IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC., *et al.*[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

SUMMARY SHEET
FOR THE FIRST AND FINAL APPLICATION
OF MCDERMOTT WILL & SCHULTE LLP FOR
SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL
TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR
THE FINAL PERIOD FROM APRIL 29, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Name of Applicant:	McDermott Will & Schulte LLP	
Applicant's Role in Case:	Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors	
Docket No. of Employment Order(s):	Docket No. 506	
Interim Application ( ) **Final Application (X)**	Indicate whether this is an interim or final Application. If interim, indicate the number (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)	
	Beginning Date	**End Date**
Time period covered by this Application for which interim compensation has not previously been awarded:	04/29/2026	9/8/2026
Were the services provided necessary to the administration of or beneficial at the time rendered toward the completion of the case? (Y) Y/N		

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Were the services performed in a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance and nature of the issues addressed? (Y) Y/N	
Is the requested compensation reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in other non-bankruptcy cases? (Y) Y/N	
Do expense reimbursements represent actual and necessary expenses incurred? (Y) Y/N	
Compensation Breakdown for Time Period Covered by this Application	
Total professional fees requested in this Application:	$2,009,657.00
Total professional hours covered by this Application:	1,167.70
Average hourly rate for professionals:	$1,721.04
Total paraprofessional fees requested in this Application:	$56,784.00
Total paraprofessional hours covered by this Application:	62.40
Average hourly rate for paraprofessionals:	$910.00
Total fees requested in this Application:	$2,066,441.00
Total expense reimbursements requested in this Application:	$18,721.69
Total fees and expenses requested in this Application:	$2,110,162.69[2]
Total fees and expenses awarded in all prior Applications:	$974,754.24
Plan Status: On August 17, 2026, the Court entered an order confirming the *Second Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation* [Docket No. 648] (the "Plan").	
Primary Benefits: McDermott, as counsel the Committee, alongside Province, LLC ("Province"), the Committee's financial advisor, guided the Committee through the Debtors' chapter 11 process and to maximize recoveries for unsecured creditors. As discussed in greater detail in the Application, McDermott professionals spent time, among other things: (i) formulating a case strategy, including with respect to the timing and sequencing of asset sales; (ii) investigating potential estate claims and causes of action; (iii) analyzing various issues related to the Debtors' Plan; and (iv) assisting with the negotiations between the Committee and the Debtors and other key stakeholders key issues in these cases.	

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If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, you must file your response electronically at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/ within twenty-one days from the date this application was filed. If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must file a written objection that is actually received by the clerk within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

McDermott Will & Schulte LLP ("McDermott"), counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases ("Chapter 11 Cases") of Ascend Elements, Inc., *et al*. and the above-captioned affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby files its first and final fee application (the "Application") for final allowance and approval of compensation for professional services performed by McDermott in the amount of $2,066,441.00 and for reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of $18,721.69 incurred from April 29, 2026 through September 8, 2026 (the "Compensation Period"). The total amount of fees and expenses requested

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in this Application is $2,110,162.69[2]. In support of the Application, McDermott submits the declaration of Charles R. Gibbs (the "Gibbs Declaration"), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference. In further support of this Application, McDermott respectfully states as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 330, 331, and 1103 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 2016-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, the *Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Effective as of April 29, 2026*, dated June 24, 2026 [Docket No. 506], and the *Order Granting Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals*, dated May 21, 2026 [Docket No. 369] (the "Interim Compensation Order").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

4. From and after its appointment, the Committee played an active and important role in the Chapter 11 Cases. Among the many projects undertaken during the Compensation Period, McDermott:

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a. Reviewed and analyzed the "first day" pleadings and proposed orders, negotiated with the Debtors to obtain consensual modifications to such orders and advised the Committee as to whether and which actions to take regarding the various first day pleadings;

b. Analyzed the Debtors' proposed debtor-in-possession financing, prepared and filed an objection to such proposed financing, and successfully challenged such financing with the Court denying approval of it;

c. Formulated a case strategy, including with respect to the timing and sequencing of various asset sales, as well as negotiating and formulating the terms of the Plan and Trust Agreement.

d. Investigated potential claims and causes of action against various parties in order to maximize recoveries to general unsecured creditors, including negotiating a plan which preserved such claims for the benefit of general unsecured creditors;

e. Analyzed various issues related to the Debtors' Plan; and

f. Assisted with the Committee's negotiations with the Debtors and other key stakeholders to arrive at significant resolutions of outstanding issues in the Chapter 11 Cases, which culminated in a global settlement that was incorporated into the Debtors' Plan.

5. In order to keep the Committee informed regarding the progression of the Chapter 11 Cases, McDermott, along with Province, participated in frequent meetings and calls with the Committee, some with lengthy agendas, in addition to several meetings with individual Committee members.

6. McDermott's efforts throughout the Compensation Period played a key role in nearly all aspects of the Chapter 11 Cases, most notably the consensual approval of debtor-in-possession financing, investigating potential estate claims and causes of action, and negotiating a global settlement that was incorporated into the Debtors' Plan. The accomplishments by the Committee required McDermott to devote significant time for the benefit of the unsecured creditors. McDermott respectfully submits that its services during the Compensation Period warrant approval of its requested fees and expenses.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, during these Chapter 11 Cases, McDermott prepared and served monthly fee statements for services rendered and expenses incurred to the Fee Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order) for the following periods:

Period Covered	Fees & Expenses Incurred		Fees & Expenses Paid		20% Holdback
	Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses	
April 29, 2026 – May 31, 2026	$1,200,778.50	$14,131.44	$960,622.80	$14,131.44	$240,155.70
Totals	**$1,200,778.50**	**$14,131.44**	**$960,622.80**	**$14,131.44**	**$240,155.70**

8. As of the date of this Application, McDermott has received payment of 80% of fees and 100% of expenses for services rendered and expenses incurred from April 29, 2026 through May 31, 2026.

