information required to evaluate the claim, including: (1) the Settlement Class Member’s name and current address; (2) documentation supporting the unreimbursed cost, loss, or expenditure; and (3) a brief description of the documentation describing the nature of the cost, loss, or expenditure, if the nature of the cost, loss, or expenditure is not apparent from the documentation alone. Documentation supporting Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses can include receipts or other documentation not “self-prepared” by the Settlement Class Member that documents the costs incurred. “Self-prepared” documents, such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or support to other submitted documentation.

2.3. Reimbursement for “Extraordinary” Losses and Attested Time. In addition to submitting a claim for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses, Settlement Class Members who believe they have suffered identity theft, fraud, or other extraordinary losses may submit a claim for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time up to \$5,000.00 per individual.

2.3.1. “Extraordinary Losses” are unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures incurred by a Settlement Class Member that are fairly traceable to the Data Breach, and are costs, losses, or expenditures that are not reimbursable as Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses. Extraordinary Losses may include, without limitation, the unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures incurred as a result of identity theft or identity fraud, falsified tax returns, or other possible misuse of the Settlement Class Member’s PII.

2.3.2. Settlement Class Members who elect to submit a claim for reimbursement of Extraordinary Losses must provide to the Claims Administrator the information required to evaluate the claim, including: (1) the Settlement Class Member’s name and current address; (2) documentation supporting the unreimbursed cost, loss, or expenditure; and (3) a brief description of the documentation describing the nature of the cost, loss, or expenditure, if the nature of the cost, loss, or expenditure is not apparent from the documentation alone. Documentation supporting Extraordinary Losses can include receipts or other documentation not “self-prepared” by the Settlement Class Member that documents the unreimbursed cost, loss, or expenditure incurred. “Self-prepared” documents such as handwritten receipts are, by themselves, insufficient to receive reimbursement, but can be considered to add clarity or support to other submitted documentation.

2.3.3. Extraordinary Losses will be deemed “fairly traceable” if (1) the timing of the unreimbursed cost, loss, or expenditure occurred on or after December 4, 2023; and (2) the PII

used to commit identity theft or fraud consisted of the same type of PII that was provided to Peco prior to the Data Breach.

2.3.4. Settlement Class Members with valid, documented Extraordinary Losses may also submit a claim for up to 10 hours of time spent remedying issues related to the Data Breach at a rate of \$40.00 per hour by providing an attestation and a brief description of: (1) the actions taken in response to the Data Breach; and (2) the time associated with each action (“Attested Time”). Reimbursement for Attested Time is included in the total of up to \$5,000.00 per person for Extraordinary Losses.

2.4. Settlement Class Members seeking out-of-pocket expense reimbursement must complete and submit either a hard copy or online Claim Form to the Claims Administrator, postmarked or electronically submitted on or before the Claims Deadline. The Claim Form must be verified by the Settlement Class Member with an attestation that the claimant believes that the unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures claimed were incurred as a result of the Data Breach.

2.5. Credit Monitoring Services. The Settlement Fund will be used to provide three (3) years of triple bureau credit monitoring (“Credit Monitoring Services”). Settlement Class Members must file a claim form that selects credit monitoring in order to obtain Credit Monitoring Services.

2.6. Pro Rata Decrease of Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time. If the aggregate amount of approved Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time exceeds the remaining amount of the Settlement Fund after payment of Approved Claims for Credit Monitoring Services, Notice and Administration Costs, service award payments approved by the Court, and attorneys’ fees and expenses awarded by the Court, approved Claims for Ordinary Out-

of-Pocket Losses and approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time will be decreased *pro rata* to consume the remaining amount of the Settlement Fund.

2.7. Residual Cash Payment. In addition to, or in the alternative to, making Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time, Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a cash payment, which may be up to \$550.00 on a claims-made basis. All Settlement Class Members with an approved claim will receive the Residual Cash Payment, if funds are available. The amount of the payment will be calculated by dividing the funds remaining in the Settlement Fund after payment of approved Claims for Credit Monitoring Services, approved Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses, approved Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time, Notice and Administration Costs, service award payments approved by the Court, and attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court by the number of Settlement Class Members with an approved claim, and thus could be less than \$550.00. The notice and claim forms will include the \$550.00 cap on Residual Cash Payment and may also include Class Counsel's good faith estimate of the likely Residual Cash Payment based on past experiences and anticipated claims rates. Plaintiffs' counsel may select the font, size, and emphasis for the \$550.00 cap and good faith estimate on the Residual Cash Payment and their placement within the notice and claim forms, subject to approval from Peco's counsel, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If any funds remain in the Settlement Fund after payment of Claims for Credit Monitoring Services, Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses, Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time, Notice and Administration Costs, service award payments approved by the Court, attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court, and payment of Claims for Residual Cash Payments, such funds will be disbursed to a *cy pres* recipient, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, or such other recipient as directed by the Court

2.8. The Claim Form.

2.8.1. The Claim Form must be verified by the Settlement Class Member with a statement that his or her claim is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief and is being made under penalty of perjury. Notarization shall not be required. The Settlement Class Member must reasonably attest that the out-of-pocket expenses and charges claimed were both actually incurred and plausibly arose from the Data Breach. Failure to provide supporting attestation and documentation as requested on the Claim Form and required under ¶¶ 2.2 or 2.3 shall result in denial of a claim. Disputes as to claims submitted under this paragraph are to be resolved pursuant to the provisions stated in ¶ 2.9.

2.8.2. To be valid, claims must be complete and submitted to the Claims Administrator on or before the Claims Deadline.

2.8.3. No payment shall be made for emotional distress, personal/bodily injury, or punitive damages, as all such amounts are not recoverable pursuant to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

2.8.4. Settlement Class Members who submit a Claim Form must designate the method for payment of their claim on the Claim Form, which will include the receipt of payment via check by mail, or via PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, or such other electronic payment platform deemed efficient and appropriate by Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator. Claim Forms failing to clearly make a single designation will receive a check by mail to the last known address on file with the Claims Administrator. In the event an electronic payment platform returns a payment to the Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will promptly mail a check to the Settlement Class Member's last known address on file with the Claims Administrator.

2.9. Business Practice Commitments. For a period of three (3) years following the execution of a formal settlement agreement, Peco commits to pay for, implement and continue certain data-security enhancements and business practices. Due to their confidential and sensitive nature, those enhancements and practices are not being publicly disclosed herein but have been shared with Proposed Class Counsel, who agree to maintain the confidentiality of that information.

Nothing in this provision prohibits Peco from changing vendors for the identified business practices so long as a comparable product/service is maintained. Peco agrees to provide a declaration detailing its business practice changes implemented after the Data Breach.

2.10. Dispute Resolution for Claims.

2.10.1. The Claims Administrator will determine whether: (1) the claimant is a Settlement Class Member based on information to be provided to the Claims Administrator by Peco's counsel; (2) the claimant has provided all information needed to complete the Claim Form, including any documentation that may be necessary to support the claimant's class membership and the expenses described in ¶¶ 2.2 and 2.3; and (3) the information submitted could lead a reasonable person to conclude that more likely than not the claimant has suffered the claimed unreimbursed cost, loss, or expenditure as a result of the Data Breach (collectively, "Facially Valid"). The Claims Administrator may, at any time, request from the claimant, via email or U.S. Mail, additional information ("Claim Supplementation") as the Claims Administrator may reasonably require in order to evaluate the claim, *e.g.*, documentation requested on the Claim Form, information regarding the claimed unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures, available insurance and the status of any claims made for insurance benefits, and claims previously made for identity theft and the resolution thereof.

2.10.2. Upon receipt of an incomplete or unsigned Claim Form or a Claim Form that is not accompanied by sufficient documentation to determine whether the claim is Facially Valid, the Claims Administrator shall request Claim Supplementation and give the claimant thirty (30) days to cure the defect before rejecting the claim. Requests for Claim Supplementation shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of such Claim Form or thirty (30) days from the Effective Date, whichever comes later. In the event of unusual circumstances interfering with compliance during the 30-day period, the claimant may request and, for good cause shown (illness, military service, out of the country, mail failures, lack of cooperation of third parties in possession of required information, etc.), shall be given a reasonable extension of the 30-day deadline in which to comply; however, in no event shall the deadline be extended to later than six months from the Effective Date. If the defect is not cured, then the claim will be deemed invalid and there shall be no obligation to pay the claim.

2.10.3. Following receipt of additional information requested as Claim Supplementation, the Claims Administrator shall have thirty (30) days to accept, in whole or lesser amount, or reject each claim. If, after review of the claim and all documentation submitted by the claimant, the Claims Administrator determines that such a claim is Facially Valid, then the claim shall be paid. If the claim is not Facially Valid because the claimant has not provided all information needed to complete the Claim Form and evaluate the claim, then the Claims Administrator shall reject the claim without any further action.

2.10.4. Settlement Class Members shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the offer to accept or reject any offer of partial payment received from the Claims Administrator. If a Settlement Class Member rejects an offer from the Claims Administrator, the Claims

Administrator shall have fifteen (15) days to reconsider its initial adjustment amount and make a final determination.

2.10.5. Within thirty (30) days of the Claims Deadline, the Claims Administrator shall provide the Settling Parties' counsel with a summary of Facially Valid Claims, stating the types of claims, the total approved claim amounts by claim type, and a description of the support provided for claims for reimbursement for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving such summary, one or more of the Settling Parties may object to any claim and instruct the Claims Administrator to withhold approval of said Facially Valid Claim so that the objecting party may seek review of said claim by a third-party Settlement Referee agreed upon by the Parties or appointed by the Court if no such agreement is reached and paid for by the objecting party.

