## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

THE RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF ALASKA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION OF RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS,

Defendant.

3AN-18-06722CI

## ORDER RE: DISCOVERY MASTER FEES

The Court previously appointed a discovery master in this case to help with the document intensive discovery and to facilitate discovery disputes. At the date of appointment, the Court reserved the issue of discovery master fees for a later date. The Court resolves the issue now. The Court, having considered the parties briefings, hereby orders the parties to share equally in the costs of the discovery master.

It is generally custom for parties to equally share in the costs of a discovery master. There may be cause for deviation if the cost "is so great that it imposes an intolerable burden on a losing litigant which, in effect, denies the litigant's right of access to the courts." There is nothing to suggest to the Court that the parties cannot share equally in the cost of this financial burden.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Peter v. Progressive Corp., 986 P.2d 865, 873 (Alaska 1999).

Accordingly, when the discovery master's work is completed and a Decision and Order of Discovery Master is issued, the discovery master shall also inform the Court of the cost of work done.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 12th day of July 2021.

ADOLF V. ZEMAN

Superior Court Judge

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