9. Pursuant to this Application, McDermott seeks final allowance of all fees and expenses incurred from April 29, 2026 through September 8, 2026, including on account of fees and expenses set forth in the fee statement that were served.

BACKGROUND

10. On April 9, 2026, Ascend Elements, Inc. and its debtor affiliates filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). On April 26, 2026, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 7 (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed the Committee pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102(a) and 1102(b)(1). *See* Docket No. 139.

THE RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT

11. On April 29, 2026, the Committee selected McDermott as its bankruptcy counsel. On May 29, 2026, the Committee filed the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will &*

Emery LLP as Counsel, Effective as of April 29, 2026 [Docket No. 429] (the "McDermott Retention Application"), requesting authorization to retain and employ McDermott as its counsel, *nunc pro tunc* to April 29, 2026. On June 24, 2026, the Court entered an order approving the McDermott Retention Application [Docket No. 506]. The Committee also selected Province to serve as its financial advisor. *See* Docket No. 505.

RELIEF REQUESTED

12. By this Application, McDermott seeks final allowance and approval of compensation in the amount of $2,066,441.00 and reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of $18,721.69 incurred during the Compensation Period.

13. During the Compensation Period, McDermott expended a total of 1,230.10 hours on behalf of the Committee on matters relating to the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases for which it seeks compensation. The blended hourly rate for the attorneys and paraprofessionals who worked on this case is $1,671.94. A summary sheet listing each attorney and paraprofessional who worked on these Chapter 11 Cases during the Compensation Period, his or her hourly rate during the Compensation Period, and the amount of fees attributed to each individual is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

14. In addition, a summary sheet listing the amount of fees attributed to each project category is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

15. McDermott also maintained records of all actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its representation of the Committee during the Compensation Period. These items include, among other things, travel, business meals, discovery fees, and fees related to hearings. Internal costs or overhead cost and document production services (including regular secretarial and word processing time) will not be charged separately. A chart of all

expenses incurred in the performance of the services rendered as counsel to the Committee during the Compensation Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. In addition, the fees charged by McDermott in these Chapter 11 Cases are billed in accordance with the existing billing rates and procedures as set forth in the McDermott Retention Application.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES RENDERED

16. The following narrative provides a summary of the services rendered by McDermott on behalf of the Committee organized by project category. The summary that follows is not intended to be a detailed description of the work performed by McDermott during the Compensation Period, as those day-to-day services and the time expended in performing such services are fully set forth in the contemporaneous time records that are attached hereto as **Exhibit E**. Rather, the following paragraphs provide a summary of the most significant services McDermott rendered to the Committee during the Compensation Period.

A. Case Administration

McDermott Billing Code: B110
Fees: $358,286.50 **Total Hours: 218.00**

17. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) coordinating day-to-day case administration with Committee professionals; (ii) reviewing and analyzing first day motions, declarations, and proposed orders at the outset of the cases; (iii) monitoring the docket and circulating filed pleadings and daily docket reports to the Committee's professionals; (iv) maintaining and updating the case calendar, critical dates, and working group list; and (v) preparing for and participating in weekly professionals' status calls regarding case strategy.

18. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 218.0 hours to case administration tasks during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $358,286.50 is sought.

B. Asset Analysis and Recovery
McDermott Billing Code: B120
Fees: $38,031.50 **Total Hours: 26.90**

19. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) conducting lien and perfection diligence with respect to the Debtors and their affiliates, including review of the Senior Note Purchase Agreements, financing statements, and related loan documentation; (ii) obtaining, reviewing, and analyzing lien search results and preparing related charts; (iii) researching and analyzing potential objections to asserted mechanic's and materialmen's liens; and (iv) reviewing and analyzing the waterfall and recovery analyses prepared by Province concerning winddown assumptions, trust funding, and projected general unsecured creditor recoveries.

20. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 26.9 hours to asset analysis and recovery matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $38,031.50 is sought.

C. Asset Disposition
McDermott Billing Code: B130
Fees: $443,717.00 **Total Hours: 240.40**

21. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the bidding procedures and proposed bid protections, and drafting and revising objections thereto; (ii) reviewing, analyzing, and negotiating the asset purchase agreements, proposed sale orders, and related sale documentation for the Hopkinsville, Covington, and Poland asset sales; (iii) reviewing objections to the proposed sales; (iv) reviewing the de minimis asset sale motion and providing comments to the proposed order; (v) analyzing intercompany receivables, the Poland joint venture option, and the potential

monetization of the Debtors' net operating losses; and (vi) participating in calls with the Debtors, purchasers, and Province concerning sale structure.

22. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 240.4 hours to asset disposition matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $443,717.00 is sought.

D. Meetings and Communications with Creditors
McDermott Billing Code: B150
Fees: $151,491.00 **Total Hours: 92.80**

23. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) preparing for and participating in Committee meetings; (ii) drafting presentations, memoranda, and written updates for Committee members; (iii) responding to creditor inquiries regarding case status, transactions, plan developments, and key milestones; and (iv) coordinating with Province regarding strategy and case developments.

24. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 92.8 hours to meetings and communications with creditors during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $151,491.00 is sought.

E. Court Hearings
McDermott Billing Code: B155
Fees: $254,747.00 **Total Hours: 142.30**

25. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) preparing for and attending hearings related to the sale transaction, disclosure statement approval, confirmation, and other contested matters; (ii) preparing and reviewing witness and exhibit lists; and (iii) coordinating with Province regarding hearing logistics and strategy.

26. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 142.3 hours to court hearings during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $254,747.00 is sought.

F. Fee and Employment Applications
McDermott Billing Code: B160
Fees: $115,406.50 **Total Hours: 89.50**

27. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) preparing monthly fee statements; (ii) drafting and filing retention applications; and (iii) responding to fee-related inquiries and comments.

28. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 89.5 hours to fee and employment application matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $115,406.50 is sought.

G. Assumption/Rejection of Lease
McDermott Billing Code: B185
Fees: $8,484.00 **Total Hours: 6.40**

29. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' notices of rejection of executory contracts and unexpired leases; (ii) analyzing the sale orders with respect to the rejection of contracts and the resulting distribution of claims; and (iii) participating in conferences with Province regarding the impact of rejection damages claims on potential general unsecured creditor recoveries.

30. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 6.4 hours to assumption and rejection of leases matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $8,484.00 is sought.

H. Other Contested Matters
McDermott Billing Code: B190

Fees: $12,233.50 **Total Hours: 6.40**

31. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the settlement agreement between the Debtors and the United States and related background documentation; (ii) reviewing the pleadings filed in connection with the AMCON lien dispute; and (iii) participating in teleconferences with Norton Rose Fulbright, the Debtors, and the Committee's professionals regarding the resolution of such disputes

32. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 6.4 hours to other contested matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $12,233.50 is sought.

I. Non-Working Travel
McDermott Billing Code: B195
Fees: $56,648.00 **Total Hours: 26.80**

33. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to non-working travel in connection with court hearings necessary to represent the Committee’s interests.

34. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 26.8 hours to non-working travel during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $56,648.00 is sought.

J. Employee Benefits/Pensions
McDermott Billing Code: B220
Fees: $3,716.00 **Total Hours: 2.60**

35. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' key employee incentive plan motion; (ii) reviewing and analyzing the wage orders with respect to the treatment of accrued paid time

off; and (iii) corresponding with Province and the Committee's professionals regarding employee-related obligations.

36. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 2.6 hours to employee benefits and pension matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $3,716.00 is sought.

K. Financing and Cash Collateral Issues
McDermott Billing Code: B230
Fees: $267,139.00 **Total Hours: 155.30**

37. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' cash collateral and DIP financing motions and the proposed interim and final orders, and preparing and maintaining detailed issues lists with respect to the same; (ii) drafting, revising, and filing the Committee's objection to the cash collateral and DIP financing motions; (iii) reviewing and analyzing the credit bid motion and the objections filed by other parties in interest; (iv) negotiating revisions to the proposed orders with the Debtors, the prepetition lenders, and other case parties; and (v) reviewing the final cash collateral order and advising the Committee regarding the reporting obligations and milestones thereunder. McDermott played a key role in objecting to the Debtors' proposed DIP financing motion, with the Court sustaining the Committee's objection after a full-day evidentiary hearing.

38. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 155.3 hours to financing and cash collection matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $267,139.00 is sought.

L. Tax Issues
McDermott Billing Code: B240
Fees: $8,002.00 **Total Hours: 4.60**

39. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing issues relating to the preservation and potential monetization of the Debtors' net operating losses; (ii) participating in calls with the Debtors' professionals regarding NOL-related issues; and (iii) corresponding with Province and the Committee's professionals regarding the impact of such issues on estate value.

40. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 4.6 hours to tax matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $8,002.00 is sought.

M. Vendor Matters
McDermott Billing Code: B280
Fees: $5,732.00 **Total Hours: 4.20**

41. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' critical vendor motion and the proposed final order; (ii) researching precedent critical vendor orders; and (iii) drafting additional protective language for inclusion in the critical vendor order and corresponding with the Debtors and Province regarding the same.

42. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 4.2 hours to vendor matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $5,732.00 is sought.

N. Insurance
McDermott Billing Code: B290
Fees: $12,912.50 **Total Hours: 10.80**

43. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' D&O policies and the related insurance motion; and (ii) reviewing the coverage extension and run-off endorsement documentation.

44. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 10.8 hours to insurance matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $12,912.50 is sought.

O. Claims Administration and Objections
McDermott Billing Code: B310
Fees: $15,809.00 **Total Hours: 9.70**

45. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing and analyzing the bar date motion and proposed order; (ii) reviewing claims in connection with planning for the winddown and analyzing projected general unsecured creditor recoveries; and (iii) reviewing and analyzing creditors proof of claim.

46. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 9.7 hours to claims administration and objection matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $15,809.00 is sought.

P. Plan and Disclosure Statement
McDermott Billing Code: B320
Fees: $309,577.50 **Total Hours: 191.10**

47. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to, among other things: (i) reviewing, analyzing, and commenting on the Debtors' combined plan and disclosure statement, the liquidation analysis, and the solicitation procedures, and preparing and maintaining issues lists with respect to the same; (ii) drafting, revising, and negotiating the liquidating GUC Trust Agreement; (iii) coordinating the selection and engagement of the GUC Trustee; (iv) reviewing and revising the plan supplement and the proposed confirmation order; (v)

reviewing and analyzing the objections to confirmation; and (vi) coordinating with the Debtors and Province regarding effective date conditions and emergence matters.

48. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 191.1 hours to plan and disclosure statement matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $309,577.50 is sought.

Q. Litigation
McDermott Billing Code: B470
Fees: $4,508.00 **Total Hours: 2.30**

49. During the Compensation Period, McDermott Professionals devoted time to conducting an initial review and analysis of an initial complaint.

50. McDermott Professionals devoted a total of 2.3 hours to litigation matters during the Compensation Period, for which compensation in the aggregate amount of $4,508.00 is sought.

BASIS FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED

51. Bankruptcy Code section 330 provides for compensation of professionals and lists the substantive standards that govern the Court's award of such compensation. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1)(A). Bankruptcy Code section 330 also sets forth the criteria for award of such compensation and reimbursement, which include:

> (A) time spent on such services
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> (B) the rates charged for such services;
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> (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under [title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code];
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> (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
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> (E) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and

> (F) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than under [title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code].

52. McDermott submits that the compensation requested herein is reasonable and necessary for, beneficial to, and in the best interests of, the Committee. The professional services rendered by McDermott were appropriate and necessary for the effective administration of these Chapter 11 Cases. They were in the best interests of the Committee, the Debtors, and other parties-in-interest. Compensation for the foregoing services is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problems, issues, or tasks involved. The professional services were performed in an appropriately expeditious and efficient manner.

53. As a supplement to the factors enumerated in section 330, courts within the Fifth Circuit consider the twelve factors identified in *Johnson v. Ga. Highway Express, Inc*. to determine the reasonableness of compensation incurred by a professional based upon the particular circumstances of a given case.[3] These factors include: (1) the time and labor required; (2) the novelty and difficulty of the questions presented; (3) the skill requisite to perform the legal services; (4) the preclusion of employment by the attorney due to acceptance of the case; (5) the customary fee; (6) whether the fee is fixed or contingent; (7) time limitations imposed by client or the circumstances of the case; (8) the amount involved and the results obtained; (9) the experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys; (10) the undesirability of the case; (11) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client; and (12) awards in similar cases.[4]

54. Utilizing these factors and the standards customarily applied to fee awards under Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, McDermott respectfully submits that its request for

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[3] *See Johnson v. Ga. Highway, Inc*., 488 F.2d 714, 717 (5th Cir. 1974).

[4] *See In re First Colonial Corp. of America*, 544 F.2d 1291, 1298–99 (5th Cir. 1977), *cert. denied*, 431 U.S. 904 (1977) (applying the twelve-factor test to an analysis of fee awards in bankruptcy cases).

compensation and reimbursement of expenses is reasonable and proper, and that such request should be allowed in the amounts sought herein. The following analysis of the *Johnson* factors supports the reasonableness of McDermott's requested fees and expenses:

(a) *The Time and Labor Required*. The foregoing summary, together with the Exhibits attached hereto, detail the time, nature and extent of the professional services rendered by McDermott for the benefit of the Committee during the Compensation Period. The total number of hours expended, 1,230.10, indicates that McDermott devoted substantial time to these matters on a wide variety of legal issues presented in these cases. McDermott regularly communicated with the Committee to ensure that the rights of unsecured creditors were protected and that the Committee judiciously proceeded with motion practice only when appropriate.

(b) *The Novelty and Difficulty of Questions*. The issues presented by these cases demanded a high level of skill during a short period of time. McDermott spent considerable time analyzing difficult restructuring issues, including issues relating to the Debtors' proposed DIP financing, the Plan, investigation of estate claims and causes of action, preparing relevant pleadings as necessary, and negotiating with the relevant interested parties to protect the interests of, and maximize value for, general unsecured creditors.

(c) *The Skill Required to Perform the Legal Services Properly*. In rendering services to the Committee, McDermott demonstrated substantial legal skill and expertise in the areas of bankruptcy, corporate law, commercial law, debtor-creditor rights, secured transactions, and litigation.

(d) *The Preclusion of Other Employment by Applicant Due to Acceptance of the Cases*. Given the size and depth of McDermott's restructuring practice, McDermott's representation of the Committee has not necessarily precluded it from seeking other engagements. However, McDermott's devotion of time to one matter inevitably detracts from its ability to seek out other employment opportunities.

(e) *The Customary Fee*. McDermott agreed to perform its services for the Committee during the pendency of these cases pursuant to its customary compensation practices for engagements of this type and regular hourly billing practices. McDermott is normally compensated on an hourly basis and bills clients on a periodic basis, which is most often monthly.

(f) *Whether the Fee is Fixed or Contingent*. The fees charged in this Application are based on McDermott's standard hourly rates for engagements of this type.

(g) *Time Limitations Imposed by Client or other Circumstances*. The Chapter 11 Cases proceeded on an expedited timeline, and there were numerous instances that necessitated McDermott's provision of capable legal services on short notice and under significant time constraints in order to address complex legal issues.

(h) *The Amount Involved and Results Obtained*. For the reasons set forth in this Application, McDermott respectfully submits that the requested fees are reasonable under the circumstances, in light of the intensive engagement required to address the volume, complexity, and highly contested nature of the issues presented in these cases. McDermott devoted significant time and resources to the negotiation and litigation necessary to secure—and ultimately safeguard—a favorable outcome for unsecured creditors.