2.11. Settlement Class Certification. The Settling Parties agree, for purposes of this settlement only, to the certification of the Settlement Class. If the settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court, or if the Settlement Agreement is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the terms of this Settlement Agreement, this Settlement Agreement, and the certification of the Settlement Class provided for herein, will be vacated and the Litigation shall proceed as though the Settlement Class had never been certified, without prejudice to any Settling Party's position on the issue of class certification or any other issue. The Settling Parties' agreement to the certification of the Settlement Class is also without prejudice to any position asserted by the Settling Parties in any other proceeding, case or action, as to which all of their rights are specifically preserved.

2.12. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by Settlement Class Members.

Information submitted by Settlement Class Members pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed confidential and protected as such by the Parties and the Claims Administrator.

3. Order of Preliminary Approval and Publishing of Notice of Final Fairness Hearing

3.1. As soon as practicable after the execution of the Settlement Agreement, Proposed Class Counsel shall submit this Settlement Agreement to the Court as part of an unopposed motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement. The motion for preliminary approval shall request entry of a Preliminary Approval Order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit D** or an order substantially similar, requesting, *inter alia*:

- a) conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only pursuant to ¶ 2.11;
- b) preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement as set forth herein;
- c) the scheduling of a Final Fairness Hearing and briefing schedule for a Motion For Final Approval and for a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Service Awards;
- d) appointment of Proposed Class Counsel as Class Counsel;
- e) appointment of Representative Plaintiffs as Class Representatives;
- f) approval of a customary form of short notice to be mailed (and, where possible, emailed) to Settlement Class Members with an attached "tear off" claim form with prepaid postage for those who wish to make claims that do not require documentation, *e.g.*, Claims for a Residual Cash Payment or Attested Time ("Short Form Notice"), in a form substantially similar to the one attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and a customary long-form notice ("Long Form Notice") in a form substantially similar to the one attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, which together shall include a fair summary of the Parties' respective litigation positions, the general terms of the settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement, instructions for how to object to or opt out of the settlement, the process and instructions for making claims to the extent contemplated herein, and the date, time and place of the Final Fairness Hearing;
- g) appointment of a Claims Administrator; and

- h) approval of a Claim Form substantially similar to that attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

The Notice and Claim Form shall be reviewed by the Claims Administrator and may be revised as agreed upon by the Settling Parties prior to such submission to the Court for approval.

3.2. The Notice Program. Within fourteen (14) days of an order directing class notice, Peco will provide to the Claims Administrator a class list that includes Settlement Class Members' full names and last known addresses as reflected in Peco's records. Notice shall be provided to Settlement Class Members in accordance with the Notice Program set forth below at ¶¶ 3.2.1 – 3.2.4. The Notice Program shall be subject to approval by the Court as meeting constitutional due process requirements. Prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, Proposed Class Counsel and/or the Claims Administrator shall cause to be filed with the Court an appropriate affidavit or declaration with respect to complying with the Notice Program.

3.2.1. *Short Form Notice*. On or before the Class Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall mail (and, where possible, email) the Short Form Notice, with an attached "tear off" claim form with prepaid postage for those who wish to make claims that do not require documentation, *e.g.*, Claims for Credit Monitoring Services, Residual Cash Payment and/or Attested Time, substantially in the form of **Exhibit B** hereto. The Claims Administrator shall mail a copy of the Short Form Notice via United States Postal Services ("USPS") first class mail to all Settlement Class Members for whom Peco can ascertain a mailing address from its records with reasonable effort. For any Short Form Notices that are returned undeliverable, the Claims Administrator shall use reasonable efforts to identify updated mailing addresses and resend the Short Form Notice to the extent updated addresses are identified. The Claims Administrator need make only one (1) attempt to resend any Short Form Notices that are returned as undeliverable.

The Claims Administrator shall email a copy of the Short Form Notice to all Settlement Class Members for whom Peco can ascertain an email address from its records with reasonable effort.

3.2.2. *Long Form Notice.* On or before the Class Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall post the Long Form Notice on the settlement website in the form agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court.

3.2.3. *Settlement Website.* Prior to the Class Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall establish a dedicated settlement website and shall maintain and update the website throughout the Claims Period, and shall post on the website the Long Form Notice and Claim Form approved by the Court, as well as this Settlement Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, the Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Service Awards, the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Final Approval Order and Judgment. The URL of the settlement website shall be agreed upon by Class Counsel and Peco. The settlement website shall remain operational until at least five (5) business days after the last payment or credit under this settlement is terminated.

3.2.4. *Toll-Free Help Line.* From the Class Notice Date and thereafter until at least five (5) Business Days after the last payment under this settlement is made or the settlement is terminated, the Claims Administrator shall establish and maintain a toll-free help line for Settlement Class Members to call with settlement-related inquiries, with the option to leave a message and request a call back, with such calls being returned within three (3) business days, and answering the questions of Settlement Class Members, to the extent possible, who call with or otherwise communicate such inquiries. The Claims Administrator also will provide copies of the forms of the Long Form Notice and Claim Form approved by the Court, as well as this Settlement Agreement, upon request.

3.3. The Long Form Notice, Short Form Notice and Claim Form approved by the Court may be adjusted by the Claims Administrator in consultation and agreement with the Settling Parties as may be reasonable and not inconsistent with such approval.

3.4. The Notice Program shall commence by the Class Notice Date and shall be completed within sixty (60) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

3.5. Proposed Class Counsel shall request that after notice is completed, the Court hold a hearing (the “Final Fairness Hearing”) and grant final approval of the settlement set forth herein.

4. Opt-Out Procedures

4.1. Each individual wishing to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class shall individually sign and timely submit written notice of such intent to the designated Post Office box established by the Claims Administrator. Individuals wishing to opt out of the Settlement Class will only be able to submit an opt-out request on their own behalf; mass or class opt-outs will not be permitted. The written notice must clearly manifest an individual’s intent to be excluded from the Settlement Class. To be effective, written notice must be postmarked by the Opt-Out Date. All opt-out requests sent to anyone other than the Claims Administrator, including requests previously sent to Proposed Class Counsel and/or Peco’s counsel, are ineffectual and shall be deemed null and void.

4.2. All individuals who submit valid and timely notices of their intent to be excluded from the Settlement Class, as set forth in ¶ 4.1 above, referred to herein as “Opt-Outs,” shall not receive any benefits of and/or be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement. All individuals falling within the definition of the Settlement Class who do not request to be excluded from the Settlement Class in the manner set forth in ¶ 4.1 above shall be bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Judgment entered thereon.

4.3. Within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Date, the Claims Administrator shall furnish to Proposed Class Counsel and Peco's counsel a complete list of all timely and valid requests for exclusion (the "Opt-Out List"). No later than 10 days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, Class Counsel shall file this Opt-Out List with the Court for purposes of being attached to the Judgment to be entered upon final approval.

5. Objection Procedures

5.1. Each Settlement Class Member desiring to object to the Settlement Agreement shall submit a timely written notice of his or her objection by the Objection Date. Such notice shall state: (i) the name or caption of this Litigation; (ii) the objector's full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (iii) information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is a member of the Settlement Class; (iv) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable; (v) the identity of all counsel representing the objector; (vi) a statement whether the objector and/or his or her counsel will appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; (vii) a statement identifying all class action settlements objected to by the objector in the previous 5 years; and (viii) the objector's signature and the signature of the objector's duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative, if any. To be timely, written notice of an objection in the appropriate form must be filed with the Court no later than the Objection Date. Objections must also be served concurrently with their filing upon Proposed Class Counsel and counsel for Peco either via the Court's electronic filing system (if filed electronically) or via U.S. mail at the addresses set forth below for Proposed Class Counsel and Peco's counsel in the signature blocks at the end of this Agreement.

5.2. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the requirements for objecting in ¶ 5.1 shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to appear separately and/or to object to the Settlement Agreement, and shall be bound by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders and judgments in the Litigation. The exclusive means for any challenge to the Settlement Agreement shall be through the provisions of ¶ 5.1. Without limiting the foregoing, any challenge to the Settlement Agreement, the final order approving this Settlement Agreement, or the Judgment to be entered upon final approval shall be pursuant to appeal under the Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure and not through a collateral attack.

5.3. The Parties will have the same right to seek discovery from any objecting Settlement Class Member as they would if the objector was a party in the Litigation, including the right to take the objector's deposition. Such discovery will be conducted on an expedited basis, and the objecting Settlement Class Member is required to respond to any written discovery within fourteen (14) days and must appear for deposition within fourteen (14) days after a deposition is noticed.

6. Release

6.1. Upon the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member, including Representative Plaintiffs, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, completely, fully, finally, irrevocably, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged Peco, the Related Entities and the Released Persons from all Released Claims. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Settlement Class Member, including Representative Plaintiffs, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or other person or entity, as a member of or on behalf of the general public or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or participating in any

recovery in any action, regulatory action, arbitration, or court or other proceeding in this or any other forum (other than participation in the settlement as provided herein) in which any Released Claim is asserted.

7. Proposed Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Expenses; Service Awards to Representative Plaintiffs

7.1. The Settling Parties did not discuss the payment of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and/or a service awards to Representative Plaintiffs, as provided for in ¶¶ 7.2 and 7.3, until after the substantive terms of the settlement had been agreed upon, other than that the Settlement Fund would be used to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation expenses and service awards to Representative Plaintiffs as may be agreed to by Peco and Proposed Class Counsel and/or as ordered by the Court, or, in the event of no agreement, then as ordered by the Court. Peco and Proposed Class Counsel have agreed to the following:

7.2. Peco will not object to or appeal an award of attorneys' fees to Proposed Class Counsel that does not exceed one-third (1/3) of the Settlement Fund plus reimbursement of Proposed Class Counsel's reasonable litigation costs and expenses, subject to Court approval. The Claims Administrator shall, from the Settlement Fund, pay any attorneys' fee and expenses award approved by the Court.

