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8 9 10	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF	
11 12	DAVID EHRMAN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No.: 30-2018-00992300-CU-MC-CXC Assigned to the Honorable William Claster
13 14	Plaintiff, v.	Dept. CX-102 FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
15 16 17	COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and DOES 1 through 25, Defendants.	
18 19		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
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1 Plaintiff DAVID EHRMAN ("Plaintiff"), brings this action against Defendants COX 2 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., and DOES 1 through 25 (collectively, "Defendants"), and alleges as 3 follows:

JURISDICTION & VENUE

5 This action is brought by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of a class of similarly 1. 6 situated consumers in California during the relevant time periods. The Court has general jurisdiction 7 over this action under Code Civ. Proc., § 410.10. The amounts of damages sought by Plaintiff exceed 8 the jurisdictional minimum and will be established according to proof at trial.

9 2. Venue is proper under Code Civ. Proc., §§ 395 and 395.5, because one or more Defendants resides in this county and because a substantial portion of the events forming the basis of 10 11 this action occurred in this county.

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PARTIES

13 Plaintiff DAVID EHRMAN is a resident of California. Plaintiff is a consumer who has 3. 14 in the past and currently receives and pays for residential Internet services from Defendants. Plaintiff 15 has purchased and continues to purchase Defendants' residential Internet services in reliance on 16 Defendants' advertisements and related statements concerning the speed, functionality, and reliability 17 of Defendants' residential Internet services. Plaintiff currently pays for Defendants' "Ultimate" Internet 18 service plan. Plaintiff and his family and friends typically connect to the Internet at Plaintiff's home 19 using multiple Internet-capable devices, most of which rely on a wireless or "WiFi" Internet connection. 20 Plaintiff and his family and friends perform numerous activities using Defendants' residential Internet 21 services, including using the Internet for work, social, educational, and entertainment purposes, and 22 downloading and uploading content and streaming videos. Plaintiff pays more money for higher speed 23 Internet services because he and his family want (and in some instances need) to achieve higher Internet 24 speeds than Plaintiff believes Defendants' plans that promise lower Internet speeds will provide.

25 Defendant COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. is a corporation doing business in 4. 26 California. COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. provides, among other things, residential Internet 27 services to Plaintiff and other consumers in California.

1 5. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual or corporate, of 2 defendants sued as DOES 1 through 25 and, for that reason, sues such defendants under fictitious names. 3 Plaintiff is informed and believe that each DOE defendant was responsible in some respect for the 4 violations alleged herein and proximately caused Plaintiff and other similarly situated consumers to be 5 subject to unlawful and unfair business practices and to suffer harm. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend 6 as and when the true names and capacities of each DOE defendant become known.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8 6. Defendants do business in California. Their business is focused on, among other things, 9 providing Internet services to consumers in California.

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7. For years and continuing through the present day, Defendants have defrauded and misled 11 Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers by promising to deliver residential Internet service at speeds 12 that Defendants knew they could not reliably deliver and that consumers could rarely, if ever, achieve. 13 Defendants also falsely promised residential Internet services with "no contract." Defendants' 14 fraudulent misrepresentations and material omissions have secured for them many millions of dollars 15 of consumers' money in exchange for Internet services Defendants never delivered.

16 8. Defendants advertise and sell residential Internet services based on the Internet speeds 17 consumers can expect to achieve. Defendants classify their Internet speeds based on the number of 18 "megabits per second" ("mbps") consumers can expect to download or upload using Internet-capable 19 equipment such as desktop computers or Internet-capable devices such as laptop computers, 20 smartphones, and tablets. Defendants offer consumers a variety of Internet speed plans, including: 21 "Essential 30," which promises speeds of up to 30 mpbs; "Preferred," which promises speeds of up to 22 100 mbps; "Premier," which promises speeds of up to 150 mbps; "Ultimate," which promises speeds of 23 up to 300 mpbs; and "Gigablast," which promises speeds of up to 1000 mbps. The more speed 24 Defendants promise to consumers, the more expensive Defendants' services are to consumers. 25 Defendants also sell certain Internet services to consumers by representing that there is "no contract."

