UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: Chapter 11

DELTA PETROLEUM CORPORATION, et al., | Case No. 11-14006 (KJC)

Debtors. Jointly Administered

Objection Deadline: September 17, 2012 4:00 pm (ET)

Hearing Date: Only If Objection Filed

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO: THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE AND THE NOTICE PARTIES

The First Monthly Application of Stuart Maue as Fee Examiner for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period July 1, 2012 Through July 31, 2012 (the "Application") has been filed with the Bankruptcy Court. The Application seeks allowance of interim fees in the amount of \$8,339.50 and interim expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Objections to the relief requested in the Application, if any, are required to be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on or before September 17, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline").

At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the response so as to be received by the following on or before the Objection Deadline: ((1) the attorneys for the Debtors, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, NY 10004, Attn.: Kathryn A. Coleman, Esq. and W. Peter Beardsley, Esq.; (2) coattorneys for the Debtors, Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 North Market Street, 18th Floor, P.O. Box 1347, Wilmington, DE 19899, Attn.: Derek C. Abbott, Esq. and Ann C. Cordo, Esq.; (3) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801 Attn.: Tiiara Patton, Esq.; (4) the attorneys for Whitebox Advisors, LLC, proposed administrative agent under the DIP

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Credit Agreement; and (5) counsel to the Creditors Committee (if any) (the "Notice Parties").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT PURSUANT TO THE AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(A) AND 331, FED. R. BANKR. P. 2016 AND DEL. BANKR. L.R. 2016-2 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATON AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS AND OFFICIAL COMMITTEE MEMEBERS [Docket No. 199], IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THE DEBTORS WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY 80% OF REQUESTED INTERIM FEES AND 100% OF REQUESTED INTERIM EXPENSES WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT. ONLY IF AN OBJECTION IS PROPERLY AND TIMELY FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, WILL A HEARING BE HELD ON THE APPLICATION. ONLY THOSE PARTIES TIMELY FILING AND SERVING OBJECTIONS WILL RECEIVE NOTICE AND BE HEARD AT SUCH HEARING.

DATED: August 28, 2012

Saint Louis, Missouri

STUART MAUE

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FIRST MONTHLY APPLICATION OF STUART MAUE AS FEE EXAMINER FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2012

Name of Applicant:

Stuart Maue, Ltd.

Authorized to provide professional services to:

Fee Examiner to the Court

Date of retention:

July 13, 2012 nunc pro tunc to

December 16, 2011

Period for which compensation

and reimbursement is sought:

July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012

Amount of compensation sought

as actual, reasonable, and necessary:

\$8,339.50

Amount of expense reimbursement sought

as actual, reasonable, and necessary:

\$0.00

This is a monthly application.

This monthly application includes 0.00 hours incurred in connection with the preparation of fee applications and/or Stuart Maue compensation.

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Prior applications: This is the First Monthly Application filed by Stuart Maue. The following is disclosed regarding the prior applications:

		Requ	ested	Approved	
Date Filed	Compensation Period	Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses
N/A	N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A

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Stuart Maue, Fee Examiner to the Court, hereby submits this First Monthly Application of Stuart Maue as Fee Examiner for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period July 1, 2012 Through July 31, 2012 (the "Application"). In support thereof, Stuart Maue respectfully states the following:

BACKGROUND

1. On December 16, 2011 (the "<u>Initial Petition Date</u>"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>"), except for Castle Exploration Company, Inc. ("<u>CECI</u>"), filing its voluntary petition on January 6, 2012 ("<u>CECI Petition Date</u>"), commenced these bankruptcy cases by each filing a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.*, (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>"). On December 19, 2011 and,

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with respect to CECI, January 11, 2012, the Court consolidated the Debtors' chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only.

- 2. The Debtors have continued in possession of their respective properties and continued to operate and maintain their business as debtors in possession pursuant to section 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. On July 13, 2012, the Court entered the Order Appointing Fee Examiner and Establishing Related Procedures for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Consideration of Fee Applications [Docket No. 723] (the "Fee Examiner Order") appointing Stuart Maue as fee examiner nunc pro tunc to December 16, 2011.
- 4. The Fee Examiner Order provides that Stuart Maue shall be compensated on an hourly basis and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred on a direct-cost basis.
- 5. Stuart Maue has not shared or agreed to share any compensation paid in this case with any other person, other than as permitted by Section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue of this proceeding and the Application is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (M).
- 7. The statutory bases for relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 330, and 331.

