**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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| **In re OpenAI, Inc. Copyright Infringement Litigation**<br><br>This Document Relates to:<br>*Richner Communications et al. v. Microsoft Corp. et al.*, No. 1:26-cv-05320-SHS-OTW | Case No. 1:25-md-3143-SHS-OTW<br><br>**JOINT STIPULATION AND ORDER STAYING *RICHNER COMMUNICATIONS* ACTION** |

Plaintiffs Richner Communications, Inc.; AIM Media Indiana Operating, LLC; AIM Media Midwest Operating LLC; AIM Media Texas Operating LLC; AmNews Corp.; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Inc; Casa Grande Valley Newspapers Inc.; CherryRoad Media Inc.; Community Impact Newspaper Co.; Concord Publishing House, Inc; D-R Media and Investments, LLC; D.A. Publishing, LC; Eagle Urban Media LLC; El Crepusculo, Inc; H.S. Gere & Sons, Inc.; Iowa Information Inc.; Lakeway Publishers, Inc; The New Mexican Inc.; Newspapers of Massachusetts, Inc; Newspapers of New England, Inc; Newspapers of New Hampshire, Inc.; North County This Week, Inc; The Ogden Newspapers, Inc; Patchogue Advance, Inc.; Rust Publishing ID, LC; Rust Publishing Moks, LC: Rust Publishing NE, LC; Rye Media Partners LLC; Sentinel Media Co., Inc.; Shaw Family Holdings, Inc.; Straus Media-Manhattan, LLC; Straus Newspapers, Inc.; WEHCO Newspapers, Inc.; White Mountain Publishing LLC; and Wick Communications ("Plaintiffs") and Defendants Microsoft Corporation, OpenAI Inc., OpenAI LP, OpenAI GP LLC, OpenAI LLC, OpenAI OpCo LLC, OpenAI Global LLC, OAI Corporation LLC, OpenAI Holdings LLC, OpenAI Foundation, and OpenAI Group PBC ("Defendants") (collectively, the "Parties"), hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2025, the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered various actions brought against Defendants be centralized and transferred to the Southern District of New York. *In re OpenAI, Inc., Copyright Infringement Litigation*, No. 1:25-md-03143-SHS-OTW (the "MDL");

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, Plaintiffs filed the above-captioned case in the Southern District of New York (the "Action");

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2026, this Action was accepted as a consolidated MDL case;

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2026, this Court entered a show cause order regarding a stay of this Action "pending resolution of summary judgment motions in the other active cases in this multidistrict litigation." *See* MDL ECF No. 1599.

WHEREAS, this Action has common factual and legal issues with the pre-existing MDL actions, such that forthcoming rulings in the MDL may address questions that overlap with questions in this Action and may inform and streamline the resolution of similar issues in this Action;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that a stay of this Action will allow the existing schedule in the MDL to be maintained and promote judicial economy and consistency;

WHEREAS, Defendants have not been served in this Action and, by entering into this stipulation, do not waive service and expressly reserve any and all defenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

1. All proceedings and deadlines in the above-captioned Action are hereby stayed pending resolution of summary judgment motions in the other active cases in this multidistrict litigation.

2. Within 30 days of rulings on such motion(s) in the MDL, the parties shall file a joint status report in this Action to propose a case management conference and any appropriate further proceedings in light of the MDL decision.

3. While this stay is in effect, any party may move to lift the stay for good cause shown. Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude any party from seeking such relief, if necessary, or from seeking any other appropriate relief from the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 13, 2026

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* All parties whose electronic signatures are included in this filing have provided consent in accordance with Rule 8.5(b) of the Court's ECF Rules and Instructions.

**SO ORDERED this** 13 **day of** July **, 2026.**

Hon. Sidney H. Stein
United States District Judge