

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN LITHIUM ION BATTERIES,
BATTERY CELLS, BATTERY
MODULES, BATTERY PACKS,
COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND
PROCESSES THEREFOR**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1159

LIMITED EXCLUSION ORDER

The United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) has found SK Innovation Co., Ltd. and SK Battery America, Inc. (collectively, “Respondents” or “SK”) in default as a sanction for discovery abuse pursuant to section 337(h) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337(h)), and Commission Rule 210.33 (19 C.F.R. § 210.33). The Commission has thereby determined that there is a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, in the unlawful importation into the United States or in the sale by Respondents of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, components thereof, and processes therefor, manufactured by or on behalf of Respondents using one or more of the misappropriated trade secrets identified in Complainants’ final election of disclosed trade secrets (Jan. 22, 2020) (“LG Trade Secrets”).¹ The LG Trade Secrets are the following 22 trade secrets (including subparts) in Complainants’ Final Trade Secret Disclosure (Oct. 7, 2019): 2, 8, 31, 33, 60, 66, 80, 81, 84, 94, 95, 96, 97, 117, 119, 124, 138, 139, 144, 145, 146, and 147.

¹ Complainants are LG Chem, Ltd., LG Energy Solution, Ltd., and LG Energy Solution Michigan, Inc. and are referred to collectively herein as “Complainants.”

Having reviewed the record in this investigation, including the written submissions of the parties, the Commission has made its determination on the issues of remedy, public interest, and bonding. The Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief includes a limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof manufactured abroad by or on behalf of, or imported by or on behalf of, Respondents or any of their affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, agents, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns. The Commission notes that the covered articles identified in paragraph 1 are defined by the plain English statement in the Notice of Investigation.

The Commission has also determined that the public interest factors enumerated in 19 U.S.C. § 1337(d) do not preclude the issuance of the limited exclusion order but that tailoring of the order is appropriate in view of the public interest considerations discussed in the Commission's opinion, and that the bond during the period of Presidential review shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the entered value of the articles subject to this Order.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. Lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof ("covered articles") that use any of the LG Trade Secrets and that are manufactured abroad by or on behalf of, or imported by or on behalf of, Respondents, or their affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, agents, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns, are excluded from entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a

- warehouse for consumption for 10 years from the date of issuance of this Order, except under license from, or with the permission of, the trade secret owner or as provided by law.
2. The lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof that are subject to this Order (*i.e.*, “covered articles”) are as follows: lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof.
 3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Order, covered articles are entitled to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption under bond in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the entered value, pursuant to subsection (j) of section 337 (19 U.S.C. § 1337(j)) and the Presidential Memorandum for the United States Trade Representative of July 21, 2005 (70 *Fed. Reg.* 43,251), from the day after this Order is received by the United States Trade Representative until such time as the United States Trade Representative notifies the Commission that this Order is approved or disapproved but, in any event, not later than sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of this Order. All entries of covered articles made pursuant to this paragraph are to be reported to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), in advance of the date of the entry, pursuant to procedures CBP establishes.
 4. Prior to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells,

battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof that may be subject to this Order, Respondent must seek a ruling from the Commission to determine whether such articles sought to be imported are covered by this Order.

5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Order, covered articles are entitled to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption where the covered articles are to be used for purposes of replacement or repair of Kia vehicles originally equipped with SK Innovation Co., Ltd.'s batteries and that were sold to U.S. consumers as of the date of this Order. All entries of covered articles made pursuant to this paragraph are to be reported to CBP, in advance of the date of the entry, pursuant to procedures CBP establishes.
6. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Order, for two years from the date of this Order, covered articles are entitled to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption where the covered articles are being used exclusively for SK's domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Volkswagen Group of America's MEB line for the North America Region and/or Ford Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program. However, covered lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs (as opposed to components thereof) sought to be imported pursuant to this paragraph shall not be entitled to entry or withdrawal during this two-year period, except for testing or development for SK's