7.3. Peco will not object to or appeal a service award to each Representative Plaintiff that does not exceed \$2,500. The Claims Administrator shall, from the Settlement Fund, pay any service awards approved by the Court.

7.4. The Claims Administrator shall, from the Settlement Fund, pay the Court-approved amount of attorneys' fees and expenses to Proposed Class Counsel and the Court-approved service awards to Representative Plaintiffs within seven (7) days after the Effective Date. Any dispute concerning the allocation of such attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court as amongst

any Plaintiff's counsel shall be decided by Proposed Class Counsel in their sole discretion. Proposed Class Counsel shall provide payment instructions and completed W-9 Forms prior to the deadline for these payments and the Claims Administrator shall issue IRS Forms 1099-MISC to Representative Plaintiffs solely for the amount awarded by the Court for the Representative Plaintiffs' service awards. Neither Class Counsel nor counsel for Peco intend anything contained herein to constitute legal advice concerning the tax consequences of any amount paid hereunder nor shall it be relied on as such.

7.5. If this Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise does not become Final (e.g., disapproval by the Court or any appellate court), Peco shall have no obligation to pay attorneys' fees and litigation costs or expenses or service awards and shall only be required to pay costs and expenses related to notice and administration that were already incurred. Under no circumstances will Proposed Class Counsel or any Settlement Class Member be liable for any costs or expenses related to notice or administration.

7.6. The amount(s) of any award of attorneys' fees and expenses and service awards are intended to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the settlement. No order of the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any order of the Court, concerning the amount(s) of any attorneys' fees and expenses and/or any service awards ordered by the Court to Proposed Class Counsel or Representative Plaintiffs shall affect whether the Judgment is Final or constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of this Settlement Agreement.

8. Administration of Claims

8.1. The Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Settlement Class Members under ¶ 2. Proposed Class Counsel and Peco's counsel shall be given

reports as to both claims and distribution and have the right to review and obtain supporting documentation and challenge any such claim if they believe it to be inaccurate or inadequate. The Claims Administrator's final determination of the validity or invalidity of any claims shall be binding, subject to the dispute resolution process set forth in ¶ 2.9.

8.2. Payments for approved claims shall be sent to the claimants within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date or within thirty (30) days following conclusion of the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in ¶ 2.10, whichever is later. No approved claims shall be paid until after the Effective Date. If this Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise does not become Final (*e.g.*, disapproval by the Court or any appellate court) prior to the payment of approved claims, Peco shall have no obligation to pay such claims and shall only be required to pay costs and expenses related to notice and administration that were already incurred.

8.3. All Settlement Class Members who fail to timely submit a claim for any benefits hereunder within the time frames set forth herein, or such other period as may be ordered by the Court, or otherwise allowed, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments or benefits pursuant to the settlement set forth herein, but will in all other respects be subject to, and bound by, the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the releases contained herein and the Judgment.

8.4. No individual shall have any claim against the Claims Administrator, Peco, Proposed Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, and/or Peco's counsel based on distribution of benefits to Settlement Class Members.

8.5. The Parties, Proposed Class Counsel, and Peco's counsel shall not have any liability whatsoever with respect to (i) any act, omission or determination of the Claims Administrator, or any of its respective designees or agents, in connection with the Claims Administration or

otherwise; or (ii) the determination, rejection, administration, calculation or payment of any Claims.

9. Conditions of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation, or Termination

9.1. The Effective Date of the settlement shall be conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

- a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, as required by ¶ 3.1;
- b) the Court has entered the Judgment granting final approval to the settlement as set forth herein; and
- c) the Judgment has become Final, as defined in ¶ 1.13.

9.2. If all of the conditions specified in ¶ 9.1 hereof are not satisfied, the Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated subject to ¶ 9.3 unless Proposed Class Counsel and Peco's counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with the Settlement Agreement.

9.3. In the event that the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court or the settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, (i) the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Litigation as if the Agreement had never been entered into (and without prejudice to any of the Parties' respective positions on the issue of class certification or any other issue) and shall jointly request that all scheduled litigation deadlines be reasonably extended by the Court so as to avoid prejudice to any Settling Party, and (b) the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement shall be void and have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in the Litigation or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. Notwithstanding any statement in this Settlement Agreement to the contrary, including but not limited to ¶ 9.4, no order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order reducing

the amount of attorneys' fees and litigation costs or expenses and/or service awards shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Settlement Agreement. Further, notwithstanding any statement in this Settlement Agreement to the contrary, Peco shall be obligated to pay amounts already billed or incurred for costs of Notice and Claims Administration and shall not, at any time, seek recovery of same from any other party to the Litigation or from counsel to any other party to the Litigation.

9.4. This Settlement Agreement may be terminated and/or cancelled by any of the Parties if (i) the Court rejects, materially modifies, materially amends, or changes, or declines to preliminarily approve or finally approve the Settlement Agreement apart from the award of attorneys' fees and expenses; (ii) an appellate court reverses the Preliminary Approval Order and/or Judgment, and the Settlement Agreement is not reinstated and finally approved without material change by the Court on remand; or (iii) the Court or any reviewing appellate court incorporates material terms or provisions into, or deletes or strikes material terms or provisions from, or materially modifies, amends, or changes, the proposed Preliminary Approval Order, the Preliminary Approval Order, the proposed Judgment, the Judgment, or the Settlement Agreement, other than the amount of attorneys' fees and expenses.

10. Miscellaneous Provisions

10.1. The Settling Parties: (i) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this Settlement Agreement; (ii) agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement; (iii) and agree to exercise their commercially reasonable best efforts to accomplish the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

10.2. The Settling Parties intend this settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Litigation. The settlement compromises claims that are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Settling Party as to the merits of any claim or defense. The Settling Parties each agree that the settlement was negotiated in good faith by the Settling Parties, that it reflects a settlement that was reached voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel, and that for the purpose of construing or interpreting this Agreement, the Settling Parties agree that this Agreement is to be deemed to have been drafted equally by all Parties hereto and shall not be construed strictly for or against any Party. The Settling Parties reserve their right to rebut, in a manner that such party determines to be appropriate, any contention made in any public forum that the Litigation was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. It is agreed that neither Party shall have any liability to one another as it relates to the Litigation, except as set forth herein.

10.3. Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor the settlement terms contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement Agreement or the settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity or lack thereof of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of any of the Released Persons; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Released Persons in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. If this Agreement does not become effective or is cancelled, withdrawn, or terminated for any reason, the Agreement along with all related communications and documents exchanged in connection with the Agreement and mediation between the Parties shall be deemed a negotiation for settlement purposes only under Alabama Rule of Evidence 408 and will not be admissible in evidence or usable for any purposes

whatsoever in the Litigation or any proceedings between the Parties or in any other action related to the Released Claims or otherwise involving the Parties or any Released Person. Any of the Released Persons may file the Settlement Agreement and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them or any of them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

10.4. The terms of this Settlement Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-interest and approved by the Court; provided, however, that after enter of the Preliminary Approval order, the Parties may by written agreement, effect such amendments or modifications of this Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits hereto) without further notice to the Settlement Class or approval by the Court if such changes are consistent with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and do not materially alter, reduce, or limit the rights of Settlement Class Members under this Agreement.

10.5. The Settlement Agreement, together with the Exhibits attached hereto, constitute the entire agreement among the Parties hereto, and no representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning the Settlement Agreement other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such document. Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall bear its own costs. This agreement supersedes all previous agreements made between Plaintiffs and Peco related to the subject matter herein.

10.6. Proposed Class Counsel, on behalf of the Settlement Class, is expressly authorized by Representative Plaintiffs to take all appropriate actions required or permitted to be taken by the

Settlement Class pursuant to the Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms, and also are expressly authorized to enter into any modifications or amendments to the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Settlement Class which they deem appropriate in order to carry out the spirit of this Settlement Agreement and to ensure fairness to the Settlement Class.

10.7. The Parties understand that if the facts upon which this Agreement is based are found hereafter to be different from the facts now believed to be true, each Party expressly assumes the risk of such possible difference in facts, and agrees that this Agreement, including the release contained herein, shall remain effective notwithstanding such difference in facts. The Parties agree that in entering this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that each Party relies wholly upon his or her or its own judgment, belief, and knowledge and that each Party does not rely on inducements, promises, or representations made by anyone other than those embodied herein.

10.8. If any of the dates or deadlines specified herein falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the applicable date or deadline shall fall on the next business day. All reference to “days” in this Agreement shall refer to calendar days unless otherwise specified.

10.9. Before filing any motion in the Court raising a dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Parties, through their respective counsel, shall consult with each other in good faith prior to seeking Court intervention.

10.10. Each counsel or other individual executing the Settlement Agreement on behalf of any Party hereto hereby warrants that such individual has the full authority to do so.

10.11. The Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A complete set of executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court.

10.12. The Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.

10.13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and all parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in the Settlement Agreement.

10.14. The Settlement Agreement shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed, and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the state of Alabama, and the rights and obligations of the parties to the Settlement Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the state of Alabama.

