IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, Appellant,

v.

Civil No. 3:24cv717 (DJN)

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC, et al., Appellees.

ORDER (Granting Joint Motion to Stay Bankruptcy Appeal)

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Stay Bankruptcy Appeal Pending Mediation and Negotiation. (ECF No. 11 ("Motion").) For good cause shown, the Court hereby GRANTS the Motion (ECF No. 11). All further proceedings and deadlines in this matter are hereby STAYED until February 28, 2025. The Court will hold in abeyance any rulings on Appellant's Motion for Leave to Appeal (ECF No. 2) during the stay. In the interim, the parties are DIRECTED to participate in mediation and to work with United States Bankruptcy Judge Keith L. Phillips to select an appropriate judicial mediator. If the issues involved in this appeal have not been resolved by February 28, 2025, the parties are DIRECTED



to file a status report at that time. The Court is not inclined to grant further extension of the stay of this matter.

Let the Clerk file a copy of the Order electronically and notify all counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

/s/David J. Novak United States District Judge

Alexandria, Virginia Dated: <u>December 13, 2024</u>