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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)

Order Filed on June 13, 2025 by Clerk U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through ten (10), is **ORDERED.**

DATED: June 13, 2025

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan United States Bankruptcy Judge

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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Upon consideration of the application (the "Application"),² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Order") authorizing the Debtors to appoint Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita") as claims and noticing agent in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), pursuant to the terms of the Services Agreement, effective as of the Petition Date, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.) and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and the Debtors asserting that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found sufficient cause exists for the relief set forth herein; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Application was appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Application and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Application.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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

2. The Debtors are authorized to retain Verita as Claims and Noticing Agent, effective as of the Petition Date, pursuant to the terms of the Services Agreement, in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and Verita is authorized and directed to perform the Claims and Noticing Services, which include, among other things, performing noticing services and receiving, maintaining, recording, and otherwise administering the proofs of claim filed in these Chapter 11 Cases, and all related tasks, all as described in the Application.

- 3. Any services Verita will provide relating to the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs shall be limited to administrative and ministerial services. The Debtors shall remain responsible for the content and accuracy of their schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs.
- 4. 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 (if any) and is authorized and directed to maintain official claims registers for each of the Debtors and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon the request of the Clerk.
- 5. Verita is authorized and directed to provide public access to every proof of claim unless otherwise ordered by the Court and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim (if necessary).
- 6. Verita is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Application.

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7. The Debtors are authorized to compensate Verita for the Claims and Noticing Services in accordance with the terms of the Services 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 this Court's approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses.

- 8. Verita shall maintain records of all services performed, showing dates, categories of services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on (a) the Debtors, (b) the U.S. Trustee, (c) counsel to the Debtors, (d) counsel to any official committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases, and (e) any party-in-interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.
- 9. Parties shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the invoice to review such invoice and raise any objections, either formally through the filing of an objection with the Court or informally through a writing served on Verita, to the fees and expenses being requested by Verita. If an objection is interposed, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute which may arise relating to the Services Agreement or Verita's monthly invoices; *provided* that the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court if such efforts prove unsuccessful. If no objection has been raised, the Debtors are authorized to pay Verita the full amount of the requested fees and expenses upon expiration of the ten (10) day review without further order of the Court. If an objection has been raised, the Debtors may not pay the objected to amount pending agreement of the parties or entry of an order of this Court authorizing payment.

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10. 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.

- 11. The indemnification, contribution and reimbursement provisions in the Services Agreement are approved, subject to the following modifications, applicable during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases:
 - (a) Verita shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Services Agreement unless the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement is approved by the Court.
 - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Services Agreement, the (b) 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 (that determination having become final) to have arisen from Verita's gross negligence, willful misconduct, bad faith, self-dealing, or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of Verita's obligations under the Services Agreement, unless the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would be permissible pursuant to In re United Artists Theatre Co., 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled without the Debtors' consent prior to a judicial determination as to sub-clauses (i) or (ii) above, 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 Services Agreement, as modified by this Order.
 - (c) 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) and (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 Services Agreement, as modified by this Order, including, without limitation, 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 of this Court approving the payment. This subparagraph (c) is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction

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over any request for fees and expenses by Verita for indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify or make contributions or reimbursements to Verita. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by Verita for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

- 12. In the event Verita is unable to provide the Claims and Noticing Services, Verita will immediately notify the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel and, upon approval of this 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' counsel.
- 13. Verita declares that it does not now have, nor has it ever had any contract or agreement with XClaim Inc. or with any other party under which Verita provides, provided, or will provide exclusive access to claims data and/or under which Verita would be compensated for claims data made available by Verita.
- 14. The Debtors may submit a separate retention application, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable law, for work that is to be performed by Verita but is not specifically authorized by this Order.
- 15. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, (i) the 2.5% late charge in paragraph II(E) of the Services Agreement shall not be assessed during the pendency of these Chapter 11 cases and (ii) the payment of invoices upon receipt in paragraph II(E) of the Services Agreement shall not be applicable during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases.

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16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, the Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, including section VIII thereof, by this Order, the Court is not authorizing Verita to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Debtors.

- 17. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Services Agreement, including paragraph II(A) thereof, Verita shall provide at least thirty (30) days' notice of any increases in its billing rates, subject to the parties-in-interest's right to object to any such increases.
- 18. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, in the event that any of these Chapter 11 Cases convert to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, the chapter 7 trustee appointed to such case or cases shall have no obligation to continue the engagement of Verita.
- 19. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, including section XIII thereof, the Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over Verita's engagement during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 20. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, solely during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases, if any advance payment of an invoice is reasonably expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month as set forth in paragraph II(E) of the Services Agreement, at the time Verita requests advance payment from the Debtors, Verita shall also provide notice to the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committees appointed in these cases.

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21. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, solely during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases, prior to any prepayment of fees and expenses for print notice and media publication as set forth in paragraph II(E) of the Services Agreement, Verita shall provide three (3) business days' notice to the U. S. Trustee and any statutory committees appointed in these cases.

- 22. Notwithstanding any term in the Application, the Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement to the contrary, during the Chapter 11 Cases, any limitation of liability including, but not limited to, section IX of the Services Agreement shall be of no force or effect.
- 23. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Application, the Gershbein Declaration, or the Services Agreement, including section VI thereof, termination of Verita's retention shall only commence upon entry of an order by this Court terminating Verita's retention.
- 24. Verita shall not cease providing claims processing services during these Chapter 11 Cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of this Court.
- 25. The Debtors and Verita are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out this Order.
- 26. In the event of any inconsistency between the Services Agreement, the Application, the Gershbein Declaration, and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.
- 27. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied by the contents or otherwise deemed waived.

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28. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

- 29. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 30. 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 Application or otherwise waived.
- 31. Any party may move for modification of this Order in accordance with Local Rule 9013-5(e).
- 32. The Debtors shall serve a copy of this Order on all required parties pursuant to Local Rule 9013-5(f).
- 33. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.