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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA BILLINGS DIVISION

TRACY CAEKAERT, and CAMILLIA MAPLEY,	Cause No. CV 20-52-BLG-SPW
Plaintiffs,	DEFENDANT WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.'S RESPONSE
vs.	TO PLAINTIFFS' STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND FEES RE: ECF
WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND	NO. 318
TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, {	
INC., WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND	
TRACT SOCIETY OF	
PENNSYLVANIA, and BRUCE	
MAPLEY SR.,	
Defendants.	

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated February 6, 2024 (Doc. 318) (hereinafter "Order"), Defendant Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. (hereinafter "WTNY"), hereby submits its response to Plaintiffs' Statement of Expenses and Fees Re: ECF No. 318 dated March 7, 2024 (Doc. 326) (hereinafter "Plaintiffs' Statement"). WTNY does not agree with certain gratuitous insinuations in Plaintiffs' Statement, including but not limited to the suggestion at p. 2 of Plaintiffs' Statement that any disagreement with Plaintiffs constitutes a "quibble," as well as the allegation of "constant lies and half-truths" at p. 6 of Plaintiffs' Statement. WTNY also has questions regarding certain of the time estimates in Plaintiffs' Statement and the Affidavits attached thereto, particularly the estimate that it took 120 hours to request case documents relating to the two interrogatories at issue. *See* Doc. 326-2, ¶ 11.

Nevertheless, in order to get to the merits of the claims, and without waiving any right to argue on appeal any issue with respect to the Order, WTNY will pay the \$52,976.19 set forth in Plaintiffs' Statement.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2024.

By: <u>/s/ Jon A. Wilson</u>

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Pursuant to L.R. 7.1(d)(2)(E), the undersigned hereby certifies this brief

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I hereby certify that, on March 20th, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served

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