

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Honorable Fredrick E. Clement  
Fresno Federal Courthouse  
2500 Tulare Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Courtroom 11, Department A  
Fresno, California

**PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS**

**DAY: TUESDAY**  
**DATE: MARCH 28, 2017**  
**CALENDAR: 1:30 P.M. CHAPTER 11 AND 9 CASES**

**GENERAL DESIGNATIONS**

Each pre-hearing disposition is prefaced by the words "Final Ruling," "Tentative Ruling" or "No Tentative Ruling." Except as indicated below, matters designated "Final Ruling" will not be called and counsel need not appear at the hearing on such matters. Matters designated "Tentative Ruling" or "No Tentative Ruling" will be called.

**ORAL ARGUMENT**

For matters that are called, the court may determine in its discretion whether the resolution of such matter requires oral argument. See *Morrow v. Topping*, 437 F.2d 1155, 1156-57 (9th Cir. 1971); accord LBR 9014-1(h). When the court has published a tentative ruling for a matter that is called, the court shall not accept oral argument from any attorney appearing on such matter who is unfamiliar with such tentative ruling or its grounds.

**COURT'S ERRORS IN FINAL RULINGS**

If a party believes that a final ruling contains an error that would, if reflected in the order or judgment, warrant a motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(a), as incorporated by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9024, then the party affected by such error shall, not later than 4:00 p.m. (PST) on the day before the hearing, inform the following persons by telephone that they wish the matter either to be called or dropped from calendar, as appropriate, notwithstanding the court's ruling: (1) all other parties directly affected by the motion; and (2) Kathy Torres, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Fredrick E. Clement, at (559) 499-5860. Absent such a timely request, a matter designated "Final Ruling" will not be called.

1. [10-12709](#)-A-11 ENNIS COMMERCIAL MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO APPROVE  
FRC-6 PROPERTIES, LLC SECOND INTERIM DISTRIBUTION  
DAVID STAPLETON/MV 2-27-17 [[1765](#)]  
PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.  
MICHAEL GOMEZ/Atty. for mv.  
RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS/REPLY

**No tentative ruling.**

2. [10-62315](#)-A-11 BEN ENNIS MOTION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING  
FRC-6 FOURTH INTERIM DISTRIBUTION  
DAVID STAPLETON/MV 2-27-17 [[2197](#)]  
RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt.  
MICHAEL GOMEZ/Atty. for mv.

**Final Ruling**

**Motion:** For an Order Approving Fourth Interim Distribution

**Notice:** LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

**Disposition:** Granted

**Order:** Prepared by the movant

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

The plan administrator seeks approval of a fourth interim distribution to unsecured creditors. The plan administrator represents that the amount of the distribution is approximately \$2 million. Pursuant to the provisions of the plan specified in the motion, the plan administrator has the authority to make distributions.

From this distribution, the plan administrator will reserve \$217,998.31 for an unresolved claim that is not specifically identified in the motion. This unresolved claim is not considered an allowed claim. Mem. P. & A. at 3 (citing the confirmed Plan § 1(A)).

The court will grant the motion and authorize the distribution. The court will also authorize the amount of the reservation for the unresolved claim because the motion represents that the plan administrator will reserve funds for that unresolved claim's proportional share until that claim is settled.

3. [16-13271](#)-A-11 BLAIR GLADWIN AND TONETTA MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR  
THA-12 SIMONE GLADWIN THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG, DEBTORS  
ATTORNEY(S)  
2-27-17 [[108](#)]

PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

### **Final Ruling**

**Application:** Allowance of Final Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

**Notice:** LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

**Disposition:** Approved

**Order:** Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

### **COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

In this Chapter 11 case, Thomas H. Armstrong, counsel for the debtor in possession, has applied for an allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The applicant requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$36,182.65 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1224.49.

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by counsel for the debtor in possession in a Chapter 11 case and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See *id.* § 330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on a final basis.

### **CIVIL MINUTE ORDER**

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Thomas H. Armstrong's application for allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved on a final basis. The court allows final compensation in the amount of \$36,182.65 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1224.49. The applicant is authorized to draw on any retainer held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the debtor in possession is authorized to pay the fees allowed by this order from available funds only if the estate is administratively solvent and such payment will be consistent with the priorities of the Bankruptcy Code.