After receiving the Notice (Doc. #180-1), Defendant David James Greer (a/k/a "Dannie Boie") requested an additional extension of time to respond to the Motion until October 17, 2011, which was unopposed and granted by the Court. (Docs. ##198, 201, 202.) However, Greer did not file any response within the extended period.

The Jn Pauls also ask this Court not to impose injunctive relief that would prevent them from continuing in their chosen profession detearketing, and argue that they are not subject to liability for equitable monetary relief. The history of the NHS/PHS enterprise is so egregious that any injunctive relief short of that requested by the FTC would place consumers at risk of further abusive and deceptive tactics. Moreover, the defendants' controlling roles and long involvement in the scheme warrant a judgment for full equitable monetary relief against them.

I. SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND LIABILITY STANDARDS

The original Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment Against the NHS/PHS Defendants set forth the standards for summary judgment, generally, and for liability on the allegations of the Amended Complaint, specifically. (SJ Mem. (within Doc. #136) at 38, 41-43, 47-53, 62-65.) Those matters need not be repeated in full herein, but for the convenience of the reader certain aspects of those standards bear focus in this reply.

A. Unsupported Denials Do Not Prevent Summary Judgment

The Notice (Doc. #180-1) issued by the Court and delivered by the FTC to the pro se NHS/PHS Defendants described in plain languaget would be required to oppose the Motion effectively:

The FTC has set out numerous factual assertions in connection with its motion for summary judgment. These factual assertions will be taken as true by this court unless you contradict the FTC with counter-affidavits or other evidence to show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not submit your

² As used in this Reply, citations to the summary judgment memorandum ("SJ Mem.") are intended to refer not only to the text of the memorandum, but also to the evidence cited in support of that text. Citations directly to evidentiary submissions use the same abbreviations as used in the summary judgment memorandum. (See SJ Mem. at 4 n.4 and accompanying text.) In addition, abbreviations referring to parties and non-party actors are the same as those used in the summary judgment memorandum. See, e.g., SJ Mem. at 3 nn.1-2.

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³ Tasha Jn Paul makes one reference to her "FTC testimony." (TJP Resp. at 3.) This is a reference to a deposition she gave in the Philippines in late August 2010 in a different FTC case against her.See FTC v. Grant Connect, LLNo. 2:09-CV-01349-PMP-RJJ, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 123792 (D. Nev. Oct. 25, 2011). That deposition occurred after the general close of discovery in this matter (although discovery had been extended for limited other purposes). Accordingly, the FTC did not rely on it for purposes of summary judgment in this case. Tasha Jn Paul cites it here only for one point: to emphasize her denial that her purchase of airline tickets and move to the Philippines immediately after her husband and co-defendants were served with the Amended Complaint was anything other than a coincidence. (SJ Mem. at 36-38; TJP Resp. at 3.) This denial does not creategarnuine issue of material fact for purposes of the Motion. However, should the Court request, the FTC will provide the full transcript of the deposition, which was filed as an exhibit to the FTC's motion for summary judgment in the Grant Connectmatter.

an intent to deceiveRegina Corp. v. FTC322 F.2d 765 (3d Cir. 1963) fillenium Telecard, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 74951, at *9.

The elements of liability for unfairness undlesse FTC Act are threefold: (1) the act or practice must cause substantial consumer injury that (2) consumers themselves could not reasonably have avoided; and (3) the injumyst not be outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or competition. 15 U.S.C. § 45 (She) also FTC v. Neovi, Inc.,

Cir. 2005);FTC v. Amy Travel Serv., In &75 F.2d 564, 573 (7th Cir. 1989), C v. Holiday Enter., Inc, 1:06-CV-2939-CAP, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35858, at *25 (N.D. Ga. Feb. 5, 2008).

