UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California

Honorable Ronald H. Sargis

Chief Bankruptcy Judge Modesto, California

December 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

1. <u>15-90811</u>-E-7 KSR-1

ASSN., GOLD STRIKE HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS Peter Macaluso MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 12-5-19 [161]

HONG SHAO VS.

Tentative Ruling: Oral argument may be presented by the parties at the scheduled hearing, where the parties shall address the issues identified in this tentative ruling and such other issues as are necessary and appropriate to the court's resolution of the matter.

Below is the court's tentative ruling, rendered on the assumption that there will be no opposition to the motion. If there is opposition presented, the court will consider the opposition and whether further hearing is proper pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(2)(C).

Local Rule 9014-1(f)(2) Motion—Hearing Required.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, Trustee's Attorney, and Office of the United States Trustee on December 5, 2019. By the court's calculation, 14 days' notice was provided. 14 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Hong Yu Shao ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to Gold Strike Heights Homeowners Association's ("Debtor") real property commonly known as three vacant lots: 4,9, and 10, in Calaveras County, California ("Property"). Movant has provided the Declaration of Hong Yu Shao to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation secured by the Property.

Movant argues Debtor has not made 48 post-petition payments, with a total of \$34.227.47 in post-petition payments past due. Declaration, Dckt. 165. Movant also provides evidence that there are 34 pre-petition payments in default, with a pre-petition arrearage of \$41,660.70. *Id*.

DISCUSSION

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$75,855.17 (Declaration, Dckt. 166), while the value of the Property is determined to be \$20,000 each, for a total of \$60,000.00, as stated in Amended Schedule A filed by Debtor.

11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.), 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2007) (quoting In re Busch, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); In re Silverling, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling), No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. See In re J E Livestock, Inc., 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting In re Busch, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan), 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis), 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); In re Ellis, 60 B.R. 432.

11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2)

A debtor has no equity in property when the liens against the property exceed the property's value. *Stewart v. Gurley*, 745 F.2d 1194, 1195 (9th Cir. 1984). Once a movant under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2) establishes that a debtor or estate has no equity in property, it is the burden of the debtor or trustee to establish that the collateral at issue is necessary to an effective reorganization. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2); *United Sav. Ass'n of Texas v. Timbers of Inwood Forest Assocs. Ltd.*, 484 U.S. 365, 375–76 (1988). Based upon the evidence submitted, the court determines that there is no equity in the Property for either Debtor or the Estate. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2). This being a Chapter 7 case, the Property is *per se* not necessary for an effective reorganization. *See Ramco Indus. v. Preuss (In re Preuss)*, 15 B.R. 896 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1981).

The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Property, to conduct a nonjudicial foreclosure sale pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their contractual rights,

and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, at the nonjudicial foreclosure sale to obtain possession of the Property.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue an order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Hong Yu Shao ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and trustee under the trust deed, and any other beneficiary or trustee, and their respective agents and successors under any trust deed that is recorded against the real property commonly known as three vacant lots: 4,9, and 10, in Calaveras County, California, ("Property") to secure an obligation to exercise any and all rights arising under the promissory note, trust deed, and applicable nonbankruptcy law to conduct a nonjudicial foreclosure sale and for the purchaser at any such sale to obtain possession of the Property.

No other or additional relief is granted.

FINAL RULINGS

2. <u>19-91005</u>-E-7 <u>MET-1</u> CHRISTOPHER DELSANTO Pro Se MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 11-21-19 [9]

BANK OF THE WEST VS.

Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) Motion—No Opposition Filed.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor (*pro se*), Chapter 7 Trustee, and Office of the United States Trustee on November 21, 2019. By the court's calculation, 28 days' notice was provided. 28 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay has been set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1). Failure of the respondent and other parties in interest to file written opposition at least fourteen days prior to the hearing as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1)(B) is considered to be the equivalent of a statement of nonopposition. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (upholding a court ruling based upon a local rule construing a party's failure to file opposition as consent to grant a motion). Further, because the court will not materially alter the relief requested by the moving party, an actual hearing is unnecessary. *See Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006). Therefore, the defaults of the non-responding parties and other parties in interest are entered. Upon review of the record, there are no disputed material factual issues, and the matter will be resolved without oral argument. The court will issue its ruling from the parties' pleadings.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Bank of the West ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to an asset identified as a 2006 Winnebago View M-23H Motor Home, VIN ending in 0969 ("Vehicle"). The moving party has provided the Declaration of Lori Davis to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation owed by Christopher Delsanto ("Debtor").

Movant argues no post-petition payments have been made. Declaration, Dckt. 12. Movant also argues that Debtor's last payment was received on September 9, 2019, and was applied to the June 2019 payment. *Id*.