10.15. The Final Fairness Hearing shall be scheduled no earlier than 75 days after the Class Notice Date.

10.16. As used herein, “he” means “he, she, or it;” “his” means “his, hers, or its,” and “him” means “him, her, or it.”

10.17. All dollar amounts are in United States dollars (USD).

10.18. Cashing a settlement check or accepting a payment (whether paper or electronic) is a condition precedent to any Settlement Class Member’s right to receive settlement benefits. All settlement checks and electronic payments shall be void sixty (60) days after issuance and the checks or emails containing the links to the electronic payments shall bear the language: “This check[/payment] must be cashed[/accepted] within 60 days, after which time it is void.” If a check or electronic payment becomes void, the Settlement Class Member shall have until six (6) months after the Effective Date to request re-issuance. If no request for re-issuance is made within this period, the Settlement Class Member will have failed to meet a condition precedent to recovery of

settlement benefits, the Settlement Class Member's right to receive monetary relief shall be extinguished, and the funds shall be disbursed to the *cy pres* recipient, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, or such other recipient as directed by the Court. The same provisions shall apply to any re-issued check or electronic payment. For any checks or electronic payments that are issued or re-issued for any reason more than one hundred eighty (180) days from the Effective Date, requests for re-issuance need not be honored after such checks or electronic payments become void.

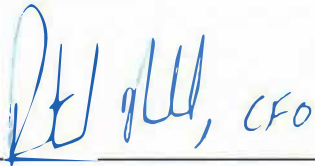
10.19. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Litigation relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement Agreement.

[Signature pages to follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Settlement Agreement to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys.

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Defendant Peco Foods, Inc.

/s/ _____
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Proposed Class Counsel

EXHIBIT A

**Your claim must
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Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc.
Case No. 63-CV-2025-900067
 Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

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SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Who is eligible to file a Claim? All Class Members may file a Claim. The court has defined the Class as: “all individuals residing in the United States whose PII was compromised in the Data Breach discovered by Peco Foods Inc. in December 2023, including all those individuals who received notice of the breach.”

Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) the Judge(s) assigned to the Action and their immediate family, and Court staff; (b) officers, directors, members and shareholders of Peco; (c) persons who timely and validly request exclusion from and/or opt-out of the Settlement Class and the successors and assigns of any such excluded persons; and (d) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting the criminal activity or occurrence of the Data Breach or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge..

COMPLETE THIS CLAIM FORM IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER AND WISH TO RECEIVE ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT BENEFITS.

AVAILABLE BENEFITS

Peco Food Inc. (“Peco”), will pay for four benefits. You are not limited to one benefit. You may file a Claim for each benefit that you qualify for.

BENEFITS

Credit Monitoring Services. All Class Members are eligible to receive three (3) years of Credit Monitoring Services, and includes the following features:

- (1) real time monitoring of the credit file at three bureaus;
- (2) dark web scanning with immediate notification of potential unauthorized use;
- (3) comprehensive public record monitoring; and
- (4) access to fraud resolution agents to help investigate and resolve instances of identity theft.

Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses. If you incurred actual, documented out-of-pocket losses due to the Data Breach, you may file a Claim for reimbursement. The maximum amount of this reimbursement is \$1,000.00.

You must provide documentation and an attestation under penalty of perjury related to the Data Breach.

This benefit covers out-of-pocket expenses like:

- (1) costs associated with accessing or freezing/unfreezing credit reports with any credit-reporting agency;
- (2) other miscellaneous expenses incurred related to any Ordinary Out-of- Pocket Loss such as notary, fax, postage, copying, mileage, and long-distance telephone charges; and
- (3) credit monitoring or other mitigative costs.

Questions? Call 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX Toll-Free or Visit [www.\[SettlementWebsite\].com](http://www.[SettlementWebsite].com)

**Your claim must
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online or
postmarked by:
[DEADLINE]**

Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc.
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SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time. If you incurred actual, documented out-of-pocket losses due to the Data Breach, you may file a Claim for reimbursement. The maximum amount of this reimbursement is \$5,000.00.

You must provide documentation and an attestation under penalty of perjury related to the Data Breach.

This benefit covers out-of-pocket expenses like:

- (1) the unreimbursed costs, losses, or expenditures incurred as a result of identity theft or identity fraud, falsified tax returns, or other possible misuse of the Settlement Class Member's PII.

You must submit documentation, such as receipts, to verify the costs you incurred. You may submit "self-prepared" documents to clarify or support other submitted documentation, but self-prepared documents by themselves are not sufficient to file a valid claim.

Settlement Class Members with valid, documented Extraordinary Losses may also submit a claim for up to 10 hours of time spent remediating issues related to the Data Breach at a rate of \$40.00 per hour by providing an attestation and a brief description of: (1) the actions taken in response to the Data Breach; and (2) the time associated with each action ("Attested Time"). Reimbursement for Attested Time is included in the total of up to \$5,000.00 per person for Extraordinary Losses.

Residual Cash Payment. In addition to, or in the alternative to, making Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time, Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a cash payment, estimated to be \$xxx.xx, but no more than \$550.00 on a claims-made basis.

THE EASIEST WAY TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIMS IS ONLINE AT
www.[SettlementWebsite].com

You may also print out and complete this Claim Form, and submit it by U.S. mail to:

Peco Data Settlement
[PO Box Address]

The deadline to submit a Claim Form online or by email is **[Claims Deadline]**. If you are mailing your Claim Form, it must be mailed with a postmark date no later than **[Claims Deadline]**.

Questions? Call 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX Toll-Free or Visit **www.[SettlementWebsite].com**

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SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

I. CLASS MEMBER NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide your name and contact information below. You must notify the Settlement Administrator if your contact information changes after you submit this Claim Form. All fields are required.

First Name	Last Name
Street Address	
City	State
Email Address	Phone Number
Claim ID (if known)	

II. CREDIT MONITORING SERVICES

☐ Check this box if you would like to receive three (3) years of triple bureau credit monitoring.

III. ORDINARY OUT-OF-POCKET LOSSES

☐ Check this box if you are claiming reimbursement for **documented** “ordinary” out-of-pocket losses that were incurred as a result of the Data Breach. **You must submit supporting documentation.** You may submit “self-prepared” documents to add clarify or support other submitted documentation, but self-prepared documents by themselves are **not sufficient**.

The maximum amount for this reimbursement is \$1,000.00 per Class Member.

Please complete this table, describing the supporting documentation you are submitting.

<i>Description of Documentation Provided</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Example: Overdraft fees</i>	<i>\$40</i>
TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET LOSSES:	

Questions? Call 1-**XXX-XXX-XXXX** Toll-Free or Visit **www.[SettlementWebsite].com**

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IV. EXTRAORDINARY LOSSES AND ATTESTED TIME

- ☐ Check this box if you are claiming reimbursement for **documented** “extraordinary” out-of-pocket losses that were incurred as a result of the Data Breach. **You must submit supporting documentation.** You may submit “self-prepared” documents to add clarify or support other submitted documentation, but self-prepared documents by themselves are **not sufficient**.

The maximum amount for this reimbursement is \$5,000.00 per Class Member.

Please complete this table, describing the supporting documentation you are submitting.

<i>Description of Documentation Provided</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Example: Identity Theft Damages</i>	<i>\$250</i>
TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET LOSSES:	

If you have more expenses than rows, you may attach additional sheets of paper to account for them. Please print your name and sign the bottom of each additional sheet of paper.

- ☐ Check this box if you are claiming reimbursement for Attested Time spent remediating issues related to the Data Breach. You claim up to 10 hours at a rate of \$40 per hour by providing: (1) the actions taken in response to the Data Breach; and (2) the time associated with each action.

<i>Description of action taken</i>	<i>Hours</i>
<i>Example: Completing forms to dispute items on credit report</i>	<i>2</i>
TOTAL HOURS:	

- ☐ By checking this box I attest that the hours claimed are true and correct to best of knowledge.

Questions? Call 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX Toll-Free or Visit [www.\[SettlementWebsite\].com](http://www.SettlementWebsite.com)

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SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

V. RESIDUAL CASH PAYMENT

- ☐ Check this box if you are claiming a residual cash payment. All Settlement Class Member may elect to receive a Residual Cash Payment. Payments will be calculated by dividing the remaining funds, after payment of Credit Monitoring Services, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Settlement Administration Costs, Service Awards, and attorneys' fees and costs approved by the Court. Residual cash payments may be up to \$550.00.

VI. ATTESTATION & SIGNATURE

I swear and affirm that the information provided in this Claim Form, and any supporting documentation provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my Claim is subject to verification and that I may be asked to provide supplemental information by the Claims Administrator before my Claim is considered complete and valid.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

EXHIBIT B

Why am I receiving this notice? A proposed settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Peco Foods Inc. (“Peco” or “Defendant”) related to a Data Breach that occurred on or around December 4, 2023 (“Data Breach”), during which unauthorized parties may have accessed personal information. The case is titled Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc., Case No. 63-CV-2025-900067 (Cir. Ct. Tuscaloosa Cnty., Ala.). Peco denies all allegations and any wrongdoing. The settlement is not an admission of liability.

Am I included? The Settlement Class includes all individual U.S. residents whose PII was accessed and/or acquired in the Data Breach that is the subject of the Notice of Data Breach that Defendant sent to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members on or around July 24, 2024

What are the Settlement benefits? You may submit a Claim Form to request: (a) reimbursement for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses up to \$1,000 and (b) Reimbursement for Extraordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and time spent (max 10 hours at \$40 per hour) up to \$5,000 in total and (c) a Residual Cash Payment and (d) three years of Credit Monitoring Service. Requirements and instructions may be found at www.SettlementWebsite.com.

How do I receive a benefit? To claim a Residual Cash Payment and the Credit Monitoring Services, simply complete the attached Claim Form, tear at perforation, and return by U.S. Mail. Postage is already paid. To submit a Claim for Out-of-Expenses, visit www.SettlementWebsite.com or call 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX. Claims must be submitted online or postmarked by [DATE].

What are my other options? If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by [DATE] or you will not be able to sue Peco for the claims made in this lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get benefits from this Settlement. If you want to object to the Settlement, you may file an objection by [DATE]. The Settlement Agreement, available at www.SettlementWebsite.com, explains how to object or exclude yourself.