When evaluating whether an individual defendant had the requisite "authority to control" to meet this standard, courts evaluate both formathority and practical control. "Authority to control the company can be evidenced by active involvement in business affairs and the making of corporate policy, including assuming the duties of a corporate officerny Travel, supra see FTC v. Publ'g Clearing House, Inc04 F.3d 1168, 1170-71 (9th Cir. 1997) (requisite authority found where defendant was president and had authority to sign documents on behalf of the corporation)FTC v. FTN Promotions, Inc2008 WL 821937, at *2 (M.D. Fla. March 26, 2008) (quoting and following my Trave); Holiday Enter, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35858, at *25 (N.D. Ga. Feb. 5, 2008) (status as a corporation gives rise to a presumption of authority to control).

As to the second prong of the test for individual monetary liability, the knowledge requirement does not demand proof of direct kndgete. It may be satisfied by evidence that the individual had "actual knowledge of material neispresentations, reckless indifference to the truth or falsity of such misrepresentations, or an awareness of a high probability of fraud along with an intentional avoidance of the truth my Travelsupra, 875 F.2d at 574see FTN Promotions, supra Holiday Enter., supra Showing a specific intent to deceive is not required. Amy Travel, supra FTN Promotions, supra Holiday Enter., supra 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35858, at *17.

II. THE JN PAULS' DENIALS DO NOT CREATE ANY GENUINE ISSUE OF MATERIAL FACT

The evidence cited in support of the Motion establishes that both Jn Pauls were integral and high-ranking participants in the NHS/PHS enterprise. While their responses attempt to

⁵ Tasha Jn Paul asserts, without evidence, that "All calls where [sic] listened to 100% as it was contracted with the Florida IVR Company. This ensured that any consumer charged was 100% verified to the client approved scrip(TJP Resp. at 2.) This unsupported assertion is patently false, as demonstrated beyond question by the case of Morris McCall, and takes no account of the declarations, testimony, and consumer complaints that overwhelmingly establish the pattern of unauthorized charges. (SJ Mem. at 1-2, 16-20, 22-24.)

information given to any customer generated from the call center company." (TJP Resp. at 2 (emphasis added).)The undisputed evidence demonstrates that the NHS/PHS enterprise was structured to permit – and even encourage – pervasive deception of consumers, so long as superficial verification recordings were generated to respond to payment processors' inquiries and to be used against consumers who had been victimized.

Thus, the thoroughly unlawful nature of the acts and practices of the NHS/PHS enterprise

– both unfair and deceptive – is established beyond dišpætetheir responses, the Jn Pauls do
not seek to excuse the enterprise, only themselves.

A. Undisputed Evidence Demonstrates that Linke Jn Paul Had a Substantial and Authoritative Role in the NHS/PHS Enterprise

While Linke Jn Paul's response makes someoriest effort to distance him from a few aspects of the scheme, it fails to grapple with direct and undisputed evidence that he had a critical role and substantial authority. To recap, the following facts are uncontroverted:

Linke Jn Paul was the sole director of First Step Management, Inc. (FSMI), a St.
 Lucia company formed expressly for the purpose of "Providing Information For US Government Grants And Health Care Services." (SJ Mem. at 10, 14, 59-60.)

⁶ Furthermore, it is undisputed that the recordings were not intended in any manner to capture the sales pitches. (SJ Mem. at 57 n.213, citing Br. Tr. 117-18 and Br. Ex. 8; see especially Br. Ex. 8 at FTC-NHS-0001884/3 ("There is an initial conversation that goes on between NHS and the customer which is not recorded. If the client agrees to purchase the product, then the recording begins.").)

⁷ It is also undisputed that the enterprise's various companies formed a "common enterprise" for purposes of FTC Act liability. (SJ Mem. at 25-33, 42-45.) The Jn Pauls do not respond on this point.