DISCUSSION

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$28,165.59 (Declaration, Dckt. 12), while the value of the Vehicle is determined to be \$26,500.00, as stated in Schedules B and D filed by Debtor.

Debtor's Statement of Intention discloses that Debtor intends to surrender the Vehicle. Dckt.

11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.)*, 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2007) (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); *In re Silverling*, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), *aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling)*, No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. *See In re J E Livestock, Inc.*, 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. *W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan)*, 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis)*, 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); *In re Ellis*, 60 B.R. 432.

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The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, to repossess, dispose of, or sell the asset pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their contractual rights, and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, to obtain possession of the asset.

Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court.

Movant has pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is granted.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Bank of the West ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Vehicle, under its security agreement, loan documents granting it a lien in the asset identified as a 2006 Winnebago View M-23H Motor Home, VIN ending in 0969 ("Vehicle"), and applicable nonbankruptcy law to obtain possession of, nonjudicially sell, and apply proceeds from the sale of the Vehicle to the obligation secured thereby.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.

3. <u>17-90516</u>-E-7 SSA-1 VERA JOHNSON Thomas Hogan CONTINUED AMENDED MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 8-9-19 [39]

MICHAEL JOHNSON VS.

Final Ruling: No appearance at the December 19, 2019 hearing is required.

Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) Motion—No Opposition Filed.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, creditors, parties requesting special notice, and Office of the United States Trustee on August 9, 2019. By the court's calculation, 41 days' notice was provided. 28 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay has been set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1). Failure of the respondent and other parties in interest to file written opposition at least fourteen days prior to the hearing as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1)(B) is considered to be the equivalent of a statement of nonopposition. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (upholding a court ruling based upon a local rule construing a party's failure to file opposition as consent to grant a motion). Further, because the court will not materially alter the relief requested by the moving party, an actual hearing is unnecessary. *See Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006). Therefore, the defaults of the non-responding parties and other parties in interest are entered. Upon review of the record, there are no disputed material factual issues, and the matter will be resolved without oral argument. The court will issue its ruling from the parties' pleadings.

The Motion for Relief is granted to allow the adjudication of (i) the amount of spousal support, if any, Mike Johnson owes, and (ii) the date of separation of Mike Johnson and Vera Johnson.

Michael Johnson ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay to allow *Johnson v. Johnson*, Case No. FLM58433 (the "State Court Litigation") to be concluded. Movant has provided the Declaration of Paul Fromson to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation owed by Vera June Johnson ("Debtor").

Movant argues that lifting the stay will allow for the resolution of all remaining domestic relations issues in the Johnson case will bring closure to the divorce cased and its participants and assist the administration of the bankruptcy case by determining alimony and property issues as well as the definitive date of separation of the parties which is presently contested between them and will affect payment of claims in Debtor Vera Johnson's bankruptcy case. Declaration, Dckt. 42.

DECEMBER 2, 2019 STIPULATION

Movant and Chapter 7 Trustee filed a Stipulation on December 2, 2019. Dckt. 102. The Stipulation provides for the following:

- 1. The parties request the Court to grant relief from the automatic stay so that Mr. Johnson (and the estate) can immediately take all action necessary or appropriate to seek and obtain rulings in the pending marital dissolution action between Mr. Johnson and the Debtor, entitled Mike W Johnson v. Vera J. Johnson, Merced County Superior Court Case No. FLM58433 (the "Divorce Action"), as to the following issues only:
 - (i) the amount of spousal support, if any, Mr. Johnson owes, and
 - (ii) the date of separation of Mr. Johnson and the Debtor.
- 2. To the extent the court in the Divorce Action rules Mr. Johnson owes any spousal support, he owes such obligations to the bankruptcy estate and he shall pay all such spousal support to the Trustee.
- 3. Mr. Johnson withdraws this motion for relief from the automatic stay, without prejudice, in all other respects.
- 4. Mr. Johnson shall not file another relief from stay motion (if at all) until the earlier of (i) the date the bankruptcy estate's sale of the real property at 1421 Brannon Avenue, Modesto, California, closes, or (ii) six months from the date the Court enters an order on this Stipulation.

DEBTOR'S NON-OPPOSITION

On December 9, 2019, Debtor filed a Non-Opposition to the Stipulation. Dckt. 103.

MOVANT'S/CLAIMANT'S RESPONSE

On December 11, 2019, Movant filed a Response to Court's Rejection of an order lodged with the court granting Stipulation for Relief from Stay [to Pursue to Final Judgment in State Court Divorce Action]. Dckt. 107.