Has the Court Approved the Settlement? No. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on [Date], at [Time], to determine whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and to consider Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses (including up to \$316,666.67 in attorneys’ fees and up to \$30,000 in expenses) and Service Awards (\$2,500 each) to the Settlement Class Representatives. Class Counsel’s Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses will be available on the Settlement Website after it is filed with the Court. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. You may attend the hearing at your own cost, but you do not have to.

How do I get more information? This notice is only a summary. For additional information, please visit www.SettlementWebsite.com or call toll-free 1-XXX-XXX-XXX. You may also write to the Claims Administrator at Peco Claims Administrator, P.O. Box XXX, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

THIS NOTICE IS ONLY A SUMMARY. VISIT www.SettlementWebsite.com FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.

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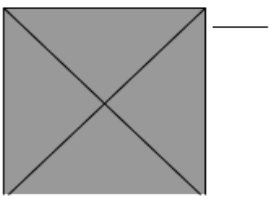


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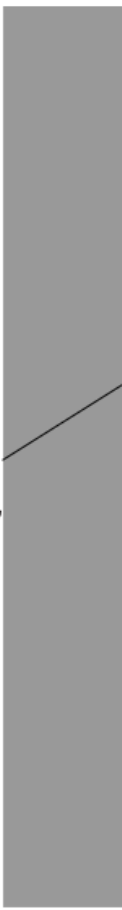
**If You Were Subject to the Peco Foods
Inc. Data Breach and Previously
Received a Notice Letter Regarding
the Data Breach, You Could be
Entitled to Benefits from a Class
Action Settlement.**

This notice is only a summary of the key Settlement terms. A full copy of the Settlement Agreement and Long Form Notice is available on the Settlement Website at www.SettlementWebsite.com or by calling 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

*A court has authorized this Notice.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.
You are not being sued.*



ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



SETTLEMENT CLAIM ID: [claim Id]
[FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME]
[ADDRESS1]
[ADDRESS2]
[CITY] [STATE] [ZIP]

Peco Foods Data Settlement

«First1» «Last1»
«Addr1» «Addr2»
«City», «St» «Zip»

Complete this Claim Form, tear at perforation, and return
by U.S. Mail no later than **DEADLINE!**.

Claim ID: «ClaimID»

Only one Claim Form per Class Member.

☐

Check this box if you would like to receive three years of Credit Monitoring and Insurance Services.

☐

Check this box if you would like to receive a Residual Cash Payment estimated to be \$xxx, but no more than \$550.

☐

Check this box to affirm that the above information is true and correct **(REQUIRED)**.

If you wish to make a claim for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses up to \$1,000 or Extraordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses up to \$5,000, you must either file a Claim online at www.SettlementWebsite.com or print the full Claim Form found on the Settlement Website and submit the Claim via mail. This is because of the need to submit supporting documentation for this Claim.

How would you like to be paid:

Check one: ☐ PayPal ☐ Venmo ☐ Zelle ☐ Virtual Prepaid Card ☐ Check (sent to above address)

Your email address or phone number **(REQUIRED)**: _____

*Please provide the email address associated with your PayPal, Venmo or Zelle account, or an email address for the Virtual Prepaid card.

You must notify the Claims Administrator if your contact information is different from what is shown above, or of changes after you submit this form.

EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
CIRCUIT COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA, CASE NO. 63-CV-2025-900067

Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc.

A court has authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

If You Were Subject to the Peco Foods Inc. Data Breach and Previously Received a Notice Letter Regarding the Data Breach, You Could be Entitled to Benefits from a Class Action Settlement.

- A \$950,000.00 (“Settlement Fund”) settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Peco Foods Inc. (“Peco” or “Defendant”) related to a Data Breach.
- The lawsuit concerns a Data Breach that occurred on or around December 4, 2023 (“Data Breach”) involving Peco in which an unauthorized third-party accessed the Personal Identifiable Information (“PII”) of Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members. Defendant denies any wrongdoing and denies that it has any liability, but it has agreed to settle the lawsuit on a classwide basis.
- To be eligible to make a Claim, you must be an individual U.S. resident whose PII was accessed and/or acquired in the Data Breach that is the subject of the Notice of Data Breach that Defendant sent to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members on or around July 24, 2024.
- Settlement Class Members will be eligible to receive a Residual Cash Payment and Credit Monitoring Services and may eligible to claim both “Ordinary” Out-of-Pocket Losses, or “Extraordinary” Losses and Attested Time.
- These benefits are as follows:
 - **Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses:** Reimbursement for unreimbursed losses or expenses up to \$1,000.00 per person, requiring an attestation and supporting documentation;
 - **Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time:** Reimbursement for unreimbursed losses or expenses up to \$5,000.00 per person, requiring an attestation and supporting documentation. Settlement Class Members with valid, documented Extraordinary Losses may also submit a claim for up to 10 hours of time spent remediating issues related to the Data Breach at a rate of \$40.00 per hour;

In addition to or in the alternative to

- **Residual Cash Payment:** All Settlement Class Member may elect to receive a Residual Cash Payment, which may be up to \$550. These Cash Payments will be calculated by dividing the remaining funds, after payment of Credit Monitoring Services, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Claims Administration costs, Service Awards, and attorneys’ fees and costs approved by the Court, and thus may be less than \$550.
- **Credit Monitoring Services:** A Settlement Class Member may also elect to submit a claim for three years of triple bureau credit monitoring. Settlement Class Members must file a claim form

that selects Credit Monitoring Services to obtain this benefit.

- **Please read this notice carefully. Your legal rights will be affected, and you have a choice to make at this time.**

	Summary of Legal Rights
Submit a Claim Form By: [Date]	The only way to receive a Residual Cash Payment, Credit Monitoring, Ordinary Out of Pock Losses and Extraordinary Out of Pocket Losses.
Exclude Yourself By Opting-Out of the Class By: [Date]	Receive no benefits. This is the only option that allows you to keep your right to bring any other lawsuit against Defendant for the same claims if you are a Settlement Class Member.
Object to the Settlement and/or Attend the Final Approval Hearing By: [Date]	You can write to the Court about why you agree or disagree with the Settlement. The Court cannot order a different Settlement. You can also ask to speak to the Court at the Final Approval Hearing on [REDACTED], 2026 about the fairness of the Settlement, with or without your own attorney.
Do Nothing No Deadline	Receive no benefits. You give up rights if you are a Settlement Class Member.

- Your rights and options as a Settlement Class Member – and the deadlines to exercise your rights – are explained in this notice.
- The Court still will have to decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments to Class Members will be made if the Court approves the Settlement and after any possible appeals are resolved.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why is there a notice?

The Court authorized this notice because you have a right to know about the Settlement, and all of your options, before the Court decides whether to give “final approval” to the Settlement. This notice explains the nature of the lawsuit that is the subject of the Settlement, the general terms of the Settlement, and your legal rights and options.

The Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, is overseeing this case captioned as *Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc.*, Case No. 63-CV-2025-900067. The people who brought the lawsuit are called the Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs are Earnestine Ryan, Dorothy Benson, Michael Harrison, Allan Carson, Arthur Hughes, Crystal Hargrave, Jason Duncan, Felicia Patrick, and Anjessica Caldwell. The entity being sued, Peco Foods Inc., is called the Defendant.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit concerns a Data Breach that occurred on or around December 4, 2023 involving Peco Foods Inc. (“Peco” or “Defendant”) in which an unauthorized third-party accessed the Personal Identifiable Information (“PII”) of Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members.

Defendant denies these claims, including denying that it did anything wrong and denying that the Incident caused any harm to any Representative Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members whose personal data may have been accessed or acquired in that incident. No court or other judicial entity has made any judgment, finding, or other determination that Defendant has any liability for these claims or did anything wrong.

3. Why is this lawsuit a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives or representative plaintiffs sue on behalf of all people who have similar claims. Together, all of these people are called a class, and the individuals are called class members. One court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who opt-out of the Settlement.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of the Plaintiffs or Defendant. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement. The Settlement avoids the cost and risk of a trial and related appeals, while providing benefits to members of the Settlement Class. The Class Representatives appointed to represent the Settlement Class and the attorneys for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel,” see Question 18) think the Settlement is best for all Settlement Class Members.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT?

5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

You are affected by the Settlement and potentially a Settlement Class Member if you reside in the United States and received written notice from the Defendant that your PII may have been compromised in the Data Breach.

Only Settlement Class Members are eligible to receive benefits under the Settlement. Specifically

excluded from the Settlement Class are (1) the Judge presiding over the Litigation, any members of the Judges' respective staffs, and immediate members of the Judges' respective families; (2) officers, directors, members and shareholders of Peco; (3) persons who timely and validly request exclusion from and/or opt-out of the Settlement Class and the successors and assigns of any such excluded persons; and (4) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting the criminal activity or occurrence of the Data Breach or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.

6. What if I am not sure whether I am included in the Settlement?

If you are not sure whether you are included in the Settlement, you may call 1-###-###-#### with questions. You may also write with questions to:

Settlement Administrator
address
address
www.-----.com

THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BENEFITS – WHAT YOU GET IF YOU QUALIFY

7. What does the Settlement provide?

The Settlement provides that Defendants will pay \$950,000.00 for the following: (a) Reimbursement for "Ordinary" Out-of-Pocket Losses, which compensates Settlement Class Members up to \$1,000.00 for unreimbursed losses; (b) Reimbursement for "Extraordinary" Losses and Attested Time, which compensates Settlement Class Members up to \$5,000.00 for unreimbursed losses related to identity theft, fraud, or other extraordinary losses, (c) three years of Credit Monitoring; (d) Residual Cash Payment to all Settlement Class Members who submit a Valid Claim; (e) all Claims Administration costs; (f) any attorneys' fees and cost awarded by the Court to Class Counsel; and (g) any Service Awards awarded by the Court to the Class Representatives.