BASIS FOR THE APPLICATION

8. Subject to Court approval, Stuart Maue seeks payment for compensation on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses incurred by Stuart Maue during the period from July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 (the "Application Period"). The hourly rates charged by Stuart Maue during the Application Period are no greater than the customary hourly rates charged to Stuart Maue's bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy clients.

- 9. A summary of the hours spent, the names of each professional rendering services during the Application Period, the regular customary billing rates, and the total value of time incurred by each of the Stuart Maue professionals rendering services to the Court is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the computer generated time entries reflecting the time recorded for the services is attached as Exhibit B. A statement of expenses incurred by Stuart Maue during the Application Period is attached as Exhibit C. All time entries and requested expense are in compliance with Local Rule 2016-2.
- 10. On January 17, 2012, this Court entered the Amended Order Pursuant to 11.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016 and Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-52 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Professionals and Official Committee Members [Docket No. 199] (the "Interim Compensation Order"). Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Stuart Maue and other professionals are authorized to file and to serve upon the Debtors and the parties identified in the Interim Compensation Order monthly fee applications with respect to their fees and expenses. After the expiration of a twenty (20) day objection period, and the filing of a certificate of no objection ("CNO"), the Debtors are authorized to promptly pay eighty percent (80%) of the fees and one hundred percent (100%) of the expenses requested in the monthly fee application, unless an objection has been lodged against specific fees and/or expenses or the Court otherwise orders.
- 11. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, Stuart Maue has filed and served upon the Debtors and other parties identified in the Interim Compensation Order this Application with respect to fees and expenses incurred during the Application Period. During the Application Period, Stuart Maue incurred fees of \$8,339.50 and expenses in the amount of \$0.00.
- 12. Stuart Maue has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services.

- 13. Stuart Maue has not shared, nor agreed to share, (a) any compensation received or that may be received with another party or person, other than with the employees of Stuart Maue, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive. No promises have been received by Stuart Maue as to compensation other than in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. All services and costs for which compensation is requested by Stuart Maue in this Application were reasonable and necessary and were performed for the benefit of the Court.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

- 15. The Court appointed the Fee Examiner to analyze interim and final fee applications filed by case professionals subject to the Interim Compensation Order and the Fee Examiner Order.
- 16. In addition to receiving, reconciling, and analyzing fee applications and the underlying fee and expense entries, during the month of July 2012. The Fee Examiner also engaged in communications with case professionals and performed other duties in support of the fee order approved by the Court.
- 17. When Stuart Maue receives an interim fee application and electronic invoice data from a case professional, the initial step is the creation of a database that attorneys and accountants use to perform their analysis. Stuart Maue utilizes proprietary software for the specific purpose of managing, analyzing, and reporting on legal fees and expenses. The software allows Stuart Maue to view the entries in various formats (*i.e.*, chronologically, sorted by timekeeper, sorted by matter or project); to perform searches; to group phases, projects, tasks, activities, and expense categories; and to generate exhibits of relevant time or expense entries.
- 18. After each database is populated with the fee and expense entries, a Stuart Maue accountant performs a series of activities to balance the database and reconcile the data to the hard copy of the fee application. This process includes verification and reconciliation of information including timekeepers (the timekeeper identifier, position, hourly rates(s)), matters/projects, task hour allocation, embedded time (time allocated to specific activities in an

otherwise block billed entry), descriptions of entry codes utilized by the case professional, hourly rate increases, expense categories, and expense documentation. In addition to identifying and quantifying any calculation errors in the fee application, the reconciliation process identifies missing or incomplete data.