DISCUSSION

The court may grant relief from stay for cause when it is necessary to allow litigation in a nonbankruptcy court. 3 COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY ¶ 362.07[3][a] (Alan N. Resnick & Henry J. Sommer eds. 16th ed.). The moving party bears the burden of establishing a prima facie case that relief from the automatic stay is warranted, however. *LaPierre v. Advanced Med. Spa Inc.* (*In re Advanced Med. Spa Inc.*), No. EC-16-1087, 2016 Bankr. LEXIS 2205, at *8–9 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. May 23, 2016). To determine "whether cause exists to allow litigation to proceed in another forum, 'the bankruptcy court must balance the potential hardship that will be incurred by the party seeking relief if the stay is not lifted against the potential prejudice to the debtor and the bankruptcy estate." *Id.* at *9 (quoting *Green v. Brotman Med. Ctr., Inc.*), No. CC-08-1056-DKMo, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 4692, at *6

(B.A.P. 9th Cir. Aug. 15, 2008)) (citing *In re Aleris Int'l, Inc.*, 456 B.R. 35, 47 (Bankr. D. Del. 2011)). The basis for such relief under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) when there is pending litigation in another forum is predicated on factors of judicial economy, including whether the suit involves multiple parties or is ready for trial. *See Christensen v. Tucson Estates, Inc. (In re Tucson Estates, Inc.)*, 912 F.2d 1162 (9th Cir. 1990); *Packerland Packing Co. v. Griffith Brokerage Co. (In re Kemble)*, 776 F.2d 802 (9th Cir. 1985); *Santa Clara Cty. Fair Ass'n v. Sanders (In re Santa Clara Cty. Fair Ass'n)*, 180 B.R. 564 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995); *Truebro, Inc. v. Plumberex Specialty Prods., Inc. (In re Plumberex Specialty Prods., Inc.)*, 311 B.R. 551 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2004).

The court grants relief from the automatic stay in this case to allow the State Court in *Mike W Johnson v. Vera J. Johnson*, Merced County Superior Court Case No. FLM58433 (the "Divorce Action"), to issue final orders and judgment, determining:

- 1. The amount of spousal support, if any, owed by Mike Johnson relating to his marriage to Vera Johnson; and
- 2. The date of separation of Mike Johnson and Vera Johnson.

Additionally, all other requests for relief in the Motion are dismissed without prejudice.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue an order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Michael Johnson ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are modified to allow Movant, the Debtor, and Gary Farrar, the Chapter 7 Trustee, to adjudicate to final judgment and orders, including all appeals therefore *Johnson v. Vera J. Johnson*, Merced County Superior Court Case No. FLM58433 (the "Divorce Action"), to issue final orders and judgment

1. The amount of spousal support, if any, owed by Mike Johnson relating to his marriage to Vera Johnson;

and

2. The date of separation of Mike Johnson and Vera Johnson.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other requests for relief in the Motion are dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the automatic stay is not modified with respect to enforcement of any judgment against Debtor, Gary Farrar ("the Chapter 7 Trustee"), or property of the bankruptcy estate. Any judgment obtained by Movant shall be submitted to this court for the proper treatment of any claims arising under the Bankruptcy Code.

No other or additional relief is granted.

4. <u>19-90669</u>-E-7 HEATHER MIRASSOU RAS-1 Brian Haddix

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-25-19 [17]

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY VS.

Final Ruling: No appearance at the December 19, 2019 hearing is required.

Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) Motion—No Opposition Filed.

Sufficient Notice Provided. The Proof of Service states that the Motion and supporting pleadings were served on Debtor, Debtor's Attorney, Chapter 7 Trustee, and Office of the United States Trustee on October 25, 2019. By the court's calculation, 55 days' notice was provided. 28 days' notice is required.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay has been set for hearing on the notice required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1). Failure of the respondent and other parties in interest to file written opposition at least fourteen days prior to the hearing as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-1(f)(1)(B) is considered to be the equivalent of a statement of nonopposition. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (upholding a court ruling based upon a local rule construing a party's failure to file opposition as consent to grant a motion). Further, because the court will not materially alter the relief requested by the moving party, an actual hearing is unnecessary. *See Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006). Therefore, the defaults of the non-responding parties and other parties in interest are entered. Upon review of the record, there are no disputed material factual issues, and the matter will be resolved without oral argument. The court will issue its ruling from the parties' pleadings.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Residential Asset Securitization Trust Series 2006-A6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-F ("Movant") seeks relief from the automatic stay with respect to Heather Noel Mirassou's ("Debtor") real property commonly known as 6601 River Road, Oakdale, California ("Property"). Movant has provided the Declaration of Marily Solivan to introduce evidence to authenticate the documents upon which it bases the claim and the obligation secured by the Property.

Movant argues Debtor has not made two (2) post-petition payments, with a total of \$6,952.56 in post-petition payments past due. Declaration, Dckt. 19. Movant also provides evidence that there are 16 pre-petition payments in default, with a pre-petition arrearage of \$55,150.40. *Id*.