The Cash Payments will be dispersed after the distribution of attorneys' fees, Class Counsel's litigation costs, Service Awards, Claims Administration costs, and the cost of Credit Monitoring. For purposes of calculating the amount of the increase or decrease to the Cash Payments, the Claims Administrator must distribute the funds in the Net Settlement Fund first for payment of Credit Monitoring and then for Cash Payments. Any *pro rata* increases or decreases to Cash Payments will be on an equal percentage basis.

In the unexpected event the value of the Credit Monitoring on its own exhausts the amount of the Net Settlement Fund, the length of the Credit Monitoring provided will be reduced as necessary to bring the cost within the Net Settlement Fund. Payment of (1) attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses (see Question 19) and (2) the costs of notifying the Settlement Class and administering the Settlement will also be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

8. What benefits are available under the Settlement?

Settlement Class Members who submit a valid Claim are eligible to receive:

"Ordinary" Out-of-Pocket Loss Payment: Class Members may be reimbursed for actual,

documented, unreimbursed losses resulting from the Data Breach Incident (up to \$1,000.00 in total) that were incurred on or after December 4, 2023. To receive an “Ordinary” Out-of-Pocket Loss Payment, a Class Member must: (i) submit a valid Claim Form electing to receive the “Ordinary” Out-of-Pocket Loss Payment benefit; (ii) provide an attestation, under penalty of perjury, that the claimed loss is actual and unreimbursed; and (iii) provide Reasonable Documentation that demonstrates the Documented Loss to be reimbursed pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

Examples of documented, unreimbursed losses may include:

- any costs incurred from credit monitoring services or ordering copies of your credit report;
- late fees, declined payment fees, overdraft fees, returned check fees, customer service fees, and/or card cancellation or replacement fees;
- late fees from transactions with third parties that were delayed due to fraud or card replacement;
- unauthorized charges on credit, debit, or other payment cards that were not reimbursed;
- parking expenses or other transportation expenses for trips to a financial institution to address fraudulent charges or receive a replacement payment card;
- costs incurred obtaining credit freezes;
- long distance phone charges, cell phone charges (only if charged by the minute), data charges (only if charged based on the amount of data used); and
- postage or gasoline for local travel.

“Extraordinary” Loss and Attested Time Payment: Class Members may be reimbursed for actual, documented, unreimbursed losses resulting from the Data Breach (up to \$5,000.00 in total) that were incurred on or after December 4, 2023. To receive an “Extraordinary” Loss payment, a Class Member must: (i) submit a valid Claim Form electing to receive the “Extraordinary” Out-of-Pocket Loss Payment benefit; (ii) provide an attestation, under penalty of perjury, that the claimed loss is actual and unreimbursed; and (iii) provide Reasonable Documentation that demonstrates the Documented Loss to be reimbursed pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

- expenses that are reasonably attributable to the Data Breach that were not reimbursed; and
- any costs incurred from actual, documented and unreimbursed monetary loss due to fraud or identity theft not already covered by one or more of the prior loss categories that the Settlement Class Member made reasonable efforts to avoid or seek reimbursement for, including but not limited to exhaustion of all available credit monitoring assistance and identity theft insurance.

Settlement Class Members with valid, documented Extraordinary Losses may also submit a claim for up to 10 hours of time spent remedying issues related to the Data Breach at a rate of \$40.00 per hour by providing an attestation and a brief description of: (1) the actions taken in response to the Data Breach; and (2) the time associated with each action (“Attested Time”). Reimbursement for Attested Time is included in the total of up to \$5,000.00 per person for Extraordinary Losses.

Credit Monitoring Services: Class Members may elect to receive (3) three years of triple bureau credit monitoring credit monitoring. Settlement Class Members must file a claim form that selects credit monitoring in order to obtain Credit Monitoring Services.

Residual Cash Payment: In addition to, or in the alternative to, making Claims for Ordinary Out-of-Pocket Losses and/or Claims for Extraordinary Losses and Attested Time, Settlement Class Members may elect to receive a cash payment, which may be up to \$550.00 on a claims-made basis.

The amount of the payment will be calculated by dividing the remaining funds, after payment of Credit Monitoring Services, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Claims Administration costs, Service Awards, and attorneys' fees and costs approved by the Court and therefore may be less than \$550.00.

HOW DO YOU SUBMIT A CLAIM?

9. How do I get a benefit?

To receive a Settlement Class Member benefit under the Settlement, you must complete and submit a Claim for that benefit ("Claim"). Every Claim must be made on a form ("Claim Form") available at www.-----.com or by calling 1-###-###-####. Claim Forms will also be sent to Settlement Class Members as part of the Postcard Notice and tear-off Claim Form that will be mailed, and by email for Settlement Class Members with available email addresses. Read the instructions carefully, complete the Claim Form, provide the required documentation, and submit it according to the instructions on the Claim Form.

10. How will Claims be decided?

The Claims Administrator, [REDACTED], will decide whether and to what extent any Claim made on each Claim Form is valid. The Claims Administrator may require additional information. If you do not provide the additional information in a timely manner, then the Claim will be considered invalid and will not be paid.

11. When will I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on [REDACTED], 2026 at [REDACTED].m. EST to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there may be appeals from that decision and resolving those can take time, perhaps more than a year. It also takes time for all the Claim Forms to be processed. Please be patient.

WHAT DOES DEFENDANT GET?

12. What am I giving up as part of the Settlement?

The Defendant gets a release from all claims covered by this Settlement. Thus, if the Settlement becomes final and you do not opt-out of the Settlement, you will be a Settlement Class Member and you will give up your right to sue Defendant and others ("Released Parties") as to all claims ("Released Claims") arising out of or relating to the Data Breach. This release is described in the Settlement Agreement, which is available at www.-----.com. If you have any questions you can talk to the law firms listed in Question 18 for free or you can talk to your own lawyer at your own expense.

OPTING-OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT

If you do not want to be part of this Settlement, then you must take steps to opt-out of the Settlement Class. This is sometimes referred to as "opting-out" of the Settlement Class.

13. If I exclude myself, can I get a payment from this Settlement?

No. If you opt-out, you will not be entitled to receive any benefits from the Settlement, but you will not be bound by any judgment in this case.

14. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue Defendant for the same thing later?

No. Unless you opt-out, you give up any right to sue Defendant (and any other Released Parties) for the claims that this Settlement resolves. You must exclude yourself from the Settlement Class to start your own lawsuit or to be part of any different lawsuit relating to the claims in this case. If you want to exclude yourself, do not submit a Claim Form to ask for any benefit under the Settlement.

15. How do I Opt-Out of the Settlement?

To opt-out, send a letter that says you want to be excluded, or opt-out, from the Settlement in *Ryan, et al., v. Peco Foods Inc.*, Case No. 63-CV-2025-900067 (Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama). The letter must: (a) state your full name, address, and telephone number; (b) contain your personal and original signature or the original signature of a person authorized by law to act on your behalf; and (c) state unequivocally your intent to be excluded from the Settlement. You must mail your opt-out request postmarked by [REDACTED], 2026, to:

Settlement Administrator

Attn: Exclusion Request

[REDACTED] address

[REDACTED] address

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

16. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the Settlement?

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or some part of it by objecting to the Settlement. The Court will consider your views in its decision on whether to approve the Settlement. The Court can only approve or deny the Settlement and cannot change its terms. To object, you must submit a timely written notice of an objection in the appropriate form. It must be filed with or submitted to the Clerk of the Court, on or before [Month, Date], 2026. Objections must also be served concurrently with their filing upon Proposed Class Counsel and counsel for Peco. The address for the Clerk of Court is Circuit Court Clerk of Tuscaloosa County, 714 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL, 35401.

Your objection must be written and must include all of the following: (i) the name or caption of this Litigation; (ii) the objector's full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (iii) information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is a member of the Settlement Class; (iv) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable; (v) the identity of all counsel representing the objector; (vi) a statement whether the objector and/or his or her counsel will appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; (vii) a statement identifying all class action settlements objected to by the objector in the previous 5 years; and (viii) the objector's signature and the signature of the objector's duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative, if any.

Clerk of the Court	Class Counsel
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Tuscaloosa County Circuit Clerk, Circuit Court for Tuscaloosa County, State of Alabama 714 Greensboro Ave. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401	Jonathan S. Mann PITTMAN, DUTTON, HELSUMS, BRADLEY & MANN, P.C. 2001 Park Place North, Suite 1100 Birmingham, AL 35203 Telephone: (205) 322-8880 James M. Terrell METHVIN, TERRELL, YANCEY, STEPHENS & MILLER, P.C. 2201 Arlington Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35205 Telephone: (205) 939-0199 Patrick A. Barthle II MORGAN & MORGAN COMPLEX LITIGATION GROUP 201 n. Franklin Street, 7th Floor Tampa, FL 33602 Telephone: (813) 229-4023
Defendant's Counsel	Claims Administrator
H. Nellie Fitzpatrick CIPRIANI & WERNER P.C. 450 Sentry Parkway, Suite 200 Blue Bell, PA 19422 Telephone: (610) 567-0700 Joseph R. Duncan Jr. CLARK, MAY, PRICE, LAWLEY, DUNCAN & PAUL, LLC. 3070 Green Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35243 Telephone: (205) 267-6601	Settlement Administrator Attn: Exclusion Request address address

17. What is the difference between objecting and asking to be excluded?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like the Settlement and why you do not think it should be approved. You can object only if you are a Settlement Class Member. Opting-out is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class and do not want to receive any of the Settlement Class Member benefits from the Settlement. If you opt-out, then you have no basis to object because you are no longer a member of the Settlement Class and the case no longer affects you. If you submit both a valid objection and a valid request to be excluded, you will be deemed to have only submitted the request to be excluded.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

18. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Yes. The Court appointed Jonathan S. Mann of Pittman, Dutton, Hellums, Bradley & Mann, P.C., James M. Terrell of Methvin, Terrell, Yancey, Stephens & Miller, P.C., and Patrick A. Barthle II of Morgan & Morgan Complex Litigation Group as Class Counsel to represent the Class. Their contact information is listed above in Question 16.

