



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1433/7/7/22

BETWEEN:

DR LIZA LOVDAHL GORMSEN

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

- v -

(1) META PLATFORMS, INC.
(2) META PLATFORMS IRELAND LIMITED
(3) FACEBOOK UK LIMITED

Respondents/Proposed Defendants

ORDER

UPON reading the application by the Applicant/Proposed Class Representative for a Collective Proceedings Order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (SI 1648/2015) filed on 14 February 2022 and served on the Third Respondent on 24 February 2022 and served on the First and Second Respondents on 20 April 2022 (the “**CPO Application**”)

BY CONSENT IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Forum

1. Pursuant to Rules 18, 52 and 74 of the Tribunal Rules, the CPO Application be treated as proceedings in England and Wales.

Publicity

2. The Applicant publicise the CPO Application by **4pm on 29 August 2022**, according to the proposal set out in paragraphs 6.1 to 6.20 and Appendix C of the Notice and Administration Plan (contained in the Litigation Plan) that is exhibited to the First Witness Statement of Dr. Liza Lovdahl Gormsen as Annex A to LLG1-1.
3. The Applicant publicise by **4pm on 29 August 2022**, in accordance with paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 of this Order, the right under Rule 76(10)(c) of persons with an interest to object to the CPO Application or the authorisation of the Proposed Class Representative.
4. The Applicant publicise by **4pm on 29 August 2022**, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 8 of this Order, the right under Rule 79(5) of members of the proposed class to make an application to the Tribunal for permission to make oral submissions at the hearing of the CPO Application.

Response and replies to the CPO Application

5. The Respondents are to file and serve their response to the CPO Application, and any application for summary judgment and/or strike out of all or part of the proposed collective proceedings, together with any accompanying factual and expert evidence, by **4pm on 17 October 2022**.
6. The Applicant is to file and serve any reply to the Respondents' response to the CPO Application, and any reply to any application for summary judgment and/or strike out, together with any accompanying factual and expert evidence, by **4pm on 5 December 2022**.
7. Any strike-out/summary judgment application shall be case managed alongside, listed and heard at the same hearing as the CPO Application.

Objections to the CPO Application and applications for permission to make observations

8. Any person with an interest (including any member of the proposed class) may object to the CPO Application or the authorisation of the Proposed Class Representative by writing to the Tribunal stating their reasons for objecting by **4pm on 10 October**

2022. Any member of the proposed class may also seek permission to make oral observations at the CPO Application hearing, by making an application for such permission, with reasons, as part of his/her written objections.

9. Any third party with a legitimate interest (who is not a member of the proposed class) who seeks permission to make written and/or oral observations at the CPO Application hearing is to make such application, supported by reasons, to the Tribunal by **4pm on 10 October 2022.**

CPO Application hearing

10. The hearing of the CPO Application is to be listed for **30 January 2023 to 1 February 2023** with a time estimate of 3 days.
11. The parties are to file and exchange skeleton arguments ten calendar days before the date of the CPO Application hearing.
12. The parties shall seek to agree the hearing and authorities bundles in accordance with the Tribunal's Guide and Practice Direction of 25 February 2021 and file the agreed bundles 7 calendar days before the date of the CPO Application hearing.
13. A pre-hearing review is to be listed for one day on a date to be determined once the date for the hearing of the CPO Application has been fixed, to be vacated if not needed.

General

14. Costs reserved.

Sir Marcus Smith
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 22 August 2022
Drawn: 22 August 2022