



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1640/7/724

BETWEEN:

VICKI SHOTBOLT CLASS REPRESENTATIVE LIMITED

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

- v -

VALVE CORPORATION

Respondent/Proposed Defendant

ORDER

UPON the Proposed Class Representative (“**PCR**”) having filed an application for a collective proceedings order (the “**CPO Application**”) pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the “**Tribunal Rules**”)

AND UPON hearing counsel for the PCR and the Proposed Defendant (collectively the “**Parties**”) at a case management conference on 13 May 2025

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Forum

1. Pursuant to Rules 18, 52 and 74 of the Tribunal Rules, the CPO Application be treated, for all purposes, as proceedings in England and Wales.

Hearing of the CPO Application

2. There shall be a hearing to determine the CPO Application on 14 October 2025, with the following day (15 October 2025) held in reserve (the “**CPO Hearing**”).

Timetable

3. The Proposed Defendant shall file and serve a Response to the CPO Application, together with any supporting evidence, by 4pm on 1 July 2025.
4. The PCR shall file and serve a Reply to the Proposed Defendant’s Response, together with any supporting evidence, by 4pm on 12 September 2025.
5. The PCR shall file an agreed electronic hearing bundle by 4pm on 30 September 2025.
6. The PCR and Proposed Defendant shall file and serve their skeleton arguments for the CPO Hearing by 4pm on 8 October 2025.
7. The PCR shall file an agreed electronic authorities bundle by 4pm on 9 October 2025.

Confidentiality

8. An interim confidentiality ring between the PCR and Proposed Defendant in a form to be agreed between the parties shall be established by separate order of the Tribunal (the “**Interim Confidentiality Order**”). If the parties are unable to agree the form of the Interim Confidentiality Order, they shall submit a version showing the areas of disagreement to the Tribunal so that the Tribunal can resolve any disagreements on the papers.
9. If the CPO Application is granted, at the first CMC following certification the Parties and the Tribunal shall consider the confidentiality arrangements that should be put in place for the remainder of the proceedings, including whether or not the terms of the Interim Confidentiality Order should be maintained or varied.

Publicity

10. By 4pm on 13 June 2025 the PCR shall publicise:
- (a) the CPO Application and Hearing Notice (as amended and agreed with the Proposed Defendant) in accordance with the proposal set out in the PCR's Notice and Administration Plan at Annex A to the CPO Application;
 - (b) the right of persons with an interest in the CPO Application to object to the CPO Application; and
 - (c) the right of members of the proposed class to apply to the Tribunal for permission to make written and or oral submissions at the CPO Hearing.

Objections and permission to make observations

11. The persons referred to in paragraphs 10(b) and 10(c) above may (as applicable) object to the CPO Application and/or seek permission to make submissions (either orally or in writing) at the CPO Hearing by 4pm on 25 July 2025.

General

12. Costs in the case.

The Honourable Mr Justice Hildyard
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 13 May 2025
Drawn: 23 May 2025