- domestic production above. All entries or withdrawals of articles made pursuant to this paragraph are to be reported to CBP, in advance of the date of the entry, pursuant to procedures CBP establishes.
7. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Order, for four years from the date of this Order, covered articles are entitled to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption where the covered articles are being used exclusively for SK's domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Ford Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program. However, covered lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs (as opposed to components thereof) sought to be imported pursuant to this paragraph shall not be entitled to entry or withdrawal during this four-year period, except for testing or development for SK's domestic production above. All entries or withdrawals of articles made pursuant to this paragraph are to be reported to CBP, in advance of the date of the entry, pursuant to procedures CBP establishes.
 8. At the discretion of CBP and pursuant to the procedures it establishes, persons seeking to import articles that are potentially subject to this Order may be required to certify that they are familiar with the terms of this Order, that they have made appropriate inquiry, and thereupon state that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the articles being imported are not excluded from entry under paragraph 1 of this Order. At its discretion, CBP may require persons who have provided the certification described in this paragraph to furnish such records or analyses as are

necessary to substantiate the certification.

9. The Commission may modify this Order in accordance with the procedures described in section 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).
10. The Secretary shall serve copies of this Order upon each party of record in this investigation that has retained counsel or otherwise provided a point of contact for electronic service and upon CBP.

Notice of this Order shall be published in the Federal Register.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: February 10, 2021

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Inv. No. 337-TA-1159

PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **COMMISSION ORDER** has been served via EDIS upon the Commission Investigative Attorney, **Claire Comfort**, and the following parties as indicated, on **February 10, 2021**.



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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT SK Battery America, Inc. cease and desist from conducting any of the following activities in the United States: importing, selling, offering for sale, marketing, advertising, distributing, transferring (except for exportation), soliciting United States agents or distributors, and aiding or abetting other entities in the importation, sale for importation, sale after importation, transfer (except for exportation), or distribution of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof, manufactured by or on behalf of Respondents SK Innovation Co., Ltd. and SK Battery America, Inc. (collectively, “Respondents” or “SKI”) using any of the misappropriated trade secrets (including subparts) identified in Complainants’ final election of disclosed trade secrets (Jan. 22, 2020), as defined below.

**I.
Definitions**

As used in this order:

- (A) “Commission” shall mean the United States International Trade Commission.
- (B) “Complainants” shall mean LG Chem, Ltd., LG Energy Solution, Ltd., and LG Energy Solution Michigan, Inc.

- (C) “Respondent” shall mean SK Battery America, Inc., 201 17th Street NW, Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA 30363.
- (D) “Person” shall mean an individual, or any non-governmental partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other legal or business entity other than Respondent or its majority-owned or controlled subsidiaries, successors, or assigns.
- (E) “United States” shall mean the fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
- (F) The terms “import” and “importation” refer to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, entry into a bonded warehouse or foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption under the Customs laws of the United States.
- (G) “LG Trade Secrets” shall mean the following 22 trade secrets (including subparts) identified in Complainants’ Final Trade Secret Disclosure (Oct. 7, 2019): 2, 8, 31, 33, 60, 66, 80, 81, 84, 94, 95, 96, 97, 117, 119, 124, 138, 139, 144, 145, 146, and 147.
- (H) The term “covered products” shall mean lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, and components thereof manufactured by or on behalf of Respondent using any of the LG Trade Secrets.
- (I) The term “covered battery products” is a subset of “covered products” and means lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, and battery packs, but shall not include components thereof.

- (J) The term “covered component products” is a subset of “covered products” and shall mean components of covered products, but shall not include the covered battery products defined above.

II. Applicability

The provisions of this Cease and Desist Order shall apply to Respondent and to any of its principals, stockholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, licensees, distributors, controlled (whether by stock ownership or otherwise) and majority-owned business entities, successors, and assigns, and to each of them, insofar as they are engaging in conduct prohibited by section III, *infra*, for, with, or otherwise on behalf of, Respondent.