- 19. Stuart Maue attorneys then perform detailed analysis of the fees and underlying time entries. The attorneys review the fee application, the retention application and retention order, and other documents relevant to the case professional. With the aid of proprietary software, Stuart Maue attorneys perform a review of the invoice data for compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation & Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 (28 C.F.R. Part 58, Appendix A) (the "UST Guidelines"). In addition, the attorneys review the application for general compliance with legal precedent established by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, state ethics rules, other applicable precedent, and industry standards. While the identification of certain billing issues – such as duplicative time entries or fees invoiced by summer associates - may be flagged either by computer software or a manual review of the hard copy fee applications, most entries that may not comply with applicable guidelines or other relevant authority require qualitative analysis of the invoice data by an experienced attorney.
- 20. The expense items in each fee application are reviewed by a Stuart Maue accountant for compliance with the Local Rules, the UST Guidelines, applicable limits, and other Court directives. Stuart Maue's software assists in the identification of several issues related to expenses, including mathematical errors, verification of proper rates (photocopies, facsimile), and pre-retention date expenses. However, other expenses require detailed review by an

accountant, such as the application of cost caps to meal charges, identification of questionable travel costs, identification of firm overhead, and analysis of vaguely described disbursements.

21. Upon completion of the fee and expense analysis, Stuart Maue prepares a detailed preliminary report of our findings that includes an explanation of the billing issues and exhibits of the fee or expense entries in question. The preliminary report is provided to the case professional, and the firm is invited to respond with additional information, detail, or support for the fees and expenses incurred. In addition to reviewing any written response from the case professional (which often includes exhibits, revised time entries, and/or supporting documentation for expenses), Stuart Maue attorneys often engage in discussions with the professionals. After consideration of the firm's response, Stuart Maue prepares a final report for the Court that includes recommendations regarding the fees and expenses requested in the interim fee applications.

COMPENSATION REQUESTED

22. Stuart Maue expended 28.10 hours during the Application Period in furtherance of work performed on behalf of the Court. Stuart Maue requests allowance of compensation in the amount of \$8,339.50 for services performed as Fee Examiner at a blended hourly rate of \$296.78. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Stuart Maue requests payment of 80% of the total fees requested; the amount of \$6,671.60. None of the requested fees detailed herein have been paid.

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- 23. During the Application Period, Stuart Maue incurred certain necessary expenses in rendering services as Fee Examiner to the Court; the expenses are displayed in Exhibit C. Consistent with the Local Rules and the UST Guidelines, Stuart Maue charged \$0.10 per page for in-house document duplication.
- 24. Stuart Maue seeks reimbursement for its reasonable, necessary, and actual expenses incurred during the Application Period in the total amount of \$0.00.

NOTICE

25. Notice of this Application has been served upon the Notice Parties specified in the Interim Compensation Order. In accordance with the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, Stuart Maue respectfully submits that no other or further notice is required.

WHEREFORE, Stuart Maue respectfully requests that the Court (i) grant the Application; and (ii) grant such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: August 28, 2012