26 9. Defendants recommend their Internet speed plans based on the number of Internet-27 capable devices a residential consumer may connect to the Internet and the types of Internet activities 28 are performed. The more devices a consumer may connect to the Internet and the more types of activities

a residential consumer may perform, the higher the Internet speeds Defendants recommend and try to
 sell to consumers. For example, if a residential consumer may connect up to seven devices (e.g., four
 smartphones, two tablets, and a laptop computer) and stream videos or conduct video conference calls
 for work, Defendants recommend the "Ultimate" Internet plan that promises 300 mpbs will satisfy the
 consumer's Internet needs.

6 Defendants' advertisements and related statements typically, but not always, identify an 10. 7 "up to" speed. Defendants then strongly suggest that consumers can expect to consistently achieve the 8 advertised "up to" speeds on all of their Internet-capable devices by describing the performance of the 9 Internet services as "fast," "blazing-fast," and "reliable" so that consumers will "always have access" 10 to the Internet throughout their homes. Defendants emphasize the wireless capabilities of their Internet 11 services and use advertisements that feature handheld devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers using WiFi to connect to the Internet. Defendants reinforce consumers' impressions of 12 13 Defendants' Internet services by telling consumers they need higher speeds to connect multiple devices 14 or perform certain online activities, and Defendants then recommend a more expensive package that 15 they say is designed to meet the consumers' needs.

16 Defendants know their advertisements and related statements are false and misleading, 11. 17 and they know they are omitting material information from their representations that would impact 18 consumers' evaluations and purchasing decisions. Defendants know that no consumers will reliably 19 achieve the "up to" speeds they are promised, and that most consumers will never achieve the "up to" 20 speeds. Defendants know most consumers will not even approach speeds near the "up to" speed. This 21 is because Defendants' "up to" speeds are based on the maximum potential for wired Internet 22 connections used in an environment that is very different from how consumers typically use residential 23 Internet services.

Defendants intentionally do not disclose in their advertisements that only a limited subset
of consumers who use <u>wired</u> connections under specific conditions will ever achieve the "up to" speeds.
Defendants also intentionally do not disclose that their <u>wireless</u> services are functionally incapable of
providing the "up to" speeds to consumers, and that any consumers who are using a wireless device
(e.g., smartphone, tablet, laptop computer) will never or rarely come close to achieving the "up to"

speeds under any conditions and will typically top-out at less than half of the promised Internet speeds.
 Consumers' functional incapability to reliably achieve the "up to" speeds they are buying are based on
 Defendants' equipment, infrastructure, and oversubscription to their Internet services that Defendants
 know cannot reliably deliver the promised Internet speeds to their customers, especially in the manner
 in which Defendants advertise such speeds to residential customers who rely primarily on wireless
 devices.

13. Defendants' advertisements never tell consumers who do not own any wired equipment
(e.g., a desktop computer directly connected to a modem/router via an Ethernet cable), or consumers
who own devices that may be capable of being wired but are used as wireless devices (e.g., a laptop
computer or smart television), that they will <u>never or almost never achieve</u> the "up to" speeds under
normal conditions. This is true no matter how many wireless devices are connected, how such devices
are used, or when the speeds are tested (e.g., outside of peak hours).

13 Defendants intentionally recommend high speed, high price plans and tout the "up to" 14. speeds. Defendants promise reliable performance that will meet the consumers' needs. Defendants 14 15 direct their advertisements primarily to consumers who use handheld devices and wireless Internet 16 connections. Yet, based on Defendants' insufficient infrastructure, overcrowded bandwidth, and 17 underperforming equipment, Defendants know such consumers will rarely, if ever, achieve the Internet speeds they are paying for. Even with this knowledge, Defendants intentionally do not change their 18 19 advertisements and related statements and continue to omit material information that would affect 20 consumers' purchasing decisions.