If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, then you may hire one at your own expense.

19. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will ask the Court for an award for attorneys' fees up to 33.33% of the Settlement Fund (up to **\$316,666.67**), plus reasonable costs (up to \$30,000.00). This payment for any attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel will be made out of the Settlement Fund. Any such award would compensate Class Counsel for investigating the facts, litigating the case, and negotiating the Settlement and will be the only payment to them for their efforts in achieving this Settlement and for their risk in undertaking this representation on a wholly contingent basis.

Any award for attorneys' fees and costs for Class Counsel must be approved by the Court. The Court may award less than the amount requested. Class Counsel's Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement will be filed no later than , 2026, which will include their application for attorneys' fees and costs. The Motion for Final Approval will be posted on the Settlement Website.

Class Counsel will also request approval of a service award of \$2,500 for each of the Class Representatives.

THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING**20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?**

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing at m. ET on , 2026, at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, **xxxxxxx**, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, or by remote or virtual means as ordered by the Court. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are timely and valid objections, then the Court will consider them and will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing if such a request has been properly made. The Court will also rule on the request for an award of attorneys' fees, reasonable costs and expenses, and any service awards. After the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know how long these decisions will take. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so Class Counsel recommends checking **www.-----.com** or calling **1-###-###-####**.

21. Do I have to attend the hearing?

No. Class Counsel will present the Settlement to the Court. You or your own lawyer are welcome to attend at your expense, but you are not required to do so. If you send an objection, you do not have to visit the Court to talk about it. As long as you filed your written objection on time with the Court and mailed it according to the instructions provided in Question 16, the Court will consider it.

22. May I speak at the hearing?

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. To do so, you must file an objection according to the instructions in Question 16, including all the information required. Your objection must be **filed** with or submitted to the Clerk of the Court and/or Class Counsel and/or Defense Counsel, no later than [REDACTED], 2025. See Question 16 for further details on the requirements for submitting an objection to the Settlement.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

23. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not receive any benefits from this Settlement. If the Settlement is granted Final Approval and the judgment becomes final, then you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the other Released Parties based on any of the Released Claims related to the Data Breach, ever again.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

24. How do I get more information?

This notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement itself. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is available at [www.\[REDACTED\].com](http://www.[REDACTED].com). You may also call the Claims Administrator with questions or to receive a Claim Form at 1-[REDACTED]-[REDACTED].

This Notice is approved by the Circuit Court for Tuscaloosa County, State of Alabama. **DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT DIRECTLY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.** Please contact the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel if you have any questions about the Settlement.

EXHIBIT D

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**EARNESTINE RYAN and DOROTHY
BENSON, MICHAEL HARRISON, ALLAN
CARSON, ARTHUR HUGHES, CRYSTAL
HARGRAVE, JASON DUNCAN, FELICIA
PATRICK, AND ANJESSICA CALDWELL,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,**

Case No. 63-cv-2025-900067.00

Plaintiffs,

V.

PECO FOODS INC.,

Defendant.

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (the “Motion”), the terms of which are set forth in a Settlement Agreement between Plaintiffs and Defendant. The Settlement Agreement with accompanying exhibits is attached as Exhibit A to the Motion.

In December 2023, Defendant experienced a Data Breach in which unauthorized actors gained access to its network and computer systems. On October 18, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Complaint against Defendant in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Subsequently, Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their federal action and filed the operative First Amended Class Action Complaint (“Complaint”) in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on September 5, 2025. The Complaint asserts several causes of action, all of which allegedly arise from the Data Breach. The Complaint alleges that Defendant failed to properly secure personal identifiable information, which resulted in the unauthorized

disclosure of Plaintiffs' and other individuals' private information. Defendant denies any wrongdoing.

Plaintiffs and Defendant, through their counsel, have entered into a Settlement Agreement following good faith arm's-length negotiations. The Settling Parties have agreed to settle this Litigation, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and subject to the approval and determination of the Court as to the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the settlement which, if approved, will result in the dismissal of the Litigation with prejudice.

Having reviewed the Settlement Agreement, including the exhibits attached thereto, and all prior proceedings herein, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ordered that Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement is granted as set forth herein.

1. Class Certification for Settlement Purposes Only. For settlement purposes only and pursuant to Ala. R. Civ. P. 23, *et seq.*, the Court provisionally certifies a Settlement Class in, this matter defined as follows:

all individual U.S. residents whose PII was accessed and/or acquired in the Data Breach that is the subject of the Notice of Data Breach that Defendant sent to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members on or around July 24, 2024.

The Settlement Class specifically excludes: (1) the Judge presiding over the Litigation, any members of the Judges' respective staffs, and immediate members of the Judges' respective families; (2) officers, directors, members and shareholders of Peco; (3) persons who timely and validly request exclusion from and/or opt-out of the Settlement Class and the successors and assigns of any such excluded persons; and (4) any person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity or occurrence of the Data Breach or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge.

The Court provisionally finds, for settlement purposes only, that: (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class members would be impracticable; (b) there are issues of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of Plaintiffs are typical of and arise from the same operative facts and seek similar relief as the claims of the Settlement Class members; (d) Plaintiffs and Proposed Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class as Plaintiffs have no interest antagonistic to or in conflict with the Settlement Class and have retained experienced and competent counsel to prosecute this matter on behalf of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law or fact common to Plaintiffs predominate over any questions affecting only individual members; and (f) a class action and class settlement is superior to other methods available for a fair and efficient resolution of this controversy.

2. Class Representatives and Settlement Class Counsel: Earnestine Ryan, Dorothy Benson, Michael Harrison, Allan Carson, Arthur Hughes, Crystal Hargrave, Jason Duncan, Felicia Patrick, and Anjessica Caldwell are hereby provisionally designated and appointed as Representative Plaintiffs. The Court provisionally finds that the Representative Plaintiffs are similarly situated to absent Settlement Class Members and therefore will be adequate class representatives.

The Court also finds Plaintiffs' counsel is experienced and adequate and is hereby provisionally designated as Class Counsel: Jonathan S. Mann of Pittman, Dutton, Hellums, Bradley, & Mann P.C., James M. Terrell of Methvin, Terrell, Yancey, Stephens & Miller, P.C., and Patrick A. Barthle II of Morgan & Morgan.

3. Preliminary Settlement Approval: Upon preliminary review, the Court concludes and finds that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant providing Notice of the settlement to the Settlement Class and accordingly is preliminarily

approved.

4. **Jurisdiction:** The Court concludes that it has subject matter jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction over the Settling Parties before it for the purposes of the settlement. Additionally, venue is proper in this Court as a substantial portion of the acts and transactions complained of occurred in Tuscaloosa County and Defendant conducts substantial business throughout Tuscaloosa County.

5. **Final Fairness Hearing:** A Final Fairness Hearing shall be held on _____, 2026, at _____ a.m./p.m. in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, or remotely if so set by the Court, to determine, among other things, whether: (a) this matter should be finally certified as a class action for settlement purposes pursuant to Ala. R. Civ. P. 23, *et seq.*; (b) the settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate pursuant to Ala. R. Civ. P. 23, *et seq.*; (c) the Litigation should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the settlement; (d) Settlement Class Members should be bound by the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement; and (e) the motion for final approval and application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards should be granted.

Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the settlement and application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards shall be filed with the Court [REDACTED] days before the initial Final Fairness Hearing. No later than 15 days before the initial Final Fairness Hearing, the Settling Parties shall file responses, if any, to any objections, and any replies in support of final approval of the settlement and/or the application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards.

6. **Administration:** The Court appoints [INSERT] as the Claims Administrator, with responsibility for Notice and Claims Administration and to fulfill the duties of the Claims Administrator set forth in the Settlement Agreement. All Notice and Administration Costs shall be

paid by Defendant.

7. **Notice to the Class:** The proposed Notice Program set forth in the Settlement Agreement including the Short Form Notice, Long Form Notice, and the Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 satisfy the requirements of Ala. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2), *et. seq.*, provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and are hereby approved. Non-material modifications to these exhibits may be made without further order from the Court. The Claims Administrator is directed to carry out the Notice Program in conformance with the Agreement.

By 30 days following Preliminary Approval, the Claims Administrator shall complete the Notice Program in the manner set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

8. **Findings and Conclusions Concerning Notice:** The Court finds that the form content, and method of giving notice to the Settlement Class as described in the Settlement (including the exhibits thereto): (a) will constitute the best practicable notice to the Settlement Class; (b) are reasonably calculated to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the action; the terms of the proposed settlement, and their rights under the proposed settlement, including, but not limited to, their rights to object or opt-out from the proposed settlement and other rights under the terms of the settlement; and (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members and other persons entitled to receive notice. As such, the Court concludes that the Notice Program meets all applicable requirements of law and the Due Process Clause(s) of the Alabama and United States Constitution. The Court further finds that the Notice is written in plain language, uses simple terminology, and is designed to be readily understandable by Settlement Class Members.

9. **Exclusion from Class:** Each Settlement Class member wishing to opt-out of the

Settlement Class shall individually sign and timely submit written notice of such intent to the designated Post Office box established by the Claims Administrator. The written notice must clearly manifest an intent to be excluded from the Settlement Class, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. To be effective, written notice must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the Class Notice Date.