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Exhibit A

SUMMARY OF TIME AND FEES BY PROFESSIONAL

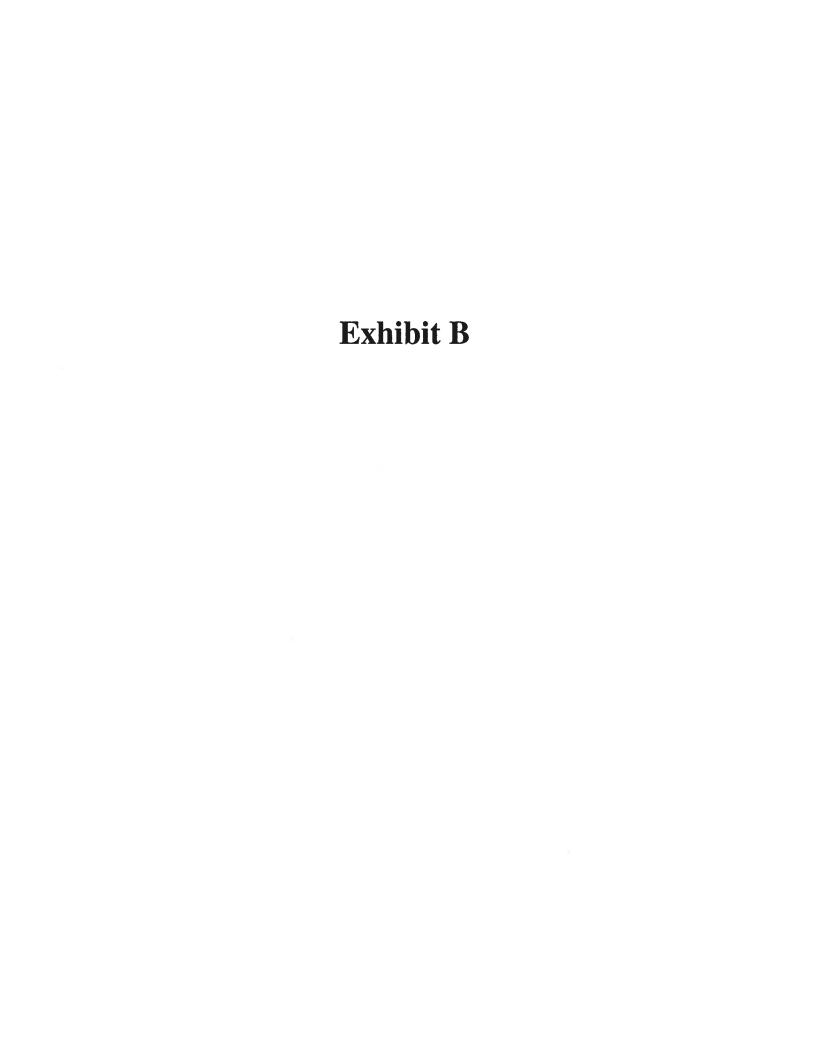
Name of Professional	Position	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours	Total Fees (Prior to Holdback)
John Theil	Lead Attorney	\$395.00	5.10	\$2,014.50
Pam Snyder	Legal Auditor/Acct.	\$275.00	23.00	6,325.00
		Total:	28.10	\$8,339.50
	Blene	ded Hourly Rate:	\$296.78	

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Description	Total Hours	Total Fees		
Fee Examination	28.10	\$8,339.50		
Stuart Maue Retention/Compensation	0.00	0.00		

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expense Category	Total Expenses
Photocopies (0 pages @ \$0.10 per page)	\$0.00
Postage	0.00
Total	\$0.00





Invoice Number: R1323 - 1033555

Matter Number: 1033555

Firm: Delta Petroleum Corporation

Activity Date	Initials	Hours	Description	Amount
For Profession	nal Services	through 0	7/31/2012	
07/12/2012	JT	0.40	Review and revise pleadings and review numerous emails from Debtor's counsel re: same.	158.00
07/13/2012	JT	0.30	Analyze email re Fee Auditor order and summary of projected dates and discuss same with J. Quinn.	118.50
07/18/2012	JT	0.30	Review and analyze interim fee application and associated detail and respond to same.	118.50
		0.20	Review email from A. Cordo regarding initial fee period, firms and fee detail deadline and respond to same.	79.00
		0.60	Coordinate and assign initial handling of firms and fee detail.	237.00
07/18/2012	PSS	2.40	Prepare databases for incoming data and download retention applications and orders from bankruptcy website.	660.00
07/23/2012	JT	0.30	Review email, fee applications and fee detail from KPMG and respond regarding same.	118.50
07/25/2012	JT	0.30	Review email and content of attachments regarding fee and expense detail from MNAT and reply to same.	118.50
		0.30	Numerous emails and analysis regarding conversion of fee and expense detail with debtor's counsel regards LEDES.	118.50
07/25/2012	PSS	0.20	Review applications received recently.	55.00
07/26/2012	JT	0.20	Review email from R. Beardsley and verify expense detail and reply re: same.	79.00
		0.30	Review email from P. Beardsley and verify fee data attached and reply to same.	118.50
			Analyze numerous emails and attachments from R. McGee regarding monthly and interim fee and expense detail and respond to same.	158.00
		0.20	Review email request from K. Coleman regarding fee detail and provide detailed response re: same.	79.00
07/26/2012	PSS	4.70	Review data received from firms, download and review monthly and interim applications.	1,292.50
07/27/2012	JT	0.20	Review email from G. Donilon and attachments regarding detail and interim fee application and reply to same.	79.00
		0.20	Review email and fee detail from J. Garza and reply to same.	79.00
07/30/2012	JT		Review and verify accuracy of billings entries.	237.00
		0.30	Review and analyze email and attachments from Evercore re: fee and expense detail and respond re: same.	118.50
		12.40	_	\$4,022.00



