

IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL Case No: 1620/5/7/23 (T)

BETWEEN:

(1) BRITISH GAS NEW HEATING LIMITED (2) BRITISH GAS SERVICES (COMMERCIAL) LIMITED (3) BRITISH GAS SERVICES LIMITED (4) BRITISH GAS TRADING LIMITED (5) DYNO-ROD LIMITED (6) HOME ASSISTANCE UK LIMITED (7) CENTRICA HIVE LIMITED (8) BORD GÁIS ENERGY LIMITED

<u>Claimants</u>

- v -

(1) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED (2) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED (3) MASTERCARD EUROPE S.A. (4) MASTERCARD/EUROPAY UK LIMITED

Defendants

ORDER (ADDITIONAL HOST CASE)

UPON the Claim Form in the proceedings being issued in the High Court on 20 January 2021 (CL-2021-000026) (the "**Claim Form**")

AND UPON the Order of the High Court sealed on 14 November 2023 transferring the proceedings from the High Court to the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the "**Transfer Order**")

AND UPON the Umbrella Proceedings Order of the President dated 4 July 2022 in Case No 1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (the "**Merchant**

Umbrella Proceedings") designating various individual merchant interchange fee proceedings listed in the schedule to that order as "Host Cases" and designating all issues, matters or features arising out of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings as Ubiquitous Matters (the "Umbrella Proceedings Order")

AND UPON the Tribunal's Order made and drawn on 16 March 2022 (the "**March 2022 Order**") appended to the Tribunal's Ruling of 16 March 2022 ([2022] CAT 14) and Rule 53(2)(k) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015

AND UPON the Order of the President made on 23 December 2022 and drawn on 13 January 2023 regarding the future conduct of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings (the "**Future Conduct Order**")

AND UPON considering the letter from the solicitors for the Claimants dated 17 November 2023 on behalf of the parties proposing that these proceedings be designated as a Host Case in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings and requesting a stay of these proceedings

IT IS ORDERED BY CONSENT THAT:

- 1. The Umbrella Proceedings Order and the schedule thereto are varied to include these Proceedings which are named as a Host Case in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings.
- 2. There be liberty to apply.
- 3. Costs in the case.

Sir Marcus Smith President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Made: 21 November 2023 Drawn: 21 November 2023