UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| MALIBU MEDIA, LI | vs. | Plaintiff, | : Civil Action No. <u>12-cv-01156-JFB-ETB</u> |
| JOHN DOES 1-13, | | | : : : |
| | | Defendants. | : : X |

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED FOR CABLEVISION'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENA

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(e), Plaintiff, Malibu Media, LLC, moves for entry of an order requiring Cablevision to appear before the Court to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to comply with Plaintiff's subpoena, and states:

- 1. This is a copyright case against Doe Defendants known to Plaintiff only by an IP address. The true identities of the Doe Defendants are known by their respective Internet service providers ("ISPs").
- 2. On March 26, 2012, this Court entered an order granting Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Serve Third Party Subpoenas Prior to a Rule 26(f) Conference [Dkt. 5].
- 3. On April 10, 2012, Plaintiff served the subpoenas on each ISP, along with a copy of this Court's order, demanding that they produce the identities of the unknown Defendants. The subpoena compliance date was May 25, 2012, over four months ago.
- 4. Cablevision has advised that they will not comply with Plaintiff's subpoena because this Court's order allowing the subpoenas does not specifically cite the Cable Act, 47

U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B). Significantly, nowhere in the Cable Act does it require that the Court's

order specifically mention the Cable Act. Therefore, Cablevisions refusal to produce the

Defendants' identities is without merit.

Other courts facing Cablevision's objections have rejected this basis to withhold 5.

the identities from Plaintiffs. In a recent decision, Honorable John M. Facciola held that "there

is nothing in the Cable Act that states that the court order must direct Cablevision's compliance

with the subpoena pursuant to the specific authority of the Cable Act." See Openmind Solutions,

Inc. v. John Does 1-565, Case no. 1:11-cv-01883-JMF (D.D.C. Aug. 24, 2012), attached as

Exhibit A. Cablevision has violated this Court's order without good cause, basing their

objection on a requirement that does not exist.

Plaintiff is unable to move forward in this matter until Cablevision complies with 6.

the subpoena, as it cannot complete service on Defendants until it receives the identifying

information of the unknown Defendants from their respective ISPs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter an order requiring

Cablevision to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to comply with

Plaintiff' subpoena and the Court's order.

Dated: August 27, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 27, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF and that service was perfected on all counsel of record and interested parties through this system.

/s/ Jason Kotzker Jason Kotzker