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9 10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA									
11 12	ERIKA PETERSON, individually an on behalf of all others similarly situated	ated,)								
13 14	Plaintiff,)) COM	<u>SS ACTION</u> PLAINT FOR	VIOLATIONS						
15 16 17	vs. ENHANCED RECOVERY COMPANY, LLC and DOES 1-10,) OF:)) 1.	TRANSFE	NIC FUNDS R ACT [15 U.S.C.						
18 19 20	Defendant(s).))) <u>DEM</u>	§1693 ET S AND FOR JU							
21	Plaintiff ERIKA PETERSON ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and all									
22 23	others similarly situated, alleges the following against Defendant ENHANCED RECOVERY COMPANY, LLC upon information and belief based upon personal									
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26	1. Plaintiff's Class Action Complaint is brought pursuant to the									
27	Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq. ("EFTA").									
28	2. Plaintiff, individually, a	and on behal	f of all others	similarly situated,						

brings this Complaint for damages, injunctive relief, and any other available legal or equitable remedies, resulting from the illegal actions of Defendants debiting Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers and/or after clear revocation of any authorization or similar authentication for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' accounts, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b). Plaintiff alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to herself and his own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 1331, because this action is brought pursuant to the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. 1693 *et seq*.

4. Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1693(m), which states that, "without regard to the amount in controversy, any action under this section may be brought in any United States district court."

5. Venue and personal jurisdiction in this District are proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides within this District and Defendant does or transact business within this District, and a material portion of the events at issue occurred in this District.

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff, Erika Peterson ("PLAINTIFF"), is a natural person residing in Fresno County in the state of California, and is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1693a(6).

7. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANT, ENHANCED

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT -2RECOVERY COMPANY, LLC ("DEFENDANT"), was a company engaged, by use of the mails and telephone, in the business of collecting debts alleged to be due another.

8. The above named Defendant, and its subsidiaries and agents, are collectively referred to as "Defendants." The true names and capacities of the Defendants sued herein as DOE DEFENDANTS 1 through 10, inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues such Defendants by fictitious names. Each of the Defendants designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible for the unlawful acts alleged herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend the Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the DOE Defendants when such identities become known.

9. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at all relevant times, each and every Defendant was acting as an agent and/or employee of each of the other Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of said agency and/or employment with the full knowledge and consent of each of the other Defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the acts and/or omissions complained of herein was made known to, and ratified by, each of the other Defendants.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS - EFTA

10. Prior to February 28, 2017, Defendant contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect an alleged debt.

11. Defendant's agent informed Plaintiff that she should pay off the account by credit card or bank card.

12. Plaintiff provided Defendant's agent with her debit card number and orally informed Defendant that they could take the requested amount on a reoccurring basis beginning on February 28, 2017. Plaintiff believed at the time that she would have the funds to pay off Defendant.

13. On or around February 25, 2017 and February 27, 2017, Plaintiff called Defendant and informed them that Plaintiff did not have enough funds to pay Defendant and revoked any prior authorization for Defendant to deduct funds from Plaintiff.

14. However, despite Plaintiff's clear revocation of authorization, Defendants continued to deduct funds from Plaintiff's account multiple times on a reoccurring basis, without Plaintiff's consent or authorization.

15. On or around February 28, 2017, Defendant withdrew \$125.04 out of Plaintiff's bank account .

16. Plaintiff immediately called Defendant to notify them of the unauthorized withdrawals from her account and to be reimbursed for the unauthorized amounts.

17. Defendant's representative stated that Plaintiff would be credited for the unauthorized funds, however Defendant never credited Plaintiff.

18. Plaintiff never provided Defendant with any authorization to deduct these sums of money on a regular recurring basis from Plaintiff's banking account.

19. Defendants did not provide to Plaintiff, nor did Plaintiff execute, any written or electronic writing memorializing or authorizing these recurring or automatic payments.

20. Plaintiff alleges such activity to be in violation of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq. ("EFTA"), and its surrounding regulations, including, but not limited to, 12 C.F.R. §§1005.7, 1005.8, and 1005.9.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

21. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, as a member of the proposed class (hereafter "The Class")

defined as follows:

All persons in the United States whose bank accounts were debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendants without Defendants obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

22. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, The Class, consisting of all persons within the United States whose bank account was debited on a recurring basis by Defendants without Defendants obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

23. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, as a member of the proposed class (hereafter "The Revocation Class") defined as follows:

All persons in the United States whose bank accounts were debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendants after that person revoked authorization for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

24. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, The Revocation Class, consisting of all persons in the United States whose bank accounts were debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendants after that person revoked authorization for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

25. The Class and the Revocation Class shall collectively be referred to as "The Classes."

26. Defendants, their employees and agents are excluded from The Classes. Plaintiffs do not know the number of members in The Classes, but believe the Class members number in the hundreds, if not more. Thus, this

matter should be certified as a Class Action to assist in the expeditious litigation of the matter.

27. The Classes are so numerous that the individual joinder of all of its members is impractical. While the exact number and identities of The Class members are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that The Classes includes hundreds, if not thousands, of members. Plaintiff alleges that The Class members may be ascertained by the records maintained by Defendants.