Within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Date, the Claims Administrator shall furnish to Proposed Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel a complete list of all timely and valid requests for exclusion. No later than 10 days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, Proposed Class Counsel shall file the list of exclusions with the Court for purposes of being attached to the Judgment to be entered upon final approval.

Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and validly opt-out of settlement shall bound by the terms of the settlement. If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, any Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a timely, valid notice to opt-out of the Settlement Class shall be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in this matter, including but not limited to the Release set forth in the Final Approval Order and Judgment, including Settlement Class Members who have previously initiated or who subsequently initiate any litigation against any or all of the Released Persons relating to the claims and transactions released in the settlement. All Settlement Class Members who submit valid and timely notices to opt-out of the settlement shall not be entitled to receive any benefits of the settlement.

10. Objections and Appearances: A Settlement Class Member who complies with the requirements of this paragraph may object to the settlement or the application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards.

Each Settlement Class Member desiring to object shall submit a timely written notice of

his or her objection by the Objection Date. Such notice shall state: (i) the name or caption of this Litigation; (ii) the objector's full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any); (iii) information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is a member of the Settlement Class; (iv) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable; (v) the identity of all counsel representing the objector; (vi) a statement whether the objector and/or his or her counsel will appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; (vii) a statement identifying all class action settlements objected to by the objector in the previous 5 years; and (viii) the objector's signature and the signature of the objector's duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative, if any. To be timely, written notice of an objection in the appropriate form must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and contain the case name and docket number, no later than 60 days after the Class Notice Date and served concurrently therewith on Proposed Class Counsel and counsel for Defendants: **[INSERT DEFENSE COUNSEL]**.

Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the requirements for objecting in the Agreement shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to appear separately and/or to object to the settlement and shall be bound by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders and judgments in the Litigation.

Any Settlement Class Member, including a Settlement Class Member who files and serves a written objection, as described above, may appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, either in person or through counsel hired at the Settlement Class Member's expense, to object to or comment on the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the settlement or the application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards. If the objecting Settlement Class Member intends to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing through counsel, he or she must also identify the attorney(s)

representing the objecting Settlement Class Member who will appear at the Final Fairness Hearing. If the objecting Settlement Class Member intends to request the Court for permission to call witnesses at the Final Fairness Hearing, the objecting Settlement Class Member must provide a list of any such witnesses together with a brief summary of each witness's expected testimony by the Objection Date.

If a Final Approval Order and Judgment is entered, any Settlement Class Member who fails to object in the manner prescribed herein shall be deemed to have waived his or her objections and shall be forever barred from making any such objections in this action or in any other proceeding or from challenging or opposing, or seeking to reverse, vacate, or modify any approval of the settlement or application for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards.

11. Claims Process and Distribution and Allocation Plan: Proposed Class Counsel and Defendant have created a process for assessing and determining the validity and value of claims and a payment methodology to Settlement Class Members who submit a timely, valid Claim Form. The Court preliminarily approves the plan for remuneration described in the Settlement Agreement and directs that the Claims Administrator effectuate the distribution of settlement consideration according to the terms of the settlement, should the settlement be finally approved.

Settlement Class Members who qualify for and wish to submit a Claim Form shall do so in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form. If the Final Approval Order and Judgment are entered, all Settlement Class Members who qualify for any benefit under the settlement but fail to submit a claim in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form shall be forever barred from receiving any such benefit, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions in the settlement, the Release included in that settlement, and the Final Approval Order and Judgment.

12. Termination of Settlement: This Preliminary Approval Order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Settling Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing as of the date of the execution of the settlement if the settlement is not finally approved by the Court or is terminated in accordance with the settlement. In such event, the Settlement Agreement shall become null and void and be of no further force and effect, and neither the Settlement Agreement nor the Court's orders, including this Preliminary Approval Order, relating to the settlement shall be used or referred to for any purpose whatsoever.

13. Use of Order: This Preliminary Approval Order shall be of no force or effect if Final Order and Judgment is not entered or there is no Effective Date and shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, breach, liability, or the certifiability of any class. Nor shall this Preliminary Approval Order be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against the Plaintiffs or any other Settlement Class member that his or her claim lacks merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate, improper, unavailable, or as a waiver by any Party of any defense or claim he, she, or it may have in this Litigation or in any other lawsuit.

14. Stay of Proceedings: Except as necessary to effectuate this Preliminary Approval Order, all proceedings and deadlines in this matter are stayed and suspended pending the Final Fairness Hearing and issuance of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, or until further order of this Court.

15. Continuance of Hearing: The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final Fairness Hearing and related deadlines without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If the Court alters any of those dates or times, the revised dates and times shall be posted on the settlement website maintained by the Claims Administrator.

16. Summary of Deadlines: The preliminarily approved settlement shall be administered according to its terms pending the Final Fairness Hearing. Deadlines arising under the Settlement Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order include but are not limited to:

Class Notice Date: _____, 2026

Motion for Final Approval and Application for Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Service Awards: _____, 2026

Opt-Out Date: _____, 2026

Objection Date: _____, 2026

Claim Deadline: _____, 2026

Final Fairness Hearing: _____, 2026

IT IS SO ORDERED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

 /s/
 Judge, Circuit Court for Tuscaloosa County

EXHIBIT E

purpose of determining whether the Settlement should be approved as being fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

IT IS ON THIS _____ day of _____, 2026,

ORDERED that:

1. The Settlement involves allegations in Plaintiffs' First Amended Class Action Complaint that Defendant failed to safeguard and protect the personally identifiable information of approximately 46,442 individuals and that this alleged failure caused injuries to Plaintiffs and the Class.

2. The Settlement does not constitute an admission of liability by Defendant, and the Court expressly does not make any finding of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant.

3. Unless otherwise noted, words spelled in this Order with initial capital letters have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

4. On _____, the Court entered an Order which among other things: (a) approved the Notice to the Settlement Class, including approval of the form and manner of notice under the Notice Program set forth in the Settlement Agreement; (b) provisionally certified the Settlement Class in this matter, including defining the Settlement Class, appointed Plaintiffs as the Representative Plaintiffs and appointed Settlement Class Counsel; (c) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (d) set deadlines for opt-outs and objections; (e) approved and appointed the Claims Administrator; and (f) set the date for the Final Fairness Hearing.

5. In the Order Granting the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement Agreement, pursuant to Ala. R. Civ. P. 23, for settlement purposes only, the Court certified the Settlement Class, defined as follows:

all individual U.S. residents whose PII was accessed and/or acquired in the Data Breach that is the subject of the Notice of Data Breach that Defendant sent to Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members on or around July 24, 2024.

6. The Court, having reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement submitted by

the parties pursuant to Rule 23(e), grants final approval of the Settlement Agreement and defines the Settlement Class as defined therein and in the Preliminary Approval Order, and finds that the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and meets the requirements of Rule 23.

7. The Settlement Agreement provides, in part, and subject to a more detailed description of the settlement terms in the Settlement Agreement, for:

- a. A process for Settlement Class Members to submit claims for monetary and non-monetary relief that will be evaluated by the Claims Administrator.
- b. Defendant to pay all Notice and Administration Costs.
- c. Defendant to pay a Court-approved amount for attorneys' fees of \$316,666.66 (constituting one-third of the Settlement Fund) and litigation expenses of \$_____.
- d. Defendant to pay a Service Award not to exceed \$2,500.00 to each of the Representative Plaintiffs.

8. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate and are hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated by the Court. The Parties, their respective attorneys, and the Claims Administrator are hereby directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with this Order and the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

9. Notice of the Final Fairness Hearing and the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards have been provided to Settlement Class Members as directed by this Court's Orders, and an affidavit or declaration of the Claims Administrator's compliance with the Notice Program has been filed with the Court.

10. The Court finds that such Notice, as therein ordered, constitutes the best possible notice practicable under the circumstances and constitutes valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members in compliance with the requirements of Ala. R. Civ. P. 23.

11. As of the Opt-Out Date, ____ potential Settlement Class Members have submitted a valid Opt-Out Request to be excluded from the Settlement.

12. The Court has considered all the documents filed in support of the Settlement, and

has fully considered all matters raised, all exhibits and affidavits filed, all evidence received at the Final Fairness Hearing, all other papers and documents comprising the record herein, and all oral arguments presented to the Court.

13. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Claims Administrator shall implement the Settlement in the manner and time frame as set forth therein.

14. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members release claims against Defendant and all Released Persons, as defined therein.

15. Upon the Effective Date, each Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, as a member of or on behalf of the general public or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or participating in any recovery in any action in this or any other forum (other than participation in the settlement as provided herein) in which any of the Released Claims is asserted.

16. Upon the Effective Date, Defendant shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged, Plaintiffs, each and all of the Settlement Class Members, Settlement Class Counsel, of all claims, including Unknown Claims, based upon or arising out of the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Litigation, except for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement. Any other claims or defenses Defendant may have against such Persons including, without limitation, any claims based upon or arising out of any retail, banking, debtor-creditor, contractual, employment, or other business relationship with such Persons that are not based upon or do not arise out of the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Litigation are specifically preserved and shall not be affected by

the preceding sentence.

17. The matter is hereby dismissed with prejudice except that the Court reserves jurisdiction over the consummation and enforcement of the Settlement.

18. In accordance with Ala. R. Civ. P. 23, this Final Approval Order and Judgment resolves all claims against all parties in this Litigation and is a final order. There is no just reason to delay the entry of final judgment in this matter, and the Clerk is directed to file this Order as the final judgment in this matter.

Done and ordered this _____ day of _____, 2026.