- Linke Jn Paul was a director of Gold Dot, Inc., a St. Lucia company formed expressly for the purpose of "Providing Internet Sales And Telemarketing Services." (SJ Mem. at 10, 14, 59-60.)
- Over one million dollars in funds taken from consumers by the NHS/PHS
 enterprise were transferred directly to FSMI, and hundreds of thousands of dollars
 were transferred directly to Gold Dot. FSMI was the largest single recipient of
 transfers from accounts managed through the NHS/PHS enterprise, and Linke Jn
 Paul was the St. Lucia point of contact for those transfers. (SJ Mem. at 10, 14,
 59-60.)
- Linke Jn Paul's wife, Tasha, worked for FSMI and Gold Dot. Using the pseudonym "Erika Roberts," she oversaw the telemarketing and customer service operations of the NHS/PHS enterprise. She also participated with co-defendant Barry Kirstein in decisions as to how enterprise profits were split. (SJ Mem. at 10, 13, 25-27, 43-44, 54-59.)
- Co-defendant David James Greer (using the pseudonym "Dannie Boie") worked for Linke Jn Paul's FSMI. Initially, Greer supervised "the rooms and the sells," and later he also supervised customer service. (SJ Mem. at 10, 13-14, 27, 29, 44, 58-59 (quotation from Br. Ex. 14).)
- Linke Jn Paul's FSMI, through Tasha Jn Paul and Greer, was responsible for supervision of the outbound telemarketing operations of the NHS/PHS enterprise.
 (SJ Mem. at 10, 25-27, 29, 32, 56-60.)
- The "Customer Service and Compliance" duties within the NHS/PHS enterprise
 were allocated to an employee of Linke Jn Paul's FSMI. In the structure of the

NHS/PHS enterprise, all complaint letters concerning deceptive marketing and unauthorized charges were forwarded to FSMI in St. Lucia. Inbound consumer complaint calls were handled by telemarketers in the Philippines, also supervised

⁸ The FTC does not dispute that Linke Jn Paul's companies left to others the mechanics of charging the bank accounts of consumers in the databases described in the Motion, as well as the critical job of managing relationships with payment processors. But there is also no dispute that those charges were purportedly badbyed orthless voice verifications generated and maintained under the supervision of Linke Jn Paul's companies. (SJ Mem. at 16-17, 43; Br. Ex. 4; Br. Ex. 14.)

received all written consumer complaints in its offices in St. Lucia, and directed telemarketers in the Philippines regarding the handling of consumers' telephonic complaints. The overwhelming evidence is such that, if Linke Jn Paul did not have "direct knowledge" of the enterprise's deceptive tactics and widespread unauthorizhedging practices, his ignorance could only have been the result of a willful effort or design. Indeed, it is impossible to reconcile the very purpose of his companies – viewed in combinatione telemarketing (Gold Dot) of "US Government Grants" (FSMI) – with any express or implied claim that he was unaware of representations of government affiliation or offers of grants in the enterprise's telemarketing operations.

B. Undisputed Evidence Demonstrates that Tasha Jn Paul Had a Substantial and Authoritative Role in the NHS/PHS Enterprise

Even as Linke Jn Paul undisputedly had plenary authority over FSMI and Gold Dot through his directorships and by controlling theirds, it is similarly undisputed that his wife Tasha Jn Paul had authority over those entities as a de facto chief executive-defendant Nicole Bertrand testified, Tasha Jn Paul was "the boss of First Step" and managed "her team at Gold Dot." (Br. Tr. at 191-92 (FSMI), 115 (Gold Dot).)

⁹ The evidence shows that Tasha Jn Paul was a director of Gold Dot, at least when it was formed in May 2005, though Linke Jn Paul asse**ats like** was the only director of that company. (SJ Mem. at 10 (citing PX 17 (Supplemental Vantusko) at ¶ 35); LJP Resp. at 2.) Whether Tasha Jn Paul was a director of the company or a general manager of operations is of no material import – her involvement and authority in Gold Dot and the NHS/PHS enterprise as a whole were unquestionably substantial.

