# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Honorable Fredrick E. Clement Bakersfield Federal Courthouse 510 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Second Floor Bakersfield, California

#### PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

DAY: WEDNESDAY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

CALENDAR: 11:00 A.M. CHAPTER 11 AND 9 CASES

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling. These instructions apply to those designations.

No Ruling: All parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

Tentative Ruling: If a matter has been designated as a tentative ruling it will be called. The court may continue the hearing on the matter, set a briefing schedule or enter other orders appropriate for efficient and proper resolution of the matter. The original moving or objecting party shall give notice of the continued hearing date and the deadlines. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions.

Final Ruling: Unless otherwise ordered, there will be no hearing on these matters. The final disposition of the matter is set forth in the ruling and it will appear in the minutes. The final ruling may or may not finally adjudicate the matter. If it is finally adjudicated, the minutes constitute the court's findings and conclusions. If the parties stipulate to continue the hearing on the matter or agree to resolve the matter in a way inconsistent with the final ruling, then the court will consider vacating the final ruling only if the moving party notifies chambers before 4:00 pm at least one business day before the hearing date: Department A-Kathy Torres (559) 499-5860; Department B-Jennifer Dauer (559)499-5870. If a party has grounds to contest a final ruling because of the court's error under FRCP 60 (a) (FRBP 9024) ["a clerical mistake (by the court) or a mistake arising from (the court's) oversight or omission"] the party shall notify chambers (contact information above) and any other party affected by the final ruling by 4:00 pm one business day before the hearing.

**Orders:** Unless the court specifies in the tentative or final ruling that it will issue an order, the prevailing party shall lodge an order within 14 days of the final hearing on the matter.

1. 17-11918-A-11 GARZA CONTRACTING, INC.

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: CHAPTER 11 VOLUNTARY PETITION 5-16-17 [1]

T. BELDEN/Atty. for dbt.

### Final Ruling

The status conference is continued to September 19, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Fresno to coincide with the debtor in possession's motion to convert the case to Chapter 7.

2. <u>17-11918</u>-A-11 GARZA CONTRACTING, INC. BBR-4

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF BELDEN BLAINE RAYTIS, LLP FOR T. SCOTT BELDEN, DEBTORS ATTORNEY(S) 8-14-17 [69]

T. BELDEN/Atty. for dbt.

#### Tentative Ruling

Application: Allowance of Interim Compensation and Expense

Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(2); no 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). 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, Belden Blaine Raytis LLP, counsel for the debtor in possession, has applied for an allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The application requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$10,936.25 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$400.34.

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.  $\S$  330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See id.  $\S$  330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on an interim basis. Such amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for compensation and expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

#### 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.

Belden Blaine Raytis LLP's application for allowance of interim 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 an interim basis. The court allows interim compensation in the amount of \$10,936.25 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$400.34. The applicant is authorized to draw on the retainer held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees and costs are allowed pursuant to 11 U.S.C.  $\S$  331 as interim fees and costs, subject to final review and allowance pursuant to 11 U.S.C.  $\S$  330. Such allowed amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

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.

3.  $\frac{17-12359}{WW-2}$  DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. DON ROSE OIL CO., INC./MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS
CASE AND/OR MOTION FOR HEARING
ON DAMAGES, PUNITIVE DAMAGES
AND ATTORNEYS' FEES
7-14-17 [26]

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. CONTINUED TO 10/4/2017, ORDER ECF 66

#### Final Ruling

This matter is continued to October 4, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in Bakersfield. Order, August 15, 2017, ECF # 66.

4. <u>17-12389</u>-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE:

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RECHAPTER 11 VOLUNTARY PETITION 6-22-17 [1]

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt.

## Final Ruling

This court having ordered the appointment of a trustee, the status conference is continued to September 27, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Fresno. Not later than 7 days prior to the continued hearing, the trustee shall file a status report.