21 As a consumer who purchases residential Internet services from Defendants, Plaintiff has 15. 22 relied on Defendants' promises that he is not entering into a contract by purchasing their services and 23 that he will reliably achieve higher Internet speeds at or near the "up to" speed on all of his and his 24 family's devices. Plaintiff has never achieved at or near the "up to" speed he pays for using wireless 25 devices, however, and he has rarely, if ever, achieved the "up to" speed he pays for using wired 26 equipment. Plaintiff pays a premium over what he would otherwise pay for Defendants' services based 27 on the reasonable expectation that he would consistently receive Defendants' advertised Internet speeds 28 and reliability and would not be bound by contract terms.

1	CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS				
2	16. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action under Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 382 on behalf				
3	of all consum	ers in California who paid for Defendants' residential Internet services within four years			
4	from the date this action was filed.				
5	17. The members of the class are so numerous that joinder of all class members is				
6	impracticable	. Plaintiff estimates that there are at least tens of thousands of putative class members.			
7	18. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the following class definition, and propose				
8	appropriate s	ubclasses, before the Court determines whether class certification is appropriate, or			
9	thereafter upo	n leave of Court:			
10		Proposed Class			
11		All individual consumers in California who purchased Defendants'			
12		residential Internet services during the relevant time period.			
13	19.	Excluded from the proposed class are Defendants and their parents, subsidiaries,			
14	affiliates, officers, directors, and current and former employees; all consumers who make a timely				
15	election to be excluded from this proceeding using the correct opt-out protocol; any and all federal,				
16	state, or local governments; and all judges assigned to hear any aspect of this litigation and their				
17	immediate family members.				
18	20.	Common questions of law and fact exist include, but are not limited to:			
19	a.	whether Defendants made false, misleading, deceptive, untrue, or unfair statements in			
20		their advertisements related to residential Internet speeds and reliability;			
21	b.	whether Defendants omitted material information from their advertisements and related			
22		statements related to residential Internet speeds and reliability;			
23	с.	whether Defendants advertised "no contract" services but still sought to impose contracts			
24		on consumers;			
25	d.	whether Defendants properly disclosed that their network, infrastructure, and/or			
26		equipment was incapable of consistently supporting the promised Internet speeds,			
27		reliability, and performance; and			
28	e.	whether Defendants' conduct was knowing and intentional.			

Plaintiff is a member of the proposed class he seeks to represent and Plaintiff suffered
 harm and damages as a result of Defendants' conduct alleged herein.

3 22. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of other class members and Plaintiff has the
4 same interests as the other members of the class.

5 23. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the class.
6 Plaintiff has retained able counsel experienced in complex and consumer class action litigation.
7 Plaintiff's interests are not antagonistic to the interests of other class members.

8 24. The questions of fact and law common to Plaintiff and members of the class and
9 subclasses predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.

A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication
of this controversy because joinder of all class members is impractical. Moreover, since the damages
suffered by individual class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual
litigation makes it practically impossible for the class members to individually redress the wrongs
committed against them.

15 26. The class and appropriate subclasses are readily definable and ascertainable based on
16 Defendants' records, and prosecution of this action as a class action will eliminate the possibility of
17 repetitive litigation. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

18	CAUSES OF ACTION			
19	<u>Count One</u>			
20		Common Law Fraud and Misrepresentation		
21	27.	Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.		
22	28.	Defendants have represented and continue to represent in their advertisements and		
23	related statem	ents in print, online, and on television, among other places, that:		
24	a.	Consumers can achieve speeds of 30 mbps, 100 mbps, 150 mpbs, 300 mpbs, and 1000		
25		mbps, and similar advertised Internet speeds;		
26	b.	Consumers will receive speeds that are "fast," "blazing fast," and "reliable" based on		
27		Internet performance that would ensure consumers "always have access" throughout		

28 their homes;

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Defendants' promised Internet speeds would let consumers connect multiple devices at the same time and engage in numerous Internet activities, including but not limited to video streaming, without sacrificing performance; and

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Consumers could purchase Defendants' Internet services with "no contract."