III. Conduct Prohibited

The following conduct of Respondent in the United States is prohibited by this Order. For a period of ten years from the day of issuance of this Order, Respondent shall not:

- (A) import or sell for importation into the United States covered products;
- (B) market, distribute, sell, or otherwise transfer (except for exportation) in the United States imported covered products;
- (C) advertise imported covered products;
- (D) solicit U.S. agents or distributors for imported covered products; or
- (E) aid or abet other entities in the importation, sale for importation, sale after importation, transfer, or distribution of covered products.

IV. Conduct Permitted

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, specific conduct otherwise

prohibited by the terms of this Order shall be permitted if:

- (A) in a written instrument, the trade secret owner licenses or authorizes such specific conduct;
- (B) the covered products are being used exclusively for purposes of replacement and repair of SK batteries for Kia vehicles that were originally equipped with SK Innovation Co., Ltd.'s batteries and that were sold to U.S. consumers as of the date of this Order;
- (C) for two years from the date of this Order:
 - 1. the covered component products are being used exclusively for SK Battery America, Inc.'s domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Volkswagen Group of America's MEB line for the North America Region and/or Ford Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program; or
 - 2. the covered battery products are being used exclusively for SK Battery America, Inc.'s development and testing for domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Volkswagen Group of America's MEB line for the North America Region and/or Ford Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program;or
- (D) for four years from the date of this Order:
 - 1. the covered component products are being used exclusively for SK Battery America, Inc.'s domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Ford

Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program; or

2. the covered battery products are being used exclusively for SK Battery America, Inc.'s development and testing for domestic production of lithium-ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, or battery packs for Ford Motor Co.'s EV F-150 program.

V.

Reporting

For purposes of this requirement, the reporting periods shall commence on January 1 of each year and shall end on the subsequent December 31. The first report required under this section shall cover the period from the date of issuance of this order through December 31, 2021. This reporting requirement shall continue in force until such time as Respondent has truthfully reported, in two consecutive timely filed reports, that it has no inventory (whether held in warehouses or at customer sites) of covered products in the United States.

Within thirty (30) days of the last day of the reporting period, Respondent shall report to the Commission: (a) the quantity in units and the value in dollars of covered products that it has imported and/or (ii) sold in the United States after importation during the reporting period, and (b) the quantity in units and value in dollars of reported covered products that remain in inventory in the United States at the end of the reporting period.

When filing written submissions, Respondent must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above. Submissions should refer to the investigation number ("Inv. No. 337-TA-1159") in a prominent place on the cover pages and/or the first page. *See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures*, http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf. Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000). If

Respondent desires to submit a document to the Commission in confidence, it must file the original and a public version of the original with the Office of the Secretary and must serve a copy of the confidential version on Complainant's counsel.¹

Any failure to make the required report or the filing of any false or inaccurate report shall constitute a violation of this Order, and the submission of a false or inaccurate report may be referred to the U.S. Department of Justice as a possible criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

VI.

Record-Keeping and Inspection

- (A) For the purpose of securing compliance with this Order, Respondent shall retain any and all records relating to the importation, sale, marketing, or distribution in the United States of covered products, made and received in the usual and ordinary course of business, whether in detail or in summary form, for a period of three (3) years from the close of the fiscal year to which they pertain.
- (B) For the purposes of determining or securing compliance with this Order and for no other purpose, subject to any privilege recognized by the federal courts of the United States, and upon reasonable written notice by the Commission or its staff, duly authorized representatives of the Commission shall be permitted access and the right to inspect and copy, in Respondent's principal offices during office hours, and in the presence of counsel or other

¹ Complainants must file a letter with the Secretary identifying the attorney to receive reports and bond information associated with this Order. The designated attorney must be on the protective order entered in the investigation.

representatives if Respondent so chooses, all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, and other records and documents, in detail and in summary form, that must be retained under subparagraph VI(A) of this Order.

VII.

