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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

| In re: | § |
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| MONTREAL MAINE & ATLANTIC | § |
| RAILWAY, LTD. | § |

CHAPTER 11 CASE NO. 13-10670

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM BY CREDITOR TAFISA CANADA, INC.

COMES NOW, Tafisa Canada, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Tafisa"), and moves this Court to grant an extension of time to file a Proof of Claim. In support of this motion, Tafisa states as follows:

1. Tafisa is the largest employer in the Lac-Megantic area after the local hospital. Tafisa relies on rail shipment for approximately 35% of their sales volume.

2. Tafisa participated in a program to help local businesses in the Fall of 2013 by Economic Development Canada. Tafisa was unaware that there was a deadline to file a claim in June, 2014. (See Supplemental Affidavit of Louis Brassard – Exhibit "A"). In addition, since many of the Tafisa employees were displaced after the accident, Tafisa did not realize it had an actual loss until 2015.

3. Counsel for Tafisa are based in Beaumont, Texas, and presently represents other Creditors in this matter.

4. Counsel for Tafisa have previously submitted 113 Proofs of claim in a timely fashion prior to the June 13, 2014 deadline.

5. Under Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), this Court can grant a motion for extension of time to file "where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect." What constitutes excusable neglect is an equitable determination that allows this court to "accept late filings caused by inadvertence, mistake, or carelessness, as well as by intervening circumstances beyond the party's control. *Pioneer Investment Services Co. v. Brunswick Associates, L.P.*, 507 U.S. 380, 388 (1993). Moreover, factors to be considered in determining if excusable neglect standard has been met include length of delay and its potential impact on judicial proceedings, the reason for the delay, including whether it was within the reasonable control of the movant, and whether the

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movant acted in good faith. *Id.* Excusable neglect requires an inquiry into the actions of both the creditor and their counsel. *Id.* Here, Tafisa should be allowed to move forward because his failure to file a timely Proof of Claim is a result of the fact that Tafisa did not know that about the June, 2014 deadline. Courts generally consider four factors in deciding whether a claimant has established excusable neglect. *In re Garden Ridge Corp.*, 348 B.R. at 645, citing *Hefta v. Official Comm. Of Unsecured Creditors (In re American Classic Voyages Co.)*, 405 F.3 133 (3d Cir. 2005). These factors include (i) the danger of prejudice to the debtor; (ii) the length of delay and its impact on the judicial proceedings; (iii) the reason for the delay, including whether the delay was within the reasonable control of the movant; and (iv) whether the creditor acted in good faith. *Id.* "All factors must be considered and balanced; no one factor trumps the others." *Id.* Certainly, there is no prejudice to the debtor here and there will be no delay at all. The Creditor has acted in good faith since it did not know of its additional costs and losses until after June, 2014, and did not know of the deadline in June, 2014.

6. Further, the impact on the Tort Trust will be minimal. The inquiry into excusable neglect is an equitable one. Balancing the equities of the Tort Trust's costs against Creditor's complete bar to recover clearly weights in favor of Tafisa. Moreover, Tafisa will likely only qualify for a small percentage of the total awarded to all property/economic loss claims or less. In fact, it is Counsel's understanding that the money allocated to the property and business loss claims is overfunded (i.e., there may be money left over). Therefore, its impact on the Tort Trust settlement would be zero. This will not dilute the claims at all.

7. In addition, the Court in Canada has already allowed approximately 600-700 late claims (See email attached as Exhibit "B" from Class Counsel, Joel Rochon, regarding same). It would not be equitable to allow these 600-700 non-priority claims and deny this very important employer's claim in Lac-Megantic.

8. The Proofs of Claim Form for Tafisa is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

WHEREFORE, Tafisa respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant this Motion and allow them to submit a Proof of Claim within ten (10) days of the granting of this motion, or such other later date as the Court deems proper, and any further relief this Court deems just.

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Date: <u>August 18, 2016</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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BY: <u>/s/ Mitchell A. Toups</u> MITCHELL A. TOUPS STATE BAR NO. 20151600

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS/CREDITORS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been furnished to all counsel of record listed below by e-file on August 18, 2016.