(i) *The Experience, Reputation and Ability of the Attorneys*. McDermott is a well-known law firm and has proven substantial ability in the fields of bankruptcy, litigation, finance, and corporate law, among others. Charles R. Gibbs, Kristin Going, and Darren Azman, partners at McDermott, had primary responsibility for this case. Each of Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Going, and Mr. Azman have a wide breadth of experience in bankruptcy matters, including with respect to representing creditor interests and official creditor committees, enabling them to effectively render services to the Committee in an efficient manner. In addition, McDermott's restructuring & insolvency attorneys were supported by attorneys from the corporate, trial, and finance practice groups at McDermott.

(j) *The Undesirability of the Case*. While this engagement is not "undesirable," the Chapter 11 Cases are challenging given, among other things, the complexity of the Debtors' business and operational arrangements and the nature and value of the claims asserted against the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.

(k) *Nature and Length of Professional Relationship*. McDermott had no relationship with the Committee prior to being retained in this case, subject to the disclosures set forth in the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Schulte LLP as Counsel, Effective as of April 29, 2026* and accompanying *Declaration of Charles R. Gibbs* attached thereto as Exhibit B. *See* Docket No. 429.

(l) *Awards In Similar Cases*. The fees and expenses for which McDermott seeks compensation and reimbursement are not excessive and are substantially similar to those awarded in similar cases for similar services rendered and results obtained.

55. In sum, the services rendered by McDermott were reasonable, necessary and intended to benefit and preserve the value of the Debtors' estates and the interests of unsecured creditors. These services required a high level of professional competence and expertise, and McDermott believes that the services were performed efficiently and effectively. Accordingly, approval of the compensation for professional services and reimbursement of the expenses sought herein is warranted.

56. In addition, McDermott has made reasonable efforts to comply with the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"). In accordance with section C.5 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, McDermott states as follows:

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

Response: No.

Question: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: N/A. McDermott submitted weekly estimates pursuant to the *Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral; (II) Granting Adequate Protection to Prepetition Secured Parties; (III) Modifying the Automatic Stay; and (IV) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 388], and the fees sought do not exceed those amounts.

Question: Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

Question: Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.) If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: This Application includes 26.6 hours, totaling $32,258.00, for time spent to review and revise time entries to ensure compliance with the Local Rules and to avoid disclosure of privileged or confidential information.

Question: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention:

i. Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance?

ii. Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11–458?

Response: Yes, the client agreed to annual rate increases at the time of McDermott's retention.

NOTICE

57. In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this Application will be served by electronic transmission upon the Fee Notice Parties (i.e., (a) the Debtors, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000 Houston, TX 7701, Attn: Ryan Manns, Maria Mokrzycka, and Jason I. Blanchard; (b) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen and Vianey Garza; and (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attn: Sunny Singh, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, TX 77002-2755, Attn: Stephanie Morrison and Emma Wheeler; Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons and Debora Hoehne, and Gray Reed & McGraw, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner).

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WHEREFORE, McDermott respectfully requests entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto, granting final allowance for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period.

Dated: September 28, 2026
Dallas, TX

MCDERMOTT WILL & SCHULTE LLP

/s/ Charles R. Gibbs

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Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

EXHIBIT A

Gibbs Declaration

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC., *et al.*[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF CHARLES R. GIBBS IN SUPPORT OF FIRST AND FINAL APPLICATION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & SCHULTE LLP FOR SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE FINAL PERIOD FROM APRIL 29, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

I, Charles R. Gibbs, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Schulte LLP ("McDermott" or the "Firm"). I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Texas, and am admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas and the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh Circuits.

2. I have personally performed many of the legal services rendered by McDermott as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases ("Chapter 11 Cases") of Ascend Elements, Inc., *et al*. and the

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

above-captioned affiliated debtors and debtors in possession and am thoroughly familiar with the other work performed on behalf of the Committee by the attorneys and other persons in the Firm.

3. I have read the foregoing *First and Final Application of McDermott Will & Schulte LLP for Compensation for Services and Reimbursement of Expenses as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Final Period from April 29, 2026 Through September 8, 2026* (the "Application").[2] To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the statements contained in the Application are true and correct. Moreover, I have reviewed the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, and submit that the Application substantially complies with such rules. However, to the extent that the Application does not comply in all respects with such rules, I believe that such deviations are not material. McDermott has no agreement, directly or indirectly, and no understanding exists in any form or guise with any person for a division of the compensation herein requested, except that compensation received by McDermott will be shared among McDermott's partners and employees as permitted by Bankruptcy Code section 504.

4. In addition, I certify that McDermott has made reasonable efforts to comply with the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of November 1, 2013* (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"). With respect to section C.5 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, I certify the following with respect to the Compensation Period:

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

Response: No.

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

Question: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: N/A. McDermott submitted weekly estimates pursuant to the *Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral; (II) Granting Adequate Protection to Prepetition Secured Parties; (III) Modifying the Automatic Stay; and (IV) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 388], and the fees sought do not exceed those amounts.

