

## **Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement about Due Process Rights at the New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau**

**This is an important notice about a proposed Settlement in a Federal Court class action case. Please read this notice carefully if:**

- You received a ticket for a NYC transit violation (bus or subway) but you did not pay or go to a hearing on the ticket; OR
- The New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) says you owe money for a transit violation, but you never had a hearing.

### **What Are the Basic Terms of the Proposed Settlement?**

A proposed Settlement in a class action lawsuit filed in Federal Court, *Robinson v. New York City Transit Authority*, et al. 19-cv-01404 (SDNY) may affect your legal rights. Plaintiffs brought this lawsuit to challenge NYCTA's debt collection practices. Plaintiffs alleged that NYCTA did not provide enough information or a fair process to challenge default judgments (judgments awarded to NYCTA because the person ticketed did not pay or show up for a hearing). As a part of this Settlement, NYCTA has agreed to:

- Post instructions on how to get copies of a summons for a transit violation (called a Notice of Violation, or "NOV") and related information;
- Provide copies of NOV's for no more than \$1 each;
- Provide NOV Status letters and Payment Status letters for free;
- Publish a list of acceptable reasons to vacate a default judgment;
- Retain the NOV underlying a default judgment for as long as NYCTA collects the judgment;
- Stop collections, vacate the judgment, and return garnished funds if NYCTA cannot find a copy of the NOV within 60 days after a request;
- Update its website and train staff on the above changes.

You can see the entire proposed Settlement on the following websites:

- National Center for Law and Economic Justice (<https://nclej.org>)
- New Economy Project (<https://neweconomy NYC.org/>) OR
- NYC Transit Adjudication Bureau (<https://new.mta.info/agency/transit-adjudication-bureau>)

You can also ask for a copy of the Settlement by calling the National Center for Law and Economic Justice at (212) 633-6967 or New Economy Project at (212) 680-5100.

## Who Represents the Plaintiff Class?

The National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ), New Economy Project, Faegre Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP, and the Law Offices of Gerald S. Hartman represent the class. The parties have jointly asked the Federal Court to approve the Settlement.

## Can I Object to the Settlement?

Class members are not able to be excluded from the Settlement, but they do have the right to object to the Settlement and tell the Federal Court if they believe that the proposed settlement is not fair, reasonable, or adequate.

Class members who want to object can call, email, or write:

- NCLEJ: 50 Broadway, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10004-3821, (212) 633-6967, or [wilner@nclej.org](mailto:wilner@nclej.org), OR
- New Economy Project, 121 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 804, New York, NY 10001, (212) 680-5100, or [susan@neweconomynyc.org](mailto:susan@neweconomynyc.org).

If you object to the Settlement, Plaintiffs' attorneys cannot represent you, but will forward your objection to the Federal Court. You may also mail objections to: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 15D, New York, NY 10007. Objections sent directly to the Court must be received at this address no later than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

## Where and When Will the Federal Court Review the Settlement?

The Federal Court will hold a hearing to review the Settlement on **October 31, 2023**, at **3:00 pm**. The hearing will take place before the Honorable Analisa Torres at:

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York,  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 15D  
New York, NY 10007