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Matter Number: 1033555

Firm: Delta Petroleum Corporation

Initials	Rate	Hours	Amount
JT	395.00 x	5.10 =	\$2,014.50
Total for	Lead Attorney:	5.10	\$2,014.50
PSS	275.00 x	7.30 =	\$2,007.50
Total for	Legal Auditors:	7.30	\$2,007.50
Total l	Hours Worked:	12.40	
Tota	al Hours Billed:	12.40	\$4,022.00
	JT Total for PSS Total for I	JT 395.00 × Total for Lead Attorney:	JT 395.00 x 5.10 = Total for Lead Attorney: 5.10 PSS 275.00 x 7.30 = Total for Legal Auditors: 7.30 Total Hours Worked: 12.40



Invoice Number: R1323 - 1033638

Matter Number: 1033638

Firm: KPMG LLP

Activity Date	Initials	Hours	Description	Amount
For Profession	nal Services	through 0	7/31/2012	
07/30/2012	PSS	2.20	Reconcile fees in database to fees requested in interim application.	605.00
	•	2.20		\$605.00



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Matter Number: 1033638 Firm: KPMG LLP

Name		Initials	Rate	Hours	Amount
For Professional Services throug	h 07/31/2012				
Legal Auditors					
Pamela S. Snyder		PSS	275.00 x	2.20 =	\$605.00
		Total for l	Legal Auditors:	2.20	\$605.00
		Total l	Hours Worked:	2.20	
		Tota	al Hours Billed:	2.20	\$605.00



Invoice Number: R1323 - 1033635

Matter Number: 1033635

Firm: Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell

Activity Date	Initials	Hours	Description	Amount
For Professio	nal Services	through 0	7/31/2012	
07/26/2012	PSS	1.70	Reconcile fees in database to fees requested in interim application.	467.50
07/27/2012	PSS	7.80	Continue to reconcile fees in database to fees requested in interim application.	2,145.00
		0.70	Review expenses requested in interim application and draft expense section of report.	192.50
07/31/2012	PSS	3.30	Continue to reconcile fees in database to fees requested in interim application.	907.50
		13.50		\$3,712.50



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Firm: Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell

Name	Initials	<u>Rate</u>	Hours	Amount
For Professional Services through 07/31/2012				
Legal Auditors				
Pamela S. Snyder	PSS	275.00 x	13.50 =	\$3,712.50
	Total for	Legal Auditors:	13.50	\$3,712.50
	Total 1	Hours Worked:	13.50	
	Tota	al Hours Billed:	13.50	\$3,712.50



<u>Initials</u>	Rate	Hours	Amount
JT	395.00 X	5.10	= \$2,014.50
Total fo	or Lead Attorney:	5.10	\$2,014.50
PSS	275.00 X	23.00	= \$6,325.00
Total fo	r Legal Auditors:	23.00	\$6,325.00
Tota	l Hours Worked:	28.10	
To	otal Hours Billed:	28.10	\$8,339.56
	JT Total fo PSS Total fo Tota	JT 395.00 X Total for Lead Attorney:	JT 395.00 X 5.10 Total for Lead Attorney: 5.10 PSS 275.00 X 23.00 Total for Legal Auditors: 23.00 Total Hours Worked: 28.10

Exhibit C

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

EXPENSES	AMOUNTS
Postage	\$0.00
Copy Charges	0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00

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CERTIFICATION OF JOHN F. THEIL

I, John F. Theil, hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a Senior Legal Auditor at Stuart Maue, Fee Examiner in the above-captioned bankruptcy cases.
- 2. This Certification is made in support of the First Monthly Application of Stuart Maue as Fee Examiner for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period July 1, 2012 Through July 31, 2012 (the "Application") and in compliance with Local Rule 2016-2 (the "Rule") and with the United States Trustee's Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation & Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 (the "UST Guidelines").

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3. I have read the Application and I certify that the Application substantially complies with the Rule and the UST Guidelines.

DATED: August 28, 2012 Saint Louis, Missouri

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John F. Theil, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Notice of Application and the First Monthly Application of Stuart Maue as Fee Examiner for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period July 1, 2012 Through July 31, 2012 have been served via First Class Mail to the Notice Parties on the attached service list on this 28th day of August, 2012.

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