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Response: Yes, the client agreed to annual rate increases at the time of McDermott's retention.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on September 28, 2026
Dallas, Texas

By: */s/ Charles R. Gibbs*
Charles R. Gibbs

EXHIBIT B

Summary by Timekeepers for the Period from April 29, 2026, through September 8, 2026

Name of Timekeeper	Position	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Gibbs, Charles Runyon	Partner	$2,360.00	166.90	$393,884.00
Going, Kristin Kendra	Partner	$1,960.00	170.30	$333,788.00
Spisak, Alex Michael	Partner	$1,875.00	0.50	$937.50
Azman, Darren	Partner	$1,860.00	5.50	$10,230.00
Suh, Kristine M.	Counsel	$1.705.00	3.20	$5,456.00
Allard, Nathaniel	Counsel	$1,700.00	392.40	$667,080.00
Stein, Joshua Harvey	Counsel	$1,555.00	5.00	$7,775.00
Wurzelbacher, Carole Michelle	Associate	$1,625.00	154.50	$251,062.50
Lee, Joshua Christopher	Associate	$1,260.00	269.40	$339,444.00
Alindogan, Nova Advento	Paralegal	$910.00	62.40	$56,784.00
TOTAL			**1230.10**	**$2,066,441.00**

EXHIBIT C

Statement of Fees by Project Category for the Period from April 29, 2026, through September 8, 2026

Task Code	Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B110	Case Administration	218.00	$358,286.50
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	26.90	$38,031.50
B130	Asset Disposition	240.40	$443,717.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	92.80	$151,491.00
B155	Court Hearings	142.30	$254,747.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	89.50	$115,406.50
B185	Assumption/Rejection of Leases	6.40	$8,484.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	6.40	$12,233.50
B195	Non-Working Travel	26.80	$56,648.00
B220	Employee Benefits/Pensions	2.60	$3,716.00
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	155.30	$267,139.00
B240	Tax Issues	4.60	$8,002.00
B280	Vendor Matters	4.20	$5,732.00
B290	Insurance	10.80	$12,912.50
B310	Claims Administration and Objections	9.70	$15,809.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	191.10	$309,577.50
B470	Litigation	2.30	$4,508.00
	TOTAL	**1230.10**	**$2,066,441.00**

EXHIBIT D

Expense Summary for the Period from April 29, 2026, through September 8, 2026

Expense Category	Amount
Business Meal	$331.05
Computer Assisted Research	$2,782.67
Document Services	$578.50
Filing/Registration Fee	$436.75
Transcripts	$444.15
Transportation/Parking	$872.73
Travel Expenses	$13,275.84
TOTAL	**$18,721.69**

EXHIBIT E

Time and Expense Detail for Period from April 29, 2026, through September 8, 2026

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INVOICE

Ascend Elements, Inc. Creditors' Committee
2801 N. Harwood St.
Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

Client: 152278
Invoice: 4692787
Invoice Date: 07/29/2026

Remittance Copy

Billing for services rendered through 06/22/2026

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0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Total Services	$ 70,146.00
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	0.00
Total This Invoice	**$ 70,146.00**

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2801 N. Harwood St.
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For Services Rendered in Connection with:

Matter: 0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration K. Going	7.50	14,700.00	Review first day pleadings and case details (3.8); review WIP and task list discussions (1.0); prepare for (1.0); and participate in call with Debtors (.6); participate in Committee meeting to interview FA's (1.1).
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	4.80	11,328.00	Review and analyze Cash Collateral Motion and relevant first day pleadings and declarations (2.9); conference with Debtor’s counsel re background (.9); conference with attorneys for creditors re same (1.0).
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.50	455.00	Prepare first draft of critical dates tracker.
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.60	2,016.00	Draft Committee bylaws (1.1); email C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2); review precedent re same (.3).

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.80	2,268.00	Attend FA pitches (1.1); review pitch materials re same (.4); multiple correspondences with MWS team re same (.3).
B110 04/29/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	3.50	5,687.50	Review and revise notice of appearance, pro hac motions (.4); correspond with MWS team re case status, ongoing workstreams (.7); review, analyze first day motions, related materials (1.4); correspond with J. Lee re bylaws, case administration matters (.5); conference with R. Mann re same (.5).
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.80	4,248.00	Conferences with attorneys for M&M lien creditors and Debtor counsel re case background (1.0); review of first day Orders (.8).
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	1.80	1,638.00	Prepare working group list.
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration N. Allard	3.30	5,610.00	Review case background (3.0); call with K. Going re same (.3).

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Call with lenders counsel.
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration K. Going	5.30	10,388.00	Review and analyze note purchase agreements (3.2); prepare for (.7); and participate in call with Weil team re status update and next steps (.5); review draft objection by Nooter (.6); correspond with MWS team re same (.3).
B110 04/30/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	1.40	2,275.00	Review and revise Committee bylaws (.8); correspond with J. Lee re same (.3); correspond with MWS team re first day motion objection deadlines (.3).
B230 04/29/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Correspond with K. Going re cash collateral issues (.2); research re same (.6).
B230 04/30/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	2.30	3,910.00	Review cash collateral motion and related issues (2.0); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).
B230 04/30/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	2.10	3,412.50	Review and analyze cash collateral Motion (.3); correspond with N. Allard re same (.6); draft issues list re same (1.2).

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description

Total Hours **39.00** **Total For Services** **$70,146.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	2.30	910.00	2,093.00
N. Allard	6.90	1,700.00	11,730.00
C. Gibbs	6.60	2,360.00	15,576.00
K. Going	12.80	1,960.00	25,088.00
J. Lee	3.40	1,260.00	4,284.00
C. Wurzelbacher	7.00	1,625.00	11,375.00
Totals	**39.00**		**$70,146.00**

Task Code Summary

Task Code	Description	Hours	Amount
B110	Case Administration	33.80	61,463.50
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	5.20	8,682.50
		39.00	70,146.00

Total This Invoice **$70,146.00**

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Total Services	$ 1,130,632.50
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	14,131.44
Total This Invoice	**$ 1,144,763.94**

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	2.00	1,820.00	Update professionals working group list (.9); review and update critical dates tracker (.4); calendar upcoming hearing dates and deadlines (.7).
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration N. Allard	5.10	8,670.00	Review first-day motions and proposed final orders (2.5); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher, J. Lee re same (1.0); review and analyze initial case issues (.5); call with Province and MWS teams (.7); review objections filed (.4).
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	2.50	5,900.00	Attend kick off call with Province team (.8); conferences with Committee professionals re work stream status (.7); review of multiple First Day pleadings and Orders (1.0).
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration K. Going	7.80	15,288.00	Review and analyze draft objection prepared by Nooter (2.8); correpsondence with J. Trad re same (1.2); Conference with Jackson Walker team re objections to cash collateral, and next steps (2.8); Attend kickoff call with Province team (1.0).