5 29. Defendants' representations were and continue to be false and misleading. Defendants 6 knew or should have known that their representations were false and misleading based on Defendants' 7 knowledge of their network, infrastructure, and equipment capabilities and the differences between 8 wired and wireless Internet connections. Alternatively, Defendants made such representations, omitted 9 material information from such representations, and continue to make such representations and 10 omissions, negligently and without reasonable grounds to believe such representations are true.

30. Defendants made such representations, omitted material information from such
 representations, and continue to make such representations and omissions, with the express intention of
 inducing Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers to rely on such representations and take action based
 thereon. Specifically, Defendants intended Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers to purchase
 Defendants' Internet services.

16 Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers relied on and took action based on Defendants' 31. 17 false and misleading representations and material omissions, including by purchasing Defendants' 18 Internet services and paying a premium for Defendants' Internet services. Plaintiff and other consumers 19 continue to rely on Defendants' false and misleading representations and material omissions and 20 continue to pay for services which Defendants are not providing. Plaintiff and similarly situated 21 consumers would not have taken such action had they not believed Defendants' false and misleading 22 representations and material omissions, and would not continue to pay for these services at all or at the 23 same price if the truth were disclosed.

24 32. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers suffered harm as a direct result of their reliance 25 on Respondents' false and misleading representations and material omissions, and will continue to 26 suffer harm in the future. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all similarly situated consumers in 27 California, seeks: individual, representative, and public injunctive relief requiring Defendants to cease 28 and correct all false and misleading representations and material omissions concerning Internet speeds and reliability and "no contract" offers; actual damages; punitive damages to punish and deter
 Defendants' wrongful conduct; and costs and attorneys' fees under Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.

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Violation of False Advertising Law, Cal Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 et seq.

Count Two

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33. Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.

6 34. Defendants have intentionally made and disseminated statements and have included 7 material omissions, and they continue to make such statements and omissions, to Plaintiff, Class 8 members, and the general public concerning Defendants' Internet services, as well as circumstances and 9 facts connected to such services, which are untrue and misleading, and which are known (or which by 10 the exercise of reasonable care should be known) to be untrue or misleading. Defendants have also 11 intentionally made or disseminated such untrue or misleading statements and have included material 12 omissions, and they continue to make such statements and omissions, to Plaintiff, Class members, and 13 the public as part of a plan or scheme with intent not to sell those services as advertised, and they 14 continue to engage in that plan or scheme.

- 35. Defendants' untrue and misleading statements include but are not limited to:
- 16a.Consumers can achieve speeds of 30 mbps, 100 mbps, 150 mpbs, 300 mpbs, and 100017mbps, and similar advertised Internet speeds;
- b. Consumers will receive speeds that are "fast," "blazing fast," and "reliable" based on
 Internet performance that would ensure consumers "always have access" throughout
 their homes;
- c. Defendants' promised Internet speeds would let consumers connect multiple devices at
 the same time and engage in numerous Internet activities, including but not limited to
 video streaming, without sacrificing performance; and
- d. Consumers could purchase Defendants' Internet services with "no contract."

25 36. Defendants made these statements and substantially similar ones willfully and 26 intentionally, knowing they were false and misleading, and they continue to make these and 27 substantially similar false and misleading statements willfully and intentionally. Defendants knew or 28 should have known that their statements were false and misleading based on Defendants' knowledge of

their network, infrastructure, and equipment capabilities and the differences between wired and wireless 1 2 Internet connections.

3 37. Each of these statements and omissions, and substantially similar statements and 4 omissions, constitute false and deceptive advertisements under the False Advertising Law, Cal. Bus. & 5 Prof. Code § 17500 et seq. ("FAL"). Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers were deceived and 6 continue be deceived by Defendants' statements and omissions, and there is a strong probability that 7 Class members and members of the public were also or are likely to be deceived as well. Any reasonable 8 consumer would be misled by Defendants' false and misleading statements and material omissions.

