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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
13 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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15 IN RE: HARD DISK DRIVE SUSPENSION  
16 ASSEMBLIES ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. 19-md-02918-MMC  
MDL No. 2918

17 This Document Relates to:  
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19 ALL END-USER ACTIONS

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION TO DISSEMINATE NOTICE  
OF END-USER PURCHASER CLASS  
CERTIFICATION**

20 Date: May 1, 2026  
21 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
22 Judge: Hon. Maxine M. Chesney  
Ctrm: 7

1 On March 27, 2026, End-User Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Disseminate Notice of  
2 End-User Purchaser Class Certification. The Court, having reviewed the motion, the pleadings  
3 and other papers on file in this action, and the statements of counsel and the parties, hereby  
4 finds that the motion should be GRANTED.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

6 1. The Court approves the form of the long-form notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1  
7 (“Long-Form Notice”). The Court finds that taken together, the internet digital notice campaign,  
8 sponsored search listings, and the informational release, provided with the End-User Plaintiffs'  
9 Motion through the Declaration of Christopher T. Micheletti (Doc. No. 1259-1), and a case website  
10 supplemented by a toll-free telephone number (the “Notice Plan”) are: (i) the best notice  
11 practicable; (ii) reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise class members of the  
12 certification of this matter and of their right to exclude themselves; (iii) reasonable and constitute  
13 due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (iv) meet all  
14 applicable requirements of due process and any other applicable requirements under federal law.

15 2. Plaintiffs’ notice administrator, Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., shall  
16 provide notice of the class certification to class members. The notice administrator shall launch the  
17 case website and toll-free number, and commence the Notice Plan, within 10 days from the entry of  
18 this Order. The Notice Plan shall be substantially completed within 45 days of its commencement.  
19 The deadline for requesting exclusion from the class shall be 90 days from commencement of the  
20 Notice Plan.

21 3. Each class member shall have the right to be excluded from the Class by mailing a  
22 written request for exclusion, which includes the following: (1) the class member or entity name,  
23 address, telephone number, and email address (if any); (2) the class member personal physical  
24 signature or personal physical signature and title of the representative of any entity; and (3) a  
25 statement that the class member wants to be excluded from the End-User Class, such as “I hereby  
26 request to be excluded from the End-User Class in *In re: Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies*  
27 *Antitrust Litigation*” or “[Entity name] hereby requests to be excluded from the End-User Class in  
28 *In re: Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litigation.*”

1           4.       The exclusion request must be mailed to the notice administrator at the address set  
2 out in the final Long Form Notice, and be postmarked by the opt-out deadline. No later than  
3 fourteen (14) days after the date set for exclusions, Class Counsel shall file with the Court a list of  
4 all persons or entities who have timely requested exclusion from the Class. Defendants retain all of  
5 their legal rights to assert any defense against any class member who has opted out of the Class.

6           5.       Any class member who does not properly and timely request exclusion from the  
7 Class as provided above shall be bound by the District Court’s rulings in the lawsuit, including any  
8 final judgment.

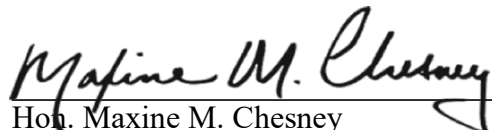
9           6.       The Court also confirms appointment of the Proposed Class Representatives listed  
10 in Exhibit 89 to the Declaration of Christopher T. Micheletti in Support of End-User Plaintiffs’  
11 Motion for Class Certification (ECF No. 605-3), attached hereto, with the exception of Martin  
12 Gasman, who is deceased. See Order Dismissing Claims of Martin Gasman (ECF No. 1218), dated  
13 May 19, 2025.

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15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 DATED: May 15, 2026

  
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Hon. Maxine M. Chesney  
United States District Judge

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