<u>/s/ Mitchell A. Toups</u> Mitchell A. Toups ,

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EXHIBIT "A"

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SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF LOUIS BRASSARD 0N BEHALF OF TAFISA CANADA INC.

Before mc, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared Louis Brassard, the affiant, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to affiant, affiant testified:

 "My name is Louis Brassard. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit. I have never been convicted of a crime. The facts stated in this affidavit arc within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

 I am the Chief Executive Officer of Tafisa Canada Inc. We are the largest employer in the Lac-Mégantic area after the local hospital. Tafisa Canada relies on rail shipment for approximately 35% of our sales volume. Tafisa Canada is a subsidiary of a Portuguese company, one of the world leaders in wood-based panel production.

3. After the Lac-Mégantic tragedy, in order to maintain our customer base and to honor our orders, we had to put in place reload centers to ship our products by rail to customers that we could not reach economically by trucks. In addition, the train that had serviced the Lac-Mégantic industrial park did not return to even a limited service until December 18, 2013. Full Service was not restored before July/August of 2014. We never anticipated that it would take so much time to return to full service. As a result of the lack of train service, we had to find alternative delivery methods, which cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars more than we anticipated. In addition, our management team was focused on these alternate delivery methods and were not located in Lac-Megantic during most of 2013 and 2014. Also, our losses were not known to Tafisa until 2015.

4. In the fall of 2013, Economic Development Canada created a special program to help local businesses. We did not know the extent of our losses at that time, but we finally reached the maximum allowance established by the Federal Government and we received \$500,000, yet our additional costs for 2013 were over \$1,400,000. In addition, our business was affected due to the fact

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that some of our employees lost relatives and/or were displaced and/or were unable to work for long periods of time and our company was dealing with all of these personal tragedies as well.

5. We (Tafisa) were unaware of a claim deadline in June, 2014. It was not until 2015 that we learned that individuals were filing claims and that hundreds of people had already filed claims. As soon as we found out people were filing claims, we had a communication with Gloriane Blais, who had hired Mitchell A. Toups, to perfect/file our claim. Our losses have been attached to our claim. We did not file a claim in June, 2014, as we did not know that there was such a deadline. When we heard of people filing claims in 2015, we immediately contacted a lawyer to file a claim for us.

 The facts and statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

Further, affiant sayeth not.

2016.

LOUIS-BRASSARD, CEO Tafisa Canada inc.

Signed and sworn before me on the $2 \frac{3}{10} \frac{1}{100}$ day of

Lisa Pratte, Commissioner for Oaths



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EXHIBIT "B"

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Mitch Toups

| From: | Joel Rochon <jrochon@rochongenova.com></jrochon@rochongenova.com> | |
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| Senti | Tuesday, October 13, 2015 11:07 AM | |
| To: | Mitch Toups | |
| Subject: | RE: Judge Dumas statements regarding the suicide claims | |

He has allowed our Initial late claims (a couple hundred). Our second motion (for a further 400 or so) will be heard likely at the beginning of November

JOEL P. ROCHON PARTNER

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A PLEASE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE FRINTING THIS EMAIL.

From: Mitch Toups [mailto:matoups@wgttlaw.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 11:09 AM To: Joel Rochon Subject: RE: Judge Dumas statements regarding the suicide claims

Has the Judge allowed your late filed claims yet?