9 Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers relied on and took action based on Defendants' 38. 10 false and misleading statements and material omissions, including by purchasing Defendants' Internet 11 services and paying a premium for Defendants' Internet services. Plaintiff and other consumers continue 12 to rely on Defendants' false and misleading statements and material omissions and continue to pay for 13 services which Defendants are not providing. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers would not have 14 taken such action had they not believed Defendants' false and misleading statements and material 15 omissions, and would not continue to pay for these services at all or at the same price if the truth were 16 disclosed.

17 39. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers lost money or property as a direct result of their reliance on Respondents' false and misleading statements and omissions, and will continue to 18 19 suffer the same or similar harm in the future. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all similarly situated consumers, seeks individual, representative, and public injunctive relief requiring Defendants to cease 20 21 and correct all false and misleading statements and material omissions concerning Internet speeds and 22 reliability and "no contract" offers; restitution that will restore the full amount of their money or 23 property; disgorgement of Defendants' relevant profits and proceeds; and reasonable costs and 24 attorneys' fees under Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.

Count Three

Violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq.

40. Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.

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1	41.	Defendants have engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and practices that constitute false		
2	and misleading advertising under the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq.			
3	("CLRA"). Defendants' unlawful acts and practices include but are not limited to:			
4	a. Representations that Defendants would provide Internet services where consumers can			
5	achieve speeds of 30 mbps, 100 mbps, 150 mpbs, 300 mpbs, and 1000 mbps, and similar			
6		advertised Internet speeds;		
7	b.	Representations that the Internet speeds consumers will receive are "fast," "blazing fast,"		
8		and "reliable" based on Internet performance that would ensure consumers "always have		
9		access" throughout their homes;		
10	с.	Representations that Defendants' promised Internet speeds would let consumers connect		
11		multiple devices at the same time and engage in numerous Internet activities, including		
12		but not limited to video streaming, without sacrificing performance; and		
13	d.	Representations that consumers could purchase Defendants' Internet services with "no		
14		contract."		
15	42.	Each of Defendants' representations and substantially similar representations constitute		
16	false and mis	sleading advertising and violate the CLRA by:		
17	a.	Representing that their Internet services have characteristics, uses, and benefits which		
18		they do not have, in violation of Section 1770(a)(5);		
19	b.	Representing that their Internet services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or		
20		that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another, in violation of Section		
21		1770(a)(7);		
22	с.	Advertising their Internet services with intent not to sell them as advertised, in violation		
23		of Section 1770(a)(9);		
24	· d.	Representing that a transaction with them confers or involves rights, remedies, or		
25		obligations which it does not have or involve, in violation of Section 1770(a)(14); and		
26	e.	Representing that the subject of a transaction with them has been supplied in accordance		
27		with a previous representation when it has not, in violation of Section 1770(a)(16.		
28	43.	Defendants' acts and practices were knowing and intentional.		

44. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers relied on these and substantially similar
representations and material omissions to their detriment, including by purchasing Defendants' Internet
services but not receiving speeds, reliability, and terms they were promised, and by paying more for
Defendants' Internet services than they would have had Defendants' advertisements, representations,
and terms been truthful, accurate, and complete. Defendants knew or should have known that their
statements were false and misleading based on Defendants' knowledge of their network, infrastructure,
and equipment capabilities and the differences between wired and wireless Internet connections.

8 45. Under Sections 1780 and 1781 of the CLRA, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all
9 similarly situated consumers, seeks individual, representative, and public injunctive relief requiring
10 Defendants to cease and correct all of their unlawful methods, acts, and practices; damages; restitution
11 that will restore the full amount of their money or property; disgorgement of Defendants' relevant profits
12 and proceeds; and reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.