DEBTOR'S NON-OPPOSITION

Debtor filed a Non-Opposition on November 2, 2019. Dckt. 23.

DISCUSSION

From the evidence provided to the court, and only for purposes of this Motion for Relief, the debt secured by this asset is determined to be \$591,133.68 (Declaration, Dckt. 19), while the value of the Property is determined to be \$198,000.00, as stated in Schedules B and D filed by Debtor.

11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1): Grant Relief for Cause

Whether there is cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) to grant relief from the automatic stay is a matter within the discretion of a bankruptcy court and is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See J E Livestock, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (In re J E Livestock, Inc.)*, 375 B.R. 892 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2007) (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. 137, 140 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2003)) (explaining that granting relief is determined on a case-by-case basis because "cause" is not further defined in the Bankruptcy Code); *In re Silverling*, 179 B.R. 909 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1995), *aff'd sub nom. Silverling v. United States (In re Silverling)*, No. CIV. S-95-470 WBS, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4332 (E.D. Cal. 1996). While granting relief for cause includes a lack of adequate protection, there are other grounds. *See In re J E Livestock, Inc.*, 375 B.R. at 897 (quoting *In re Busch*, 294 B.R. at 140). The court maintains the right to grant relief from stay for cause when a debtor has not been diligent in carrying out his or her duties in the bankruptcy case, has not made required payments, or is using bankruptcy as a means to delay payment or foreclosure. *W. Equities, Inc. v. Harlan (In re Harlan)*, 783 F.2d 839 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ellis v. Parr (In re Ellis)*, 60 B.R. 432 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1985). The court determines that cause exists for terminating the automatic stay, including defaults in post-petition payments that have come due. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1); *In re Ellis*, 60 B.R. 432.

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The court shall issue an order terminating and vacating the automatic stay to allow Movant, and its agents, representatives and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Property, to conduct a nonjudicial foreclosure sale pursuant to applicable nonbankruptcy law and their

contractual rights, and for any purchaser, or successor to a purchaser, at the nonjudicial foreclosure sale to obtain possession of the Property.

Request for Attorneys' Fees

The Motion seeks the allowance of \$1,031.31 in attorneys fees in connection with the present Motion for Relief From the Stay. The basis is stated to exist pursuant to a notice, a copy of which is provided as Exhibit A. No "Exhibit A" has been filed in support of the Motion.

Exhibit 1 is the Note upon which the secured claim mis based. Dckt. 20 at 4. Paragraph 6(E) of the Note contains a contractual attorneys' fees provision, which states:

(E) Payment of Note Holder's Costs and Expenses

If the Note Holder has required me to pay immediately in full as described above, the Note Holder will have the right to be paid back by me for all of its costs and expenses in enforcing this Note to the extent not prohibited by applicable law. Those expenses include, for example, reasonable attorneys' fees.

Exhibit 1, Dckt. 20 at 5.

The commencement of this Contested Matter seeking relief from the stay are necessary expenses in Movant exercising its rights under the Note and Deed of Trust securing the Note obligation.

No evidence of the \$1,031.31 as reasonable costs and attorneys' fees is provided in support of the Motion. The Declaration provided by Ms. Solivan does not state that this is the amount of the attorneys' fees and costs actually owed or paid by Movant. No declaration is provided by Movant's counsel that this is the amount of fees owed for the services.

Notwithstanding this lack of evidence, the court determines that attorneys' fees and costs, including the filing fee for this Motion in the amount of \$1,031.31 is a reasonable fee and costs.

The court awards the \$1,031.31 in fees and costs secured by the deed of trust that may be recovered through the nonjudicial foreclosure sale of the Property.

Furthermore, a claim for attorney's fees and related nontaxable expenses must be made by motion unless the substantive law requires those fees to be proved at trial as an element of damages. FED. R. CIV. P. 54(d)(2)(A); FED. R. BANKR. P. 7054, 9014.

Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court.

Movant has pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is granted.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

The court shall issue an order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Residential Asset Securitization Trust Series 2006-A6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-F ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and trustee under the trust deed, and any other beneficiary or trustee, and their respective agents and successors under any trust deed that is recorded against the real property commonly known as 6601 River Road, Oakdale, California, ("Property") to secure an obligation to exercise any and all rights arising under the promissory note, trust deed, and applicable nonbankruptcy law to conduct a nonjudicial foreclosure sale and for the purchaser at any such sale to obtain possession of the Property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Movant is awarded \$1,031.31 in attorneys' fees and costs as the prevailing party in this Contested Matter, which may be enforced as part of the obligation secured by the trust deed and paid through the nonjudicial foreclosure sale of the Property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.