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EXHIBIT "C"

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| B10 (Official Form 10) (04/13 | a – |
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| UNITED STATES BANKRUPT | CY COURT Dist | rict of Maine | PROOF OF CLAIM |
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| Name of Debtor: | | Case Number: | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| MONTREAL MAINE & ATLANT | IC RAILWAY, LTD. | 13-10670 | |
| | nent of an administrative expense accor | rding to 11 U.S.C. § 503. | |
| Name of Creditor (the person or other ent TAFISA CANADA, INC. | ity to whom the debtor owes money or p | property): | COURT USE ONLY |
| Name and address where notices should b Weller, Green, Toups & Terrell, P.O. Box 350 Boxumant, TX, 77704 | | | Court Claim Number: |
| Beaumont, TX 77704 Telephone number: (409) 838-0101 ^{email:} matoups@wgttlaw.com; jgordon@wgttlaw.com | | (If known) Filed on: | |
| Name and address where payment should | be sent (if different from above): | <u></u> | Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. |
| Telephone number: | email: | | |
| 1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Fi If all or part of the claim is secured, comp If all or part of the claim is entitled to prid Check this box if the claim includes int | olete item 4. prity, complete item 5. | principal amount of the claim. Attach a sta | tement that itemizes interest or charges. |
| 2. Basis for Claim: <u>Unliquidated F</u> (See instruction #2) | Property and Economic Loss Clai | ms (All Claims Unliquidated pursu | ant to 11 U.S.C. §1171) |
| 3. Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor: | 3a. Debtor may have scheduled acc | ount as: 3b. Uniform Claim Identifie | r (optional): |
| 3 7 1 2 | (See instruction #3a) | (See instruction #3b) | |
| 4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4) Check the appropriate box if the claim is setoff, attach required redacted document | | included in secured claim, i of | ther charges, as of the time case was filed, f any: S |
| Nature of property or right of setoff: (Describe: | DReal Estate DMotor Vehicle DO | ther Basis for perfection: | |
| Value of Property: S | - | Amount of Secured Claim: | s |
| Annual Interest Rate% | d or ⊓Variable | Amount Unsecured: | S |
| 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priorit the priority and state the amount. | y under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a). If any pa | art of the claim falls into one of the follow | ing categories, check the box specifying |
| Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. §507(1)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B) | □Wages, salaries, or commissions (u to \$12,475*) earned within 180 days before the case was filed or the debtor's business ceased, whichever earlier - 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(4). | plan – 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(5) | <u>S2,000,000,00 plus</u> (Estimated Amount Jury Might Award in U.S. – see Paragraph 1 |
| Up to \$2,775 of deposits toward purchase, lease or rental of property or services for personal, family or household use - 11 U.S.C. 507(a)(7) | □Texes or penalties owed to governmental units – 11 U.S.C. § 50 U.S.C. 507(a)(8) | | |
| | ••• | respect to cases commended on or after the | • |
| Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/ | 01/16 and every 3 years thereafter with | respect to cases commenced on or after the | e date of adjustment. |
| 6. Credits. The amount of all payments | on this claim has been credited for the p | surpose of making this proof of claim. (See | instruction #6) |

