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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 ANTHROPIC PBC,
15 Plaintiff,
16 v.
17 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR, et al.,
18 Defendants.

Case No. 3:26-cv-01996

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION OF
PLAINTIFF ANTHROPIC PBC TO
INCREASE PAGE LIMITS
PURSUANT TO L.R. 7-11 FOR ITS
MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER,
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, OR
SECTION 705 STAY**

Judge: Hon. Rita F. Lin

1 Plaintiff Anthropic PBC respectfully submits this Motion for Administrative Relief,
2 pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-11, to exceed the 15-page limit set forth in the Court’s Standing
3 Order for Civil Cases and file a memorandum of up to 25 pages for Anthropic’s Motion for a
4 Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, or Section 705 Stay (“Motion”).
5 Anthropic’s Motion was filed earlier today alongside its complaint in compliance with Civil Local
6 Rule 7-4(b), which permits memoranda of up to 25 pages.

7 Anthropic recognizes that requests to exceed the Standing Order’s 15-page limit are
8 disfavored, but the extraordinary circumstances of this case and the nature of the relief sought
9 warrant the additional ten (10) pages. Anthropic has emailed the Deputy Assistant Attorney
10 General for the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice,
11 and the Chief of the Civil Division at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of
12 California to inquire as to Defendants’ position on this motion. At the time this motion was
13 prepared, Anthropic had not yet received a response.

14 In support of its request, Anthropic provides the following showing of good cause.

15 1. Anthropic’s Motion involves constitutional and statutory claims in a case of national
16 importance. The Motion challenges several distinct executive actions, each raising distinct legal
17 questions. Specifically, Anthropic’s Motion seeks preliminary relief with respect to: (1) a
18 February 27, 2026 Presidential Directive ordering all federal agencies to cease use of Anthropic’s
19 technology; (2) agency actions taken to implement the Presidential Directive; (3) a February 27,
20 2026 Order issued by the Secretary of War designating Anthropic a “Supply-Chain Risk to
21 National Security” and directing that no contractor, supplier, or partner doing business with the
22 United States military may conduct commercial activity with Anthropic; and (4) a March 4, 2026
23 Letter from the Secretary of War notifying Anthropic of the Secretary’s supply chain designation
24 and purporting to formalize that designation under 10 U.S.C. § 3252.

25 2. Anthropic’s Motion and Memorandum present four independent and distinct legal
26 theories, each requiring its own analysis. Beyond these claims, the memorandum must describe a
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1 detailed factual record, establish that Anthropic faces irreparable harm on multiple fronts, and
2 demonstrate that the balance of equities and the public interest weigh decisively in its favor.

3 3. Anthropic has worked diligently to ensure that its Motion and supporting papers
4 conform with the format and content mandated by the Local Rules—including Civil Local Rule
5 7-4(b)'s 25-page limit—while moving as expeditiously as possible to bring these issues before
6 the Court in light of the immediate and far-reaching consequences of Defendants' actions.

7 4. Anthropic believes that the breadth of the factual and legal issues involved—
8 particularly given the rapidly developing circumstances—cannot be adequately addressed in 15
9 pages. Anthropic therefore respectfully requests an additional ten (10) pages to present them fully
10 for the Court.

11 5. We have attempted to contact counsel for Defendants to seek their consent to this
12 motion, but have not yet received a response. The Complaint was filed early in the morning on
13 March 9, 2026. In order to inform the Defendants of this action, Anthropic provided a copy of the
14 filed complaint to the following: Earl G. Matthews, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of
15 War; Brett Shumate, Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of
16 Justice; Eric Hamilton, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Federal Programs Branch of
17 the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice; and Pamela Johann, Chief of the Civil
18 Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California, and informed them
19 by email of Anthropic's intention to file its motion for preliminary relief. Declaration of Michael
20 J. Mongan in Support of Anthropic PBC's Motion, ¶¶ 5-6. Shortly after that motion for
21 preliminary relief was filed and the case was assigned to Judge Lin, Anthropic emailed the same
22 group, provided a courtesy copy of the motion, informed them of Anthropic's plan to file a
23 motion for leave to extend page limits, and asked for their position on the page-limit motion.

24 6. The U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have not yet responded as of the time this
25 Motion was prepared. *Id.* ¶ 5-6. Counsel for Anthropic also called the U.S. Department of Justice
26 Federal Programs Division to notify them about this motion, and left a voicemail. Counsel for
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1 Anthropic has not yet received a response to that voicemail. Thus, consent to the present motion
2 could not be obtained from opposing counsel. *Id.*

3 7. On the basis of the foregoing showing of good cause, Anthropic respectfully
4 requests this Court to grant it leave to file a memorandum of up to 25 pages in support of its
5 Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, or Section 705 Stay.

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7 Respectfully submitted,

8 Date: March 9, 2026.

/s/ Michael J. Mongan

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of March, 2026, I electronically transmitted the foregoing document to the Clerk’s Office using the CM/ECF System.

By: /s/ Michael J. Mongan
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