13 Concurrently with the filing of this action, Plaintiff has filed an affidavit in support of 46. 14 this action stating facts showing that the action has been commenced in a county or judicial district that 15 constitutes a proper place for the trial of this action. See Exhibit 1. On May 8, 2018, Plaintiff gave 16 Defendants written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address provided by 17 Defendants, of the alleged violations of Section 1770 of the CLRA and demanded that Defendants 18 correct or otherwise rectify the services alleged to be in violation of Section 1770. See Exhibit 2. 19 Defendants have not identified or made a reasonable effort to identify all similarly situated consumers; have not notified such consumers that they will correct or otherwise remedy the unlawful acts and 20 21 practices upon request; have not agreed to make such correction or offer such remedy within a 22 reasonable time; and have not ceased from engaging in the unlawful acts and practices.

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47. Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.

26 48. Defendants have engaged in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business acts and practices,
27 and unfair, deceptive, untrue, and misleading advertising that constitutes false and misleading
28 advertising under the Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. ("UCL").

Count Four

Violation of Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq.

1	49.	Defendants are each a "person" under Section 17021.		
2	50.	Defendants' acts, practices, and advertisements that violate the UCL include but are not		
3	limited to:			
4	a.	Making representations that Defendants would provide Internet services where		
5		consumers can achieve speeds of 30 mbps, 100 mbps, 150 mpbs, 300 mpbs, and 1000		
6	mbps, and similar advertised Internet speeds;			
7	b.	Making representations that the Internet speeds consumers will receive are "fast,"		
8	"blazing fast," and "reliable" based on Internet performance that would ensure			
9	consumers "always have access" throughout their homes;			
10	с.	Making representations that Defendants' promised Internet speeds would let consumers		
11		connect multiple devices at the same time and engage in numerous Internet activities,		
12		including but not limited to video streaming, without sacrificing performance; and		
13	d.	Making representations that consumers could purchase Defendants' Internet services		
14		with "no contract."		
15	51.	Each of these representations and substantially similar representations are unlawful,		
16	unfair, fraud	ulent, deceptive, and untrue and violate the UCL. Each of these representations and		
17	substantially similar representations are further unlawful, fraudulent, deceptive, and untrue because			
18	Defendants intentionally omitted material information within its knowledge concerning the Internet			
19	speeds and reliability and terms underlying its services.			
20	52.	Defendants took these acts and practices and made their representations and omissions		
21	knowingly and intentionally, intending that Plaintiff and other consumers would rely on them and take			
22	action. Defendants knew or should have known that their representations were false and misleading			
23	based on Defendants' knowledge of their network, infrastructure, and equipment capabilities and the			
24	differences between wired and wireless Internet connections.			
25	53.	Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers relied on and took action based on Defendants'		
26	unlawful, un	fair, fraudulent, deceptive, and untrue acts, practices, and advertisements and related		
27	representations and omissions and suffered actual harm and lost money or property as a result, includin			
28	by purchasin	g Defendants' Internet services and paying a premium for Defendants' Internet services.		
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Plaintiff and other consumers continue to rely on Defendants' unlawful, unfair, fraudulent, deceptive, and untrue acts, practices, and advertisements and related representations and omissions by continuing to pay for services which Defendants are not providing, hoping Defendants' services will fulfill their promises. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers would not have taken such action had they not believed Defendants' false and misleading statements and material omissions, and would not continue to pay for these services at all or at the same price if the truth were disclosed.

7 54. Defendants' actions described above constitute common law fraud and violate the FAL
8 and CLRA and are therefore unlawful under the UCL.

9 55. As a result of Defendants' unlawful and unfair acts and practices, they have reaped and
10 continue to reap unfair benefits and illegal profits at the expense of Plaintiff and other nonexempt
11 employees.

12 56. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of similarly situated consumers, seeks individual, 13 representative, and public injunctive and declaratory relief requiring Defendants to cease and correct all 14 of their unlawful acts, practices, and advertisements; restitution that will restore the full amount of their 15 money or property; disgorgement of Defendants' relevant profits and proceeds; and reasonable costs 16 and attorneys' fees under Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.

Count Five

Restitution and Unjust Enrichment

57. Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.