Service of Cease and Desist Order

The Secretary shall serve copies of this Order upon each party of record in this investigation that has retained counsel or otherwise provided a point of contact for electronic service and upon CBP.

Respondent is ordered and directed to:

- (A) Serve, within fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this Order, a copy of this Order upon each of its respective officers, directors, managing agents, agents, and employees who have any responsibility for the importation, marketing, distribution, or sale of imported covered products in the United States;
- (B) Serve, within fifteen (15) days after the succession of any persons referred to in subparagraph VII(A) of this order, a copy of the Order upon each successor; and
- (C) Maintain such records as will show the name, title, and address of each person upon whom the Order has been served, as described in subparagraphs VII(A) and VII(B) of this order, together with the date on which service was made.

The obligations set forth in subparagraphs VII(B) and VII(C) shall remain in effect for ten years from the date of issuance of this Order.

VIII.

Confidentiality

Any request for confidential treatment of information obtained by the Commission pursuant to section VI of this order should be made in accordance with section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 201.6). For all reports for which confidential treatment is sought, Respondent must provide a public version of such report with confidential information redacted.

IX.

Enforcement

Violation of this order may result in any of the actions specified in section 210.75 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.75), including an action for civil penalties under section 337(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337(f)), as well as any other action that the Commission deems appropriate. In determining whether Respondent is in violation of this order, the Commission may infer facts adverse to Respondent if it fails to provide adequate or timely information.

X.

Modification

The Commission may amend this order on its own motion or in accordance with the procedure described in section 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).

XI.

Bonding

The conduct prohibited by section III of this order may be continued during the sixty (60) day period in which this Order is under review by the United States Trade

Representative, as delegated by the President (70 Fed. Reg. 43,251 (Jul. 21, 2005)), subject to Respondent's posting of a bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the entered value of the covered products. This bond provision does not apply to conduct that is otherwise permitted by section IV of this Order. Covered products imported on or after the date of issuance of this Order are subject to the entry bond as set forth in the exclusion order issued by the Commission, and are not subject to this bond provision.

The bond is to be posted in accordance with the procedures established by the Commission for the posting of bonds by complainants in connection with the issuance of temporary exclusion orders. (*See* 19 C.F.R. § 210.68). The bond and any accompanying documentation are to be provided to and approved by the Commission prior to the commencement of conduct that is otherwise prohibited by section III of this Order. Upon the Secretary's acceptance of the bond, (a) the Secretary will serve an acceptance letter on all parties, and (b) Respondent must serve a copy of the bond and accompanying documentation on Complainant's counsel.²

The bond is to be forfeited in the event that the United States Trade Representative approves this Order (or does not disapprove it within the review period), unless (i) the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a final judgment, reverses any Commission final determination and order as to Respondent on appeal, or (ii) Respondent exports or destroys the products subject to this bond and provides certification to that effect that is satisfactory to the Commission.

This bond is to be released in the event (i) the United States Trade Representative disapproves this Order and no subsequent order is issued by the Commission and approved

² *See* Footnote 1.

(or not disapproved) by the United States Trade Representative, (ii) the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a final judgment, reverses any Commission final determination and order as to Respondent on appeal, or (iii) Respondent exports or destroys the products subject to this bond and provides certification to that effect that is satisfactory to the Commission, upon service on Respondent of an order issued by the Commission based upon application therefor made by Respondent to the Commission.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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II. Applicability

The provisions of this Cease and Desist Order shall apply to Respondent and to any of its principals, stockholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, licensees, distributors, controlled (whether by stock ownership or otherwise) and majority-owned business entities, successors, and assigns, and to each of them, insofar as they are engaging in conduct prohibited by section III, *infra*, for, with, or otherwise on behalf of, Respondent.

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- (B) For the purposes of determining or securing compliance with this Order and for no other purpose, subject to any privilege recognized by the federal courts of the United States, and upon reasonable written notice by the Commission or its staff, duly authorized representatives of the Commission shall be permitted access and the right to inspect and copy, in Respondent's principal offices during office hours, and in the presence of counsel or other

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representatives if Respondent so chooses, all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, and other records and documents, in detail and in summary form, that must be retained under subparagraph VI(A) of this Order.

