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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:

Powin, LLC, et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-16137 (MBK)

(Joint Administration Requested)

MOTION OF THE DEBTORS SEEKING ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO (I) FILE SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: (i) Powin Project LLC [1583], (ii) Powin, LLC [0504], (iii) PEOS Holdings, LLC [5476], (iv) Powin China Holdings 1, LLC [1422], (v) Powin China Holdings 2, LLC [9713], (vi) Charger Holdings, LLC [5241], (vii) Powin Energy Ontario Storage, LLC [8348], (viii) Powin Energy Operating Holdings, LLC [2495], and (ix) Powin Energy Operating, LLC [6487]. The Debtors' mailing address is 20550 SW 115th Avenue Tualatin, OR 97062.



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TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Powin, LLC and the above-referenced affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, §§ 101 et seq. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), in these chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move (the "<u>Motion</u>")² for entry of an order (substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, the "<u>Proposed Order</u>") (i) extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs (collectively, the "<u>Schedules and Statements</u>") by twenty-eight (28) calendar days, for a total of forty-two (42) calendar days from the Petition Date (as defined below) through and including July 21, 2025, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown, and (ii) granting related relief.

In further support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey dated as of September 18, 2012. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined in this motion have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration (as defined below).

- 2. Venue of the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

- 4. On June 9, 2025 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors each commenced a voluntary case for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.³ The Debtors are authorized to continue operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 5. Additional information regarding the Debtors, including their business and the events leading to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases is set forth in the Declaration of Gerard Uzzi (the "First Day Declaration"), filed concurrently herewith.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

6. The Debtors seek an extension of the deadline by which they must file their Schedules and Statements by twenty-eight (28) calendar days, for a total of forty-two (42) calendar days from the Petition Date through and including July 21, 2025.

IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF

7. The requirements of section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) normally require debtors to file their Schedules and Statements within fourteen (14) calendar days of the petition date. However, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b),

³ Lead Debtor Case No. 25-16137 (MBK) for Debtor Powin Project LLC was filed on June 9, 2025, and the remaining Debtors were filed shortly thereafter on June 10, 2025.

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the Court has authority to extend the time required for the filing of the Schedules and Statements "for cause shown." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c) and 9006(b). Showing "cause" merely requires that a debtor "demonstrate some justification for the issuance of the order" and bankruptcy courts will normally grant such extensions "in the absence of bad faith or prejudice to the adverse party." *See e.g.*, *Bryant v. Smith*, 165 B.R. 176, 182 (W.D. Va. 1994) (discussing the standard for granting extensions under Bankruptcy Rule 1007) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted).

- 8. The Debtors submit that good and sufficient cause exists for granting an extension of time to file the Schedules and Statements. The ordinary operation of the Debtors' businesses requires the Debtors to maintain voluminous books, records, and complex accounting systems. To prepare the Schedules and Statements, the Debtors must compile information from those books and records, and from documents relating to the claims of thousands of creditors and counterparties, as well information relating to the Debtors' many assets, contracts, and leases. This information is extensive and located in numerous places throughout the Debtors' organization. Collecting the necessary information requires an enormous expenditure of time and effort on the part of the Debtors, their employees, and their professional advisors in the near term—when these resources would be best used to focus on the restructuring of the Debtors' business and negotiation with key stakeholders.
- 9. The Debtors, with the assistance of their professional advisors, are mobilizing their remaining workforce to work diligently and expeditiously on preparing the Schedules and Statements, but resources are strained. Given the amount of work required to complete the Schedules and Statements and the competing demands on the Debtors' employees and professionals to assist with business operations, and the critical matters that the Debtors' management and professionals were required to address prior to the commencement of these

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Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors likely will not be able to properly and accurately complete the Schedules and Statements within the initial 14-day time period.

- 10. Additionally, as described in more detail in the First Day Declaration, in the days leading up to the Petition Date, the Debtors' primary focus was on preparing for a chapter 11 filing on an expedited basis. The Debtors intend to focus the attention of key personnel on critical operational and chapter 11 compliance issues during the early days of these Chapter 11 Cases, including negotiating with key counterparties and stakeholders in pursuit of a value-maximizing restructuring of the business. Such efforts will facilitate the Debtors' utilization of chapter 11 for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- them to prepare and finalize what will be voluminous Schedules and Statements and are working diligently to move the process forward, the Debtors anticipate that they may require up to twenty-eight (28) additional calendar days to complete the Schedules and Statements, without prejudice to the Debtors' right to request further extensions for cause shown. Given the size of the Debtors' enterprise, the extensive amount of information that must be assembled and compiled, the multiple places where the information is located, and the hundreds of employees and professional hours required to complete the Schedules and Statements, the Debtors submit there is good and sufficient cause for granting the requested extension of time. No party in interest will be prejudiced by the extension requested herein because the Debtors have financial and operational incentives to progress these Chapter 11 Cases as expeditiously as possible. The Debtors therefore request that the Court extend the fourteen-day period for an additional twenty-eight (28) calendar days,
- 12. Courts in this district have granted similar relief to that requested herein in a number of cases. *See, e.g., New Rite Aid, LLC, No. 25-14861(MBK)* (Bankr. D.N.J. May 7, 2025)

(granting debtors a total of 42 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements); *In re Sam Ash Music Corp.*, No. 24-14727 (SLM) (Bankr. D.N.J. May 10, 2024) (granting debtors a total of 35 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements); *In re Thrasio Holdings, Inc.*, No. 24-11840 (CMG) (Bankr. D.N.J. Mar. 1, 2024) (granting debtors a total of 40 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements); *In re Invitae Corp.*, No. 24-11362 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. Feb. 16, 2024) (granting debtors a total of 34 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements); *In re Careismatic Brands, LLC* No. 24-10561 (VFP) (Bankr. D.N.J. Jan. 24, 2024) (granting debtors a total of 50 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements); *In re Rite Aid Corp.*, No. 23-18993 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. Oct. 19, 2023) (granting debtors a total of 52 calendar days from the petition date to file their schedules and statements).

V. COMPLIANCE WITH BANKRUPTCY RULE 6003 AND WAIVER OF BANKRUPTCY RULES 6004(a) AND (h)

- 13. The Debtors request that the Court determine that the relief requested in this Motion complies with Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and that waiver of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(a) and (h) is appropriate.
 - 14. Bankruptcy Rule 6003 provides:

Except to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm, the court shall not, within 21 days after the filing of the petition, grant relief regarding the following: . . . (b) a motion to use, sell, lease, or otherwise incur an obligation regarding property of the estate, including a motion to pay all or part of a claim that arose before the filing of the petition, but not a motion under Rule 4001...

15. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals has interpreted language similar to that used in Bankruptcy Rule 6003 in the context of preliminary injunctions. In that context, irreparable harm

⁴ Due to the volume of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

has been interpreted as a continuing harm that cannot be adequately redressed by final relief on the merits and for which money damages cannot provide adequate compensation. *See, e.g., Norfolk S. Ry. Co. v. City of Pittsburgh*, 235 Fed. Appx. 907, 910 (3d Cir. 2007) (citing *Glasco v. Hills*, 558 F.2d 179, 181 (3d Cir. 1977)). Further, the harm must be shown to be actual and imminent, not speculative or unsubstantiated. *See, e.g., Acierno v. New Castle County*, 40 F.3d 645, 653-55 (3d Cir. 1994).

- 16. As described in the Motion and supported by the First Day Declaration, the Debtors will likely not be able to produce complete and accurate Schedules and Statements within the initial fourteen-day period following the Petition Date. As a result, the Debtors respectfully submit that they have satisfied the "immediate and irreparable harm" standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003.
- 17. The Debtors further seek a waiver of any stay of the effectiveness of the Order. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), "[a]n order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property other than cash collateral is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise." As set forth above, the Debtors submit that granting this Motion such that it is effective immediately is essential to prevent irreparable damage to the Debtors and their estates.
- 18. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully submit that the relief requested herein is appropriate under the circumstances and under Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004(h).
- 19. Finally, should the Court be inclined to grant the Motion, the Debtors seek a waiver of the notice requirements under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a).

VI. WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW

20. The Debtors respectfully request that the Court waive the requirement to file a separate memorandum of law pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) because the legal basis upon which the Debtors rely is set forth herein and the Motion does not raise any novel issues of law.

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VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

21. Nothing contained in this Motion or any order granting the relief requested in this Motion, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with any such order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Motion or any order granting the relief requested by this Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

VIII. NO PRIOR REQUEST

22. No prior request for the relief sought in this motion has been made to this or any other court.

IX. NOTICE

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-5(c), notice of this Motion shall be given to the following parties: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee; (b) counsel for the Debtors' Prepetition Secured Parties; and (c) the Debtors' fifty largest unsecured creditors on a consolidated basis. As this Motion is seeking "first day" relief, within 48 hours of the entry of the Proposed Order on this Motion, the Debtors will serve copies of the Proposed Order, as required by Local Rule 9013-5(f).

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The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

X. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order (i) granting the relief requested herein; and (ii) granting the Debtors such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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EXHIBIT A

(Proposed Form of Order)

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Powin, LLC, et al.,5

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(II) Granting Related Relief

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re: Chapter 11

Case No. 25-16137 (MBK)

Debtors. (Jointly Administered)

ORDER (I) EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through four (4), is ORDERED.

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Upon consideration of the Motion⁶ of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order"): (a) extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their Schedules and Statements by twenty-eight (28) calendar days, for a total of forty-two (42) calendar days from the Petition Date, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and (ii) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey dated as of September 18, 2012; and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the hearing thereon establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.

⁶ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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2. Pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b), the time by which the Debtors shall file the Schedules and Statements is extended by an additional twenty-eight (28) calendar days beyond the fourteen-day extension provided for pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) through and including July 21, 2025.

- 3. Such extension is without prejudice to the Debtors' right to file a motion with this Court seeking a further extension upon a showing of cause.
- 4. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
- 5. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 6. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 7. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.