28. This suit is properly maintainable as a class action pursuant to Fed.R. Civ. P. 23(a) because the Classes are so numerous that joinder of the Class members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in the class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the Court.

29. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class affecting the parties to be represented. The questions of law and fact to the Class predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members and include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

a. The members of the Classes were not provided with, nor did they execute, written agreements memorializing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

b. Defendants did not request, nor did it provide, Class members with written agreements memorializing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

c. The members of the Class did not provide either a written ("wet") or otherwise electronic signature authorizing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

d. Despite not providing written or electronic authorization for

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30. There are questions of law and fact common to the Revocation Class affecting the parties to be represented. The questions of law and fact to the Revocation Class predominate over questions which may affect individual Revocation Class members and include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

a. The members of the Revocation Class revoked any authorization for the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

b. Despite having revoked authorization for payments to be drawn from their accounts, Defendant took unauthorized payments from Revocation Class members' accounts.

31. As someone whose bank account was debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendant without Defendant obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers and had revoked any authorization that Defendant may have had, Plaintiff is asserting claims that are typical of The Classes.

32. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of The Classes. Plaintiff has retained attorneys experienced in the prosecution of class actions.

33. A class action is superior to other available methods of fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since individual litigation of the claims of all Class members is impracticable. Even if every Class member could afford individual litigation, the court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous issues would proceed. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for varying, inconsistent, or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all

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parties and to the court system resulting from multiple trials of the same complex factual issues. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and of the court system, and protects the rights of each Class member.

34. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Class members not parties to such adjudications or that would substantially impair or impede the ability of such non-party Class members to protect their interests.

35. Defendants have acted or refused to act in respects generally applicable to The Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with regard to the members of the Class as a whole.

36. Defendants failed to comply with the writing and notice requirements of § 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a) as to the Class members with respect to the above alleged transactions.

37. Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. §1693e(a), provides that a "preauthorized electronic fund transfer from a consumer's account may be authorized by the consumer only in writing, and a copy of such authorization shall be provided to the consumer when made."

38. Section 903(9) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693a(9), provides that the term "preauthorized electronic fund transfer" means "an electronic fund transfer authorized in advance to recur at substantially regular intervals."

39. Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b), provides that "[p]reauthorized electronic fund transfers from a consumer's account may be authorized only by a writing signed or similarly authenticated by the consumer. The person that obtains the authorization shall provide a copy to the consumer."

40. Section 205.10(b) of the Federal Reserve Board's Official Staff

Commentary to Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b), Supp. I, provides that "[t]he authorization process should evidence the consumer's identity and assent to the authorization." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 5. The Official Staff Commentary further provides that "[a]n authorization is valid if it is readily identifiable as such and the terms of the preauthorized transfer are clear and readily understandable." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 6.

41. In multiple instances, Defendant debited bank accounts of the Class members on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by the respective Class members for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from the accounts of the respective Class members, thereby violating § 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

42. In multiple instances, Defendant debited Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without providing a copy of a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by the respective Class members for preauthorized electronic funds transfers, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

43. In multiple instances, Defendant debited Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis after Class members revoked consent to such debits, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

44. The size and definition of the Classes can be identified through Defendant's records and/or Defendant's agents' records.

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<u>COUNT I:</u> <u>DEFENDANTS VIOLATED THE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER</u> <u>ACT</u> (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

45. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

46. Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. §1693e(a), provides that a "preauthorized electronic fund transfer from a consumer's account may be authorized by the consumer only in writing, and a copy of such authorization shall be provided to the consumer when made."

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49. Section 205.10(b) of the Federal Reserve Board's Official Staff Commentary to Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b), Supp. I, provides that "[t]he authorization process should evidence the consumer's identity and assent to the authorization." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 5. The Official Staff Commentary further provides that "[a]n authorization is valid if it is readily identifiable as such and the terms of the preauthorized transfer are clear and readily understandable." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 6.

50. In multiple instances, Defendant has debited Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' accounts, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a),

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and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

51. In multiple instances, Defendant has debited Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without providing a copy of a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by Plaintiff or the putative Class members for preauthorized electronic fund transfers, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

52. In multiple instances, Defendant has debited Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis after Class members revoked consent to such debits, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ERIKA PETERSON, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, ENHANCED RECOVERY COMPANY, LLC, for the following:

53. That this action be certified as a class action on behalf of The Class and Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of The Class;

54. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00, per Class Member, pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, \$916(a)(2)(A);

55. Actual damages;

56. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, §916(a)(3);

57. For prejudgment interest at the legal rate; and

58. Any other relief this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

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TRIAL BY JURY

59. Pursuant to the seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of April, 2017.

LAW OFFICES OF TODD M. FRIEDMAN, P.C.

By: <u>/s/ Todd M. Friedman</u> Todd M. Friedman Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman Attorney for Plaintiff

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS ERIKA PETERSON, indi situated,	У	DEFENDANTS ENHANCED RECOVERY COMPANY, LLC and DOES 1-10,								
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Fresno</u> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.						
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman, P.C. 21550 Oxnard St. Suite 780, Woodland Hills, CA 91367				Attorneys (If Known)						
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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdicti on arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is aparty, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI.Cause of Action.Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause Do not cite jurisdictional statutesunless diversity.Example:U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

ClassAction.org

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