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| 7. Documents: Attached are redacted copies of any documents that support the claim running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, security agreements, or, in the case statement providing the information required by FRBP 3001(c)(3)(A). If the claim is securidence of perfection of a security interest are attached. If the claim is secured by the offiled with this claim. (See instruction #7, and the definition of "redacted".) | of a claim based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement, a coured, box 4 has been completed, and redacted copies of documents providing |
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| DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. ATTACHED DOCUMENTS MAY BE | DESTROYED AFTER SCANNING. |
| If the documents are not available, please explain: | |
| 8. Signature: (Sec instruction #8) | |
| Check the appropriate box. | |
| I am the creditor. I am the creditor's authorized agent. I am the true or their authori (See Bankrupte | |
| I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this claim is true and | correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and reasonable belief. |
| Print Name: Title: Company: Address and telephone number (if different from notice address above): P O Box 350 Beaumont, TX 77704-0350 | Signature (Date) |
| Telephone number: (409) 838-0101 email: matoups@wgttlaw.com; jge | ordon@wgttlaw.com |
| Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or in INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRO | |
| The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In cert exceptions to these gene Items to be completed in | eral rules may apply. |
| Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number: | Claim is entirely unsecured. (See Definitions.) If the claim is secured, check the |
| Fill in the federal judicial district in which the bankruptey case was filed (for example, Central District of California), the debtor's full name, and the case | box for the nature and value of property that secures the claim, attach copies of lien |
| number. If the creditor received a notice of the case from the bankruptcy court, all of this information is at the top of the notice. | documentation, and state, as of the date of the bankruptcy filing, the annual interest rate (and whether it is fixed or variable), and the amount past due on the claim. |
| Creditor's Name and Address: Fill in the name of the person or entity asserting a claim and the name and address of the person who should receive notices issued during the bankruptcy case. A separate space is provided for the payment address if it differs from the notice address. The creditor has a continuing obligation to keep the court informed of its current address. See Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g). | 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a). If any portion of the claim falls into any category shown, check the appropriate box(es) and state the amount entitled to priority. (See Definitions.) A claim may be partly priority and partly non-priority. For example, in some of the categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority. |
| Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: State the total amount owed to the creditor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. Follow the instructions concerning whether to complete items 4 and 5. Check the box if interest or other charges are included in the claim. | 6. Credits: An authorized signature on this proof of claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt. |
| 2. Basis for Claim: State the type of debt or how it was incurred. Examples include goods sold, money loaned, services performed, personal injury/wrongful death, car loan, mortgage note, and credit card. If the claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information. You may be required to provide additional disclosure if an interested party objects to the claim. | 7. Documents: Attach redacted copies of any documents that show the debt exists and a lien secures the debt. You must also attach copies of documents that evidence perfection of any security interest and documents required by FRBP 3001(c) for claims based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement or secured by a security interest in the debtor's principal residence. You may also attach a summary in addition to the documents themselves. FRBP 3001(c) and (d). If the claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, limit disclosing confidential health care information. Do not send original documents, as attachments may be destroyed after scanning. |
| Last Four Digits of Any Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor: State only the last four digits of the debtor's account or other number used by the creditor to identify the debtor. Ja. Debtor May Have Scheduled Account As: Report a change in the creditor's name, a transferred claim, or any other information that clarifies a difference between this proof of claim and the claim as scheduled by the debtor. | 8. Date and Signature: The individual completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011. If the claim is filed electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what constitutes a signature. If you sign this form, you declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, information, and reasonable belief. Your signature is also a certification that the claim meets the requirements of FRBP 9011(b). Whether the claim is filed electronically or in person, if your name is on the |
| 3b. Uniform Claim Identifier: If you use a uniform claim identifier, you may report it here. A uniform claim identifier is an optional 24-character identifier that certain large creditors use to facilitate electronic payment in chapter 13 cases. 4. Secured Claim: | signature line, you are responsible for the declaration. Print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim. State the filer's address and telephone number if it differs from the address given on the top of the form for purposes of receiving notices. If the claim is filed by an authorized agent, provide both the name of the individual filing the claim and the name of the agent |
| 4. Secured Claim: Check whether the claim is fully or partially secured. Skip this section if the | If the authorized agent is a servicer, identify the corporate servicer as the company. Criminal penalties apply for making a false statement on a proof of claim. |

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| DEFINITIONS | | INFORMATION |
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| DEFINITIONS Debtor A debtor is the person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case. Creditor A creditor is a person, corporation, or other entity to whom debtor owes a debt that was incurred before the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (10). Claim A claim is the creditor's right to receive payment for a debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (5). A claim may be secured or unsecured . Proof of Claim A proof of claim is a form used by the creditor to indicate the amount of the debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The creditor must file the form with the clerk of the same bankruptcy court in which the bankruptcy case was filed. Secured Claim Under 11 U.S.C. § 506 (a) A secured claim is one backed by a lien on property of the debtor. The claim is secured so long as the creditor has the right to be paid from the property prior to other creditors. The amount of the secured claim cannot exceed the value of the property. Any amount owed to the creditor in excess of the value of the property is an unsecured claim. Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment is | A claim also may be secured if the creditor owes the debtor money (has a right to setoff). Unsecured Claim An unsecured claim is one that does not meet the requirements of a secured claim. A claim may be partly unsecured if the amount of the claim exceeds the value of the property on which the creditor has a lien. Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a) Priority claims are certain categories of unsecured claims that are paid from the available money or property in a bankruptcy case before other unsecured claims. Redacted A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. A creditor must show only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's tax-identification, or financial-account number, only the initials of a minor's name, and only the year of any person's date of birth. If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information. Evidence of Perfection Evidence of perfection may include a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document showing that the lien has been filed or recorded. | INFORMATION Acknowledgment of Filing of Claim To receive acknowledgment of your filing, you may either enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a copy of this proof of claim or you may access the court's PACER system (www.pacer.psc.uscourts gov) for a small fee to view your filed proof of claim. Offers to Purchase a Claim Certain entities are in the business of purchasing claims for an amount less than the face value of the claims. One or more of these entities may contact the creditor and offer to purchase the claim. Some of the written communications from these entities may easily be confused with official court documentation or communications from the debtor. These entities do not represent the bankruptcy court or the debtor. The creditor has no obligation to sell its claim. However, if the creditor decides to sell its claim, However, if the creditor decides to sell its claim, any transfer of such claim is subject to FRBP 3001(e), any applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 <i>et seq.</i>), and any applicable orders of the bankruptcy court. |

