1 DAVID ACEVEDO, pro hac vice MICHAEL R. BERLOWITZ, pro hac vice COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION 2 CLERK, U.S. PILED COURT 140 Broadway, 19th Floor New York, NY 10005 3 ORIGINAL Telephone (646) 746-9754 4 Facsimile (646) 746-9940 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff Commodity Futures Trading Commission 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CALIFORNIA CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VJS-6 C/8° 9 Y FUTURES TRADING Case No. CV -03-0833 DSF (Mcx) ÐMISSION. 10[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED UPDATED 11 Plaintiff, DISTRIBUTION PLAN 12 VS. DATE: No hearing scheduled 13 TIME: No hearing scheduled BEN OUYANG, et al., COURT: Courtroom of the Hon. Dale 14 S. Fischer Defendants. 15 16 This matter came before the Court on the Motion of Plaintiff Commodity 17 Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") for an Order Approving the Proposed 18 Updated Proposed Distribution Plan without an evidentiary hearing. The Court, 19 having considered the Motion and the Memorandum of Points and Authorities 20 ENTERED CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT finds and orders as follows: 21 AUG | 4 2007 THIS CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF ENTRY 1 22 AS REQUIRED BY FRCP, RULE 77(d). CENTRAL DISTRICT

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## **FINDINGS**

1. Pursuant to the Court's June 27, 2005 Order Establishing Restitution Claims Process (the "Claims Process Order"), Plaintiff employed its best efforts to identify customers of Defendants Ben Ouyang ("Ouyang") and Victco Financial Services, Inc. ("Victco") (collectively, "Defendants"), along with Money World Customers, and notified them, via letter and claim form, of their right to submit claims for restitution to be paid out of the Defendants' frozen assets. The claims letter sent by Plaintiff prominently referenced a November 15, 2005 deadline for submission of restitution claims by Defendants' customers. In its order, the Court stated that customers whose claim forms were not received by Plaintiff by November 15, 2005 were to be barred from recovering any restitution payments in connection with this action.

- 2. The National Futures Association ("NFA"), serving as "Monitor" pursuant to Paragraph 19 of the Consent Order of Permanent Injunction and Ancillary Relief ("Consent Order"), entered by the Court on March 11, 2005, is presently holding \$1,040,980.62 in funds that were frozen in Defendants' accounts at Gain Capital, Inc. and FXCM, both futures commission merchants registered with the CFTC.
  - 3. Pursuant to the Claims Process Order, Plaintiff mailed letters and

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claim forms to approximately 400 potential claimants. Plaintiff received 152

- Pursuant to the Claims Process Order, Plaintiff analyzed those 152 claims. Plaintiff determined that 62 of the claimants were Defendants' customers and identified allowable claims for Defendants' 62 customers amounting to
- On May 30, 2006, Plaintiff filed with the Court a Motion For a Proposed Distribution Plan ("Motion For Distribution") with exhibits and the declaration of Linda Santiago ("Ms. Santiago"), a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Auditor employed by Plaintiff. Plaintiff's motion set forth each of the 62 claimant's recommended allowable claim, each claimant's percentage of total recommended allowable claims, and the proposed amount to be distributed to each claimant from the presently available funds on a pro rata basis.
- 6. On July 19, 2006, the Court entered an Amended Order Approving Proposed Distribution Plan ("July 19<sup>th</sup> Order"). Pursuant to the July 19th Order, Plaintiff mailed a letter enclosing a copy of the Motion For Distribution to all 152 claimants who filed claims pursuant to the Claims Process Order. Plaintiff's letter to claimants prominently referenced a September 15, 2006 deadline by which time claimants were to submit, in writing, comments on or objections to the Motion For Distribution.
  - Pursuant to the Court's July 19th Order, Plaintiff filed with the Court on 7.

September 25, 2006, all comments and objections to the Motion For Distribution that were received by Plaintiff.

- 8. On November 21, 2006, and pursuant to the Court's July 19<sup>th</sup> Order,
  Plaintiff filed its Responses to Claimants' Objections to Proposed Distribution Plan.
  In its response, Plaintiff also filed a supplemental declaration of Ms. Santiago and a
  Proposed Updated Distribution Plan, which recalculated the recommended
  allowable claim of one of the 62 claimants.
- 9. The claims notification procedures utilized in this case were thorough and subject to principles of due process. The procedures afforded all potential claimants timely opportunities to submit claims with supporting documents, and objections or comments to the proposed distribution plan submitted by Plaintiff.

  Based on the objections and comments received, Plaintiff submitted its Proposed Updated Distribution Plan which recalculated the recommended allowable claim of one of the 62 claimants, and only slightly modified the proposed claims for the remaining 61 claimants.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

II.

## ORDER

10. An evidentiary hearing on the Proposed Updated Distribution Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SEC v American Capital Inv, Inc, 98 F.3d 1133, 1146 (9th Cir. 1996) ("For claims of nonparties to property, summary proceedings satisfy due process so long as there is adequate notice and opportunity to be heard.") (abrogated on other grounds).