

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

FULCRUM BIOENERGY, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12008 (TMH)

(Joint Administration Requested)

Re: D.I. 4

**ORDER APPOINTING KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC
DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT,
EFFECTIVE NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “Application”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (“Verita”) as the claims and noticing agent (the “Claims and Noticing Agent”) in these chapter 11 cases, including assuming full responsibility for the distribution of notices and the maintenance, processing and docketing of proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date; and upon the Gershbein Declaration submitted in support of the Application; and the Debtors having estimated that there are 700 creditors in these chapter 11 cases, many of which are expected to file proofs of claim; and it appearing that the receiving, docketing and maintaining of proofs of claim would be unduly time consuming and burdensome for the Clerk; and the Court being authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to utilize, at the Debtors’ expense, outside agents and facilities to provide notices to parties in title 11 cases and to receive, docket, maintain, photocopy and transmit proofs of claim; and the Court being satisfied that Verita has the capability and experience to provide such services and that Verita

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with each debtor’s federal tax identification numbers are: Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc. (3733); Fulcrum Sierra BioFuels, LLC (1833); Fulcrum Sierra Finance Company, LLC (4287); Fulcrum Sierra Holdings, LLC (8498). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: Fulcrum BioEnergy Inc., P.O. Box 220 Pleasanton, CA 94566. All Court filings can be accessed at: <https://www.veritaglobal.net/Fulcrum>.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.



does not hold an interest adverse to the Debtors or the estates respecting the matters upon which it is to be engaged; and good and sufficient notice of the Section 156(c) Application having been given and no other or further notice being required; and it appearing that the employment of Verita is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Notwithstanding the terms of the Engagement Agreement attached to the Application, the Application is approved solely as set forth herein (this “Order”).

2. The Debtors are authorized to retain Verita as the Claims and Noticing Agent, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, and Verita is authorized and directed to perform noticing services and to receive, maintain, record, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases, and all related tasks, all as described in the Application.

3. Verita shall serve as the custodian of court records and shall be designated as the authorized repository for all proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases and is authorized and directed to maintain official claims registers for each of the Debtors, to provide public access to every proof of claim unless otherwise ordered by the Court and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon the request of the Clerk.

4. Verita is authorized and directed to provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim.

5. Verita is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Application.

6. The Debtors are authorized to compensate Verita in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement upon the receipt of reasonably detailed invoices setting forth the services provided by Verita and the rates charged for each, and to reimburse Verita for all

reasonable and necessary expenses it may incur, upon the presentation of appropriate documentation, without the need for Verita to file fee applications or otherwise seek Court approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses.

7. Verita shall maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the office of the U.S. Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee monitoring the expenses of the Debtors and any party-in-interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.

8. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute which may arise relating to the Engagement Agreement or monthly invoices; *provided that* the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court if resolution is not achieved.

9. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the fees and expenses of Verita under this Order shall be an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates.

10. Verita may apply the Advance to all prepetition invoices. The Advance shall be replenished to the originally advanced amount, and thereafter, Verita may hold the Advance during the chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

11. The Debtors shall indemnify Verita under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

12. Verita shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for services under the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution or reimbursement therefor are approved by the Court.

13. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify Verita or provide contribution or reimbursement to Verita for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from Verita's gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of Verita's contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which Verita should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified by this Order.

14. If, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these chapter 11 cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (ii) the entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, Verita believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution and/or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, Verita must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to Verita before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by Verita for indemnification, contribution or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify Verita. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by Verita for indemnification, contribution or reimbursement.

15. The limitation of liability section in paragraph 10 of the Engagement Agreement is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services to be provided pursuant to this Order.

16. In the event Verita is unable to provide the services set out in this order, Verita will immediately notify the Clerk and the Debtors' attorney and, upon approval of the Court, cause to have all original proofs of claim and computer information turned over to another claims and noticing agent with the advice and consent of the Clerk and the Debtors' attorney.

17. The Debtors may submit a separate retention application, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327 and/or any applicable law, for work that is to be performed by Verita but is not specifically authorized by this Order.

18. The Debtors and Verita are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

19. Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Agreement to the contrary, the Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

20. Verita shall not cease providing claims processing services during these Chapter 11 Case for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of the Court.

21. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Application, and this Order, this Order shall govern.

22. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application or this Order, any payment to be made, obligation incurred, or relief or authorization granted hereunder shall not be inconsistent with, and shall be subject to and in compliance with, the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the terms of each interim and final order entered by the Court in respect of the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors*

to (A) Obtain Postpetition Financing and (B) Utilize Cash Collateral, (II) Granting Liens and Superpriority Administrative Expense Claims, (III) Granting Adequate Protection, (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VI) Granting Related Relief filed substantially contemporaneously with the Application (the “DIP Orders”), including compliance with any budget or cash flow forecast in connection therewith (and any permitted variances thereto) and any other terms and conditions thereof. Nothing herein is intended to modify, alter, or waive, in any way, any terms, provisions, requirements, or restrictions of the DIP Orders.

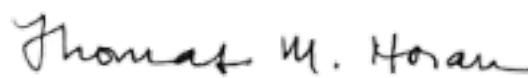
23. Notice of the Application as described therein is deemed good and sufficient notice the Motion and the relief requested therein.

24. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

25. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions that are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

26. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: September 12th, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware



THOMAS M. HORAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE