UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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| IN RE:          DEBTOR(S) | CASE NO:  CHAPTER:  ORDER ON MEDIATION |

THIS MATTER comes before the Court for consideration of mediation, as requested by the parties.

Therefore, it is ordered that mediation be scheduled and completed in this proceeding on or before [insert deadline]. Upon completion of the mediation, counsel for the Plaintiff shall advise the Court in writing only that the mediation has occurred, the date of the mediation, whether the case was settled in whole or in part, and whether a trial is required.

The Court appoints [insert attorney's name] of the [insert firm name] law firm to serve as mediator in this matter.

All parties and their trial counsel, having authority to settle and to adjust pre-existing settlement authority if necessary, are required to attend the mediation in person unless excused by the Court for good cause shown. Insurer representatives [if applicable] with decision-making authority also are required to attend in person, unless excused by the Court, if their agreement would be necessary to achieve a settlement. Every person who is excused from attending in person must be available to participate by telephone, unless otherwise ordered. At the mediation, parties, their insurer representatives and their primary trial counsel should be prepared to participate in a mutual, good faith effort to negotiate a fair and reasonable settlement. All necessary discovery should be completed prior to mediation unless otherwise agreed to by counsel for all parties. Lack of discovery or settlement authority is no excuse for failure to appear and/or participate.

This order shall be served on all counsel of record. Counsel are responsible for notifying and ensuring the presence of parties and insurer representatives as described above. If a case has been mediated previously, counsel shall notify the Court immediately in writing. All costs of mediation shall be divided equally between the parties and paid within ten (10) days of submission of the mediator's report. Since a portion of the cost of mediation shall be incurred by the trustee in administration of the estate, at this stage, the Court limits the hourly rate of the mediator and his associates to $\_\_\_\_\_\_ per hour and the total cost of mediation to $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ absent further order. In his discretion, the mediator may require costs, including fees, to be paid in advance of the mediation conference.

Communications made in connection with or during the mediation are confidential and protected by Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 68. If a settlement is not reached at mediation, settlement discussions are neither admissible at trial nor to be disclosed to the presiding judge.

If any reason exists why any party or counsel should not participate in this mediation, the Court is to be advised of these reasons in writing.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.