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	1.60	2,600.00	Review and analyze Cash Collateral, Cash Management, NOL, and Critical Vendors motions and orders (1.4); correspond with NRF re same (.2).
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration J. Lee	4.80	6,048.00	Revise and analyze first day motion (1.5); draft email memo re same (1.3); correspondences with N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.4); revise first day declaration and related materials (1.6).
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Attend professionals call.
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re province pitch deck.
B110 05/01/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Revise working group list.
B110 05/02/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Review case updates and background (1.2); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.6).

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B110 05/02/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Attend call with Debtors counsel, K. Going, C. Gibbs, C. Wurzelbacher (.7).
B110 05/02/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.90	2,124.00	Review of multiple emails re case administration matters.
B110 05/02/26	Case Administration J. Lee	2.30	2,898.00	Revise first day final orders (2.1); email Province team re same (.2).
B110 05/03/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.50	455.00	Monitor docket and update critical dates tracker (.5).
B110 05/03/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Review data room (.5); correspond with Province, MWS teams re case updates and issues (.9); further correspond with J Lee re same (.3).
B110 05/03/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review and revise critical dates tracker.

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 05/04/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.20	2,832.00	Review of multiple emails re case administration matters (.8); conferences with Committee professionals re same (.4).
B110 05/04/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Coordinate comments to first day motions (1.0); review case updates (.5).
B110 05/04/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Update critical dates tracker.
B110 05/04/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Correspond with MWS and Province teams re Committee meetings, related administrative matters.
B110 05/04/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Further revise first day final orders re Province comments (.9); email N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2); email NRF team re same (.3).
B110 05/05/26	Case Administration K. Going	3.90	7,644.00	Prepare for (.8); and participate in Committee meeting (1.5); conversations with debtors counsel (.5); call with Kinterra counsel (.5); internal discussions on critical vendor and cash collateral orders (.6).

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B110 05/05/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	4.60	10,856.00	Review of proposed 2nd day Orders (.4); conferences with co-counsel re same (.3); conferences with MWS and Province teams re strategy issues re cash collateral, DIP loan and sale (1.0); prepare for (.9); and attend Committee meeting (1.0); conferences with Debtors counsel (1.0).
B110 05/05/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.80	728.00	Prepare Pro Hac Application for N. Allard.
B110 05/05/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review first day motions summary chat.
B110 05/06/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Call w R. Mann, K. Going re case updates.
B110 05/06/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	4.00	9,440.00	Conference with Province team re various case administration issues and financial issues and projections (1.0); multiple conferences with MWS team re strategy on various pending and upcoming case dispositive issues (2.0); review of multiple emails and draft pleadings re same (1.0).

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B110 05/06/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	0.80	1,300.00	Conference with MWS, Province teams re case status, ongoing workstreams (.5); correspond with MWS team re same (.3).
B110 05/06/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Attend professionals call.
B110 05/07/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.50	1,890.00	Attend status call with MWS team.
B110 05/07/26	Case Administration N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Call with Winston & Strawn team (.5); call with MWS team re strategy (1.5).
B110 05/07/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	0.90	1,462.50	Conference with MWS team re case strategy (.5); correspond with same re same (.4).
B110 05/07/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Update case calendar.

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B110 05/07/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Email MWS team re recent pleadings (.2); review and analyze re same (.9).
B110 05/07/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review critical dates tracker.
B110 05/08/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.1); prepare and efile transcript request for 5/8 status conference (.2).
B110 05/08/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Review protective order (.6); correspond with MWS team re same (.3); correspond with NRF re same (.3); review pleadings filed (.5).
B110 05/08/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Review of multiple emails re case status.
B110 05/08/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Revise protective order (1.0); email MWS team re same (.2).

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Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 05/09/26	Case Administration N. Allard	2.20	3,740.00	Review pleadings and case updates (.5); review data room and loan documents (1.2); correspond w J. Lee re same (.5).
B110 05/10/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case developments and correspond with Committee professionals re same (.5).
B110 05/11/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Call with NRF team and K. Going re case updates (.5); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.4); review pleadings filed (.6); further correspond with NRF team re case updates (.3).
B110 05/11/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	2.30	2,093.00	Obtain and circulate docket pleadings (.4); review filed objections and prepare chart of objections to cash collateral, stalking horse bidder, and DIP (1.7); update case calendar (.2).
B110 05/11/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of multiple emails re case administration matters.
B110 05/11/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Review Goodwin 2019 (.3); email Province team re same (.1).