¹⁰ In attempting to minimize her role, Tasha Jn Paul claims that she "was an employee who garnered at most a \$1,000 in a weekly salary" and "stopped working with any Defendant companies at the start of the 2008." (TJP Resp. at 3.) These unsupported denials are directly contradicted by the evidence. In the period from January through May 2008, Tasha Jn Paul received FSMI and Gold Dot wire transfers into her Bank of America account (alone) totaling more than \$80,000. (PX 24 (Vantusko SJ NHS/PHS) Att. J at BOA 769-802.) The Cumorah Credit Union account statements show many thousands more wired to Tasha Jn Paul during the same period from FSOL, FSMI, and Gold Dot. (PX 24 (Vantusko SJ NHS/PHS) Att. K at CCU

The Jn Pauls also implicitly argue that any monetary relief should be restricted to the Jn Pauls' net incomes rather than the gross amounts taken from consumer bank accounts. (TJP Resp. at 2-3, LJP Resp. at 2-3.) This argurisemtost reasonably read as one suggesting that the Court should deduct the enterprise's expenses, e.g., "to pay these multiple call centers." (LJP Resp. at 2.) This ignores the legal standard cited in the FTC's Motion: it is the Commission's responsibility to offer calculations reasonably approximating consumers' net payments to the enterprise (i.e., payments less refunds), and then the burden shifts to the defendants to offer evidence to dispute the calculation. (SJ Mem. at 64-65.) This framework was recently examined and re-affirmed by the Second Circtitton. Bronson Partners, LLC 654 F.3d 359, 2011 U.S. App. LEXIS 17203, at *19 (2d Cir. 2011). Moreover, the defendants may not deduct the costs associated with their unlawful tabts *37.

Neither of the Jn Pauls has offered any evidence to dispute the FTC's calculations of the total funds the NHS/PHS enterprise unlawfully debited from consumers' bank accounts. Even if they had offered such evidence, they certainly would not be entitled to deduct payments to the call centers that the enterprise paid to perform the direct work of abusing and lying to consumers.

IV. STRICT INDUSTRY BANS ARE LAWFUL AND WARRANTED

Both Jn Pauls offer substantial pleas to the Court that they not be banned from telemarketing. (TJP Resp. at 4-5; LJP Resp.-4at) They argue that the Court cannot award such relief, and (implicitly) in the alternative that it should not. The Court does, however, have authority to impose a ban. On the egregious facts scase, such a ban is more than justified.

A. Courts May Award Injunctive Relief Including Industry Bans.

Seeking to avoid a judgment that prohibits them from engaging in telemarketing, the Jn Pauls erroneously claim that "the FTC lacksharity for any judgment that forbids [defendants] from participating (sic) or limiting employment opportunities." (LJP Resp. at 3; TJP Resp. at 4.) To the contrary, numerous courts have imposed bans against FTC defendants enjoining them from participating in a particular line of business, FTC v. Gill, 265 F.3d 944, 957-58 (9th Cir. 2001) (ban on engaging in credit repair business, v. Global Mktg. Grp., Inc594 F. Supp. 2d 1281, 1290 (M.D. Fla. 2008) (ban on involvement with telemarketing operations); v. Neiswonger494 F. Supp. 2d 1067, 1084 (E.D. Mo. 2007) (ban on marketing and selling business opportunities, including the telemarketing of such progration)y. Five Star Auto Club, 97 F. Supp. 2d 502, 536 (S.D.N.Y. 2000) (ban on multi-level marketing).

Indeed, a federal district court in Nevadayvæcently issued a broad industry ban order against Tasha Jn Paul on the basis of her extensive involvement in deceptive and unfair acts and practices in online commerceTC v. Grant Connect, LL,ONo. 2:09 CV 01349-PMP-RJJ, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 123792, at *85-88 (D. Nev. Oct. 25, 2011) Grant Connectthe court permanently banned Tasha Jn Paul from (1) engaging in negative option marketing, continuity programs, preauthorized electronic fund transfershe use of testimonials, and (2) marketing and selling products related to grants, credit, business opportunities, and diet supplements or nutraceuticals. The business activities at issuariant Connectid not involve telemarketing, however, and so no telemarketing ban was sought by the FTC in that action. Prohibiting Tasha Jn Paul (and her co-defendants) from engaging in telemarketing remains an important aspect of the relief sought in this action.