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

Chapter 11

In re:

MONTREAL MAINE & ATLANTIC Case No. 13-10670 RAILWAY LTD.,

Debtor.

SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM BY CREDITOR TAFISA CANADA, INC.

I hereby certify that on August 18, 2016, I filed the Supplemental Motion for Extension of

Time to File Proof of Claim by Creditor, Tafisa Canada, Inc. I further certify that on August 18,

2016, I filed the Proposed Order on the Supplemental Motion for Extension of Time to File Proof

of Claim by Creditor, Tafisa Canada, Inc. I further certify that I caused copies of the Motion and

the proposed Order to be served via electronic mail through this Court's e-file system.

Dated: August 18, 2016

TAFISA CANADA, INC.

By its attorneys:

/s/ Mitchell A. Toups, Esq. Mitchell A. Toups, Esq. Weller, Green, Toups & Terrell, L.L.P. P.O. Box 350 Beaumont, TX 77704 Tel: (409) 838-0101 Fax: (409) 832-8577 Email: matoups@wgttlaw.com

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

In re: § MONTREAL MAINE & ATLANTIC § RAILWAY, LTD. §

CHAPTER 11 CASE NO. 13-10670

ORDER ON SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM BY CREDITOR TAFISA CANADA, INC.

Upon consideration of the Supplemental Motion for Extension of Time to File Proof of

Claim by Creditor, Tafisa Canada, Inc., it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

that

- 1. The Motion is granted.
- 2. Creditor Tafisa Canada, Inc. is hereby allowed to file its Proof of Claim.

Dated: _____

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE PRESIDING

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 11 CASE NO. 13-10670

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM BY CREDITOR TAFISA CANADA, INC.

On August 18, 2016, Creditor, Tafisa Canada, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Creditor"), filed their Supplemental Motion for Extension of Time to File Proof of Claim. With the consent of the Court, the hearing to consider the Motion has been scheduled for **August 30, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. ET**.

If you do not want the Court to approve the Motion, then **on or before August 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (ET)**, you or your attorney must file with the Court a response or objection explaining your position. If you are not able to access the CM/ECF Filing System, then your response should be served upon the Court at:

Alec Leddy, Clerk United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine 202 Harlow Street Bangor, Maine 04401

If you do have to mail your response to the Court for filing, then you must mail it early enough so that the Court will receive it **on or before August 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (ET).**

You may attend the hearing with respect to the Motion, which is scheduled to be held on **August 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Bankruptcy Court, 537 Congress Street, 2nd Floor, Portland, Maine. If no objections are timely filed and served, then the Court may enter a final order approving the Motion without any further hearing.

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.

Date: August 18, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George W. Kurr, Jr.

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BY: <u>/s/ Mitchell A. Toups</u> MITCHELL A. TOUPS STATE BAR NO. 20151600

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been furnished to all counsel of record listed below by e-file on August 18, 2016.

/s/ Mitchell A. Toups Mitchell A. Toups