VII.

Service of Cease and Desist Order

The Secretary shall serve copies of this Order upon each party of record in this investigation that has retained counsel or otherwise provided a point of contact for electronic service and upon CBP.

Respondent is ordered and directed to:

- (A) Serve, within fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this Order, a copy of this Order upon each of its respective officers, directors, managing agents, agents, and employees who have any responsibility for the importation, marketing, distribution, or sale of imported covered products in the United States;
- (B) Serve, within fifteen (15) days after the succession of any persons referred to in subparagraph VII(A) of this order, a copy of the Order upon each successor; and
- (C) Maintain such records as will show the name, title, and address of each person upon whom the Order has been served, as described in subparagraphs VII(A) and VII(B) of this order, together with the date on which service was made.

The obligations set forth in subparagraphs VII(B) and VII(C) shall remain in effect for ten years from the date of issuance of this Order.

VIII.

Confidentiality

Any request for confidential treatment of information obtained by the Commission pursuant to section VI of this order should be made in accordance with section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 201.6). For all reports for which confidential treatment is sought, Respondent must provide a public version of such report with confidential information redacted.

IX.

Enforcement

Violation of this order may result in any of the actions specified in section 210.75 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.75), including an action for civil penalties under section 337(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337(f)), as well as any other action that the Commission deems appropriate. In determining whether Respondent is in violation of this order, the Commission may infer facts adverse to Respondent if it fails to provide adequate or timely information.

X.

Modification

The Commission may amend this order on its own motion or in accordance with the procedure described in section 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).

XI.

Bonding

The conduct prohibited by section III of this order may be continued during the sixty (60) day period in which this Order is under review by the United States Trade

Representative, as delegated by the President (70 Fed. Reg. 43,251 (Jul. 21, 2005)), subject to Respondent's posting of a bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the entered value of the covered products. This bond provision does not apply to conduct that is otherwise permitted by section IV of this Order. Covered products imported on or after the date of issuance of this Order are subject to the entry bond as set forth in the exclusion order issued by the Commission, and are not subject to this bond provision.

The bond is to be posted in accordance with the procedures established by the Commission for the posting of bonds by complainants in connection with the issuance of temporary exclusion orders. (*See* 19 C.F.R. § 210.68). The bond and any accompanying documentation are to be provided to and approved by the Commission prior to the commencement of conduct that is otherwise prohibited by section III of this Order. Upon the Secretary's acceptance of the bond, (a) the Secretary will serve an acceptance letter on all parties, and (b) Respondent must serve a copy of the bond and accompanying documentation on Complainant's counsel.²

The bond is to be forfeited in the event that the United States Trade Representative approves this Order (or does not disapprove it within the review period), unless (i) the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a final judgment, reverses any Commission final determination and order as to Respondent on appeal, or (ii) Respondent exports or destroys the products subject to this bond and provides certification to that effect that is satisfactory to the Commission.

This bond is to be released in the event (i) the United States Trade Representative disapproves this Order and no subsequent order is issued by the Commission and approved

² *See* Footnote 1.

(or not disapproved) by the United States Trade Representative, (ii) the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in a final judgment, reverses any Commission final determination and order as to Respondent on appeal, or (iii) Respondent exports or destroys the products subject to this bond and provides certification to that effect that is satisfactory to the Commission, upon service on Respondent of an order issued by the Commission based upon application therefor made by Respondent to the Commission.

By order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', written in a cursive style.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: February 10, 2021

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BATTERY MODULES, BATTERY PACKS, COMPONENTS
THEREOF, AND PROCESSES THEREFOR**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1159

PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **COMMISSION ORDER** has been served via EDIS upon the Commission Investigative Attorney, **Claire Comfort**, and the following parties as indicated, on **February 10, 2021**.



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