The Jn Pauls also argue that a telemtarty down would "force [them] into involuntary servitude." (LJP Resp. at 3; TJP Resp. at The law is clear, however, that the Thirteenth Amendment is violated only in extremely limited circumstances, such as when someone is forced to labor as a result of physical coercionteirer v. Bethlehem Area Sch. Distart F.2d 989, 998-99 (3d Cir. 1993) See Grant Connect 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 123792, at *86 n.7. Where individuals have alternatives to performing the labor, there is no compulsor or supra, 987 F.2d at 1000 mmediato v. Rye Neck Sch. Distart F.3d 454, 459 (2d Cir. 1996); Zavala v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc 447 F. Supp. 2d 379, 384 (D.N.J. 2006). "The fact that these choices may not be appealing does not make the required labor involuntary ser that these 987 F.2d at 1000 mmediato 73 F.3d at 459.

In this case, the FTC's proposed order banning defendants from engaging in telemarketing is prohibitive, not mandatory: it only restricts defendants from doing something and does not require them to do anything. As a matter of law, there is no compulsion and therefore no Thirteenth Amendment violationater, supralmmediato, supra Defendants have cited no cases finding such an order to be constitutionally infirm, and have a wide array of other types of employment from which to choose. As indicated above, the fact that they may not like their options does not mean that the Thirteenth Amendment has been violatived, supra Immediato, supra

B. Telemarketing Bans Are Appropriate in this Matter.

The undisputed evidence demonstrates that the Jn Pauls were central figures in an enterprise that not only deceived and abubedsands of consumers via telemarketing, but that reinvented itself repeatedly to continue that conduct in the face of enormous numbers of complaints. (SJ Mem. at 25-33.) This history alone would be sufficient basis to impose a ban

against these serial wrongdoers, but the necessity of a ban is all the more emphasized by the manner in which they have responded to this action. At every turn, the Jn Pauls have treated this proceeding and the authority of this Court with disdain.

1. The Jn Pauls showed no respect for the 2008 Orders.

¹² See note 10supra citing bank statements. In spite of these, Tasha Jn Paul executed an affidavit in which she denied having "any documents, including, but not limited to, any contracts, evidence of payments, and communications, referring to or relating to any and all of the parties" listed in the subpoena. (PX 17 (Supplemental Vantusko) Att. M.)

¹³ PX 29, attached hereto, is a true and accurate copy of the May 2008 email exchange between the undersigned counsel and counsel for Tasha Jn Paul regarding her response to the subpoena. The cited denial appears in the email dated May 21, 2008, at 9:38 p.m. (which, due to manner of printing, is the second to last email in the exhibit).

¹⁴ See PX 17 (Supplemental Vantusko) Att. D; PX 18.

the form of testimony, documents, and declarations. There is no prospect that they can be relied upon to reform their behavior without extraordinary measures.

As a remarkable topper, the Jn Pauls each accuse the FTC of being "disingenuous" for not seeking contempt sanctions against them for their willful violations of this Court's Preliminary Injunction of July 24, 2009 (Doc. #10@TJP Resp. at 4; LJP Resp. at 3.) They admit freely that they have been working in the telemarketing industry in the Philippines despite being fully aware of the injunction against them, and tacitly admit that their work targets US consumers. (TJP Resp. at 5 ("helping agents with their English").) They suggest that this conduct is a reason that they should not be subject to a strict injunction. But it is precisely because they have been so profoundly and repeatedly indifferent to the law and to the gravity of this Court's Orders that the FTC seeks stringentmanentelief. The FTC sees no purpose in delaying entry of such permanent relief in order to raise and prosecute their current contempt. Under the circumstances, the swift entry of a strict permanent order will be better protection for consumers.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and for the reasons stated in the original Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment Against the NHS/PHS Defendants, the FTC requests that the Court grant summary judgment against the seventeen NHS/PHS Defendants and issue the requested Permanent Injunction.

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