20 58. Alternatively to the claims stated above, Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers are
21 equitably entitled to recover from Defendants based on Defendants' inequitable and deceptive acts and
22 practices that included falsely advertising their Internet services.

23 59. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers conferred specific economic benefits upon
24 Defendants in the form of payments for Internet services that were not actually provided. Defendants
25 knowingly accepted and retained such benefits but failed to provide the services as advertised and
26 required by law. Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers reasonably expected to receive services as
27 advertised and not be subjected to Defendants' unlawful and inequitable practices.

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60. Defendants were unjustly enriched by the benefits in the amounts of the payments they

received from Plaintiff's and similarly situated consumers in exchange for Internet services the
 consumers did not receive and Defendants did not provide. It would be unjust and unconscionable to
 permit Defendants to be so enriched and continue to be enriched in the future.

4 61. Defendants should be required to disgorge all amounts that they have been unjustly
5 enriched, and Plaintiff and similarly situated consumers should recover such amounts, with interest, as
6 restitution.

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all class members similarly situated, seek
individual, representative, and public injunctive relief and any other necessary orders or judgments that
will prevent Defendants' unlawful and inequitable conduct from continuing; restitution that restores the
full amount of their money or property; disgorgement of Defendants' related profits and proceeds; and
reasonable costs and attorneys' fees under Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.

Count Six

Declaratory and Injunctive Relief

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Plaintiff incorporates all prior paragraphs.

64. An actual controversy between Plaintiff and Defendants exists concerning their
respective legal rights and obligations related to Defendants' residential Internet services for purposes
of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 1060 through 1062.

18 Plaintiff requests that the Court adjudicate and declare that Plaintiff and similarly situated 65. 19 consumers in California have a right to view and rely upon truthful advertising; that Defendants have 20 an obligation to ensure all of their advertisements and related statements and representations are truthful, 21 complete, and not misleading; that Defendants have an obligation not to advertise that their services 22 have "no contracts" associated with them if Defendants in fact seek to impose contracts on their 23 consumers; that Defendants cannot enforce any alleged contract terms against consumers where 24 Defendants represented that their services had "no contracts;" that Defendants have an obligation not to 25 advertise Internet speeds that they know or reasonably should know consumers are unlikely to 26 consistently or reliably achieve; and that Defendants have an obligation to train their personnel not to 27 misrepresent Defendants' Internet services and not to avoid presenting consumers with truthful, 28 complete, and accurate information.

1	66.	Plaintiff further requests that the Court issue related injunctive relief that requires			
2	Defendants to comply with their legal obligations and utilize only truthful and complete advertisements,				
3	statements, and representations, and ensure consumers are aware of any and all contracts Defendants				
4	seek to impo	se against consumers.			
5	67. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all class members similarly situated, seeks				
6	individual, r	epresentative, and public declaratory and injunctive relief and any other necessary orders			
7	or judgment	s that will declare the parties' respective legal rights and obligations and that will prevent			
8	Defendants	from continuing to ignore their legal obligations and consumers' legal rights. Plaintiff			
9	further seeks	s his reasonable costs and attorneys' fees under Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.			
10	PRAYER FOR RELIEF				
11	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all similarly situated consumers in				
12	California, prays for the following relief:				
13	A.	Certification of this action as a class action;			
14	B. Designation of Plaintiff as a class representative and counsel for Plaintiff as class				
15	counsel;				
16	C.	An award of actual, statutory, and punitive damages;			
17	D.	Individual, representative, and public equitable, injunctive, and declaratory relief to			
18	remedy Defendants' violations of California law, including but not limited to an order enjoining				
19	Defendants from continuing their unlawful and unfair business practices and advertisements;				
20	E. Restitution and disgorgement;				
21	F.	F. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law;			
22	G.	G. Reasonable costs and attorneys' fees; and			
23	H.	Such additional and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.			
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25	Dated: June	15, 2018 SODERSTROM LAW PC			
26		By: <u>/s/ Jamin S. Soderstrom</u>			
27		Counsel for Plaintiff and the Proposed Class			
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