

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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<b>ADAM STEELE, et al.,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
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<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Civil Case No. 14-1523 (RCL)</b>
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<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**ORDER**

Currently before the Court is plaintiffs’ Motion for Reconsideration [56]. Upon a finding that the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case under 5 U.S.C. § 702, it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiffs’ Motion for Reconsideration is GRANTED. It is further

ORDERED that the plaintiffs’ motion for class certification [46] is hereby GRANTED in its entirety, as the plaintiffs have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. The Court hereby certifies the following class: “All individuals and entities who have paid an initial and/or renewal fee for a PTIN, excluding Allen Buckley, Allen Buckley LLC, and Christopher Rizek.” This class is certified for each of plaintiffs’ two, alternative claims and for plaintiffs’ request for both declaratory relief and restitution. It is further

ORDERED that Motley Rice LLC is appointed as class counsel. It is further

ORDERED that the class defined above be maintained as a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) as to the claims of the class members for declaratory, and that the class

be maintained as a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3) as to the claims of the class members for monetary relief. It is further

ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this order, the parties shall file an agreed-upon proposed form of class notice. If the parties cannot agree on a proposed form of class notice, then they shall file separate proposed forms within 30 days of the date of this order. Class counsel shall then ensure that individual notice is provided to all absent class members who can be identified through reasonable effort using the records maintained by the defendant, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2), within 90 days of the date of this order. Class counsel shall pay all costs incurred to provide notice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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Royce C. Lamberth  
United States District Judge

Date: 8/8/16