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B110 05/11/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review and analyze 2019 statements (.4); email MWS and Province team re same (.1).
B110 05/11/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Review and analyze objections summary table (1.1); email N. Alindogan re same (.2).
B110 05/12/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Correspond with Province re case updates and questions (.7); review filings including updated proposed orders (.6).
B110 05/12/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	1.00	910.00	Circulate May 8 status conference transcript (.1); update objections chart (.3); monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.2); update case calendar (.1); prepare witness and exhibit list for May 14 hearing (.3).
B110 05/12/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend status call with MWS team.
B110 05/13/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review pleadings filed.

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B110 05/13/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.2); review upcoming case dates and deadlines and update case calendar (.4).
B110 05/13/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Attend call with configure partners re hearing and sale.
B110 05/14/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.
B110 05/14/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re 2019 statement analysis.
B110 05/14/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review protective order (.2); prepare for execution re same (.1).
B110 05/15/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.50	455.00	Update case calendar (.3); monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.2).

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B110 05/15/26	Case Administration N. Allard	3.30	5,610.00	Prepare for (.3); and attend call with Debtor professionals, C. Gibbs, K. Going, H. Congleton re case updates (.6); Correspond with J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re open items (.4); review pleadings filed (.3); call with K. Going, H. Congleton re open items (.3); further correspond with Debtor professionals re open items (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.4); review open items and strategy (.5); call w C. Gibbs re updates (.2).
B110 05/15/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Conferences with MWS team and Debtors re settlement structure and status.
B110 05/15/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	1.10	1,787.50	Review and analyze IRS comments to Confirmation Order (.5); research re same (.6).
B110 05/15/26	Case Administration K. Going	1.80	3,528.00	Prepare for (.6); and participate in teleconference with NRF and A&M teams re status update and next steps (.7); conference with MWS team re same (.5).
B110 05/15/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email NRF team re protective order.

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B110 05/15/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review critical dates memo.
B110 05/16/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.90	3,230.00	Call with Debtor professionals (.6); prepare for same (.4); review related case updates (.5); correspond with Province re case updates (.4).
B110 05/17/26	Case Administration N. Allard	2.90	4,930.00	Prepare for (.5) and attend call w Debtor professionals (.8), call with Province, C. Gibbs in advance re same (.5), further correspond with Committee professionals re same (.5), follow up call w R. Manns, C. Gibbs, K. Going (.3), correspond w J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re open items (.3).
B110 05/18/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Correspond with J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re open items (.5); correspond with NRF team re case scheduling (.2); correspond with Committee professionals re case updates (.7).
B110 05/18/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review assumption underlying potential plan process.

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B110 05/18/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.80	1,888.00	Review of multiple emails re case administration matters (.3); conferences with MWS team re pending work streams (.5).
B110 05/18/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Update case calendar.
B110 05/19/26	Case Administration N. Allard	2.50	4,250.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re meeting with case parties (.5); monitor mediation session (1.5); correspond with MWS team re same (.5).
B110 05/19/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	2.00	4,720.00	Attend weekly Committee meeting (1.0); multiple conferences with co-counsel re potential case settlement issues (1.0).
B110 05/19/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Email MWS team re May 14 hearing transcript.
B110 05/19/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Review and analyze TKJV Motion to convert Cases (.5); email MWS team re same (.2).

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B110 05/20/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re case updates (.6); review pleadings filed (1.2).
B110 05/20/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond with J. Lee re plan.
B110 05/20/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.
B110 05/21/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review pleadings filed.
B110 05/21/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Circulate docket pleadings (.4); update case calendar (.2).
B110 05/21/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Review and analyze first day declaration re DOE grants (.4); research re same (.6).

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B110 05/21/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Research re plan precedent.
B110 05/22/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Obtain and circulate filed docket pleadings (.4); update case calendar (.2).
B110 05/22/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review pleadings filed.
B110 05/26/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Review pleadings filed (.4); correspond with Committee professionals re case updates (1.0).
B110 05/26/26	Case Administration C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Attend 341 meeting (.3); correspond with N. Allard re same (.1).
B110 05/26/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.1); update case calendar (.1).

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B110 05/26/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re bylaws and working group list.
B110 05/27/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Correspond with Debtor professionals re case updates and open issues (.5); review pleadings filed (.3); correspond w J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re open items (.4); correspond w Province team re open items (.3).
B110 05/28/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.60	2,720.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re case updates (.5); review pleadings filed (.3); review Debtor settlement agreement (.8).
B110 05/28/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.3); update case calendar (.1).
B110 05/29/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review pleadings filed (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re case updates (.5).
B110 05/29/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Circulate filed pleadings.

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B110 05/31/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review open items and correspond with MWS team re same.
B120 05/04/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery C. Wurzelbacher	0.30	487.50	Conference with K. Suh re lien investigation.
B120 05/05/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review sale issues (.6); call with D. Azman, K. Going and prospective bidder counsel (.4).
B120 05/05/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery C. Wurzelbacher	1.40	2,275.00	Correspond with K. Suh re lien investigation, financing documents (.4); review and analyze same (1.0).
B120 05/05/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery K. Suh	0.80	1,364.00	Review Senior Note Purchase Agreements and status of multiple loans (.5); confer with C. Wurzebacher re same (.3).
B120 05/07/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery C. Wurzelbacher	0.90	1,462.50	Review and analyze lien search results (.6); correspond with K. Suh re same (.3).

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B120 05/08/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery K. Suh	1.60	2,728.00	Review UCC code re multiple loans covered by one Committee financing statement; confer with K. Going and C. Wurzelbacher re same; review lien search result.
B120 05/10/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Attend call re perfection issue.
B120 05/11/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery C. Wurzelbacher	0.80	1,300.00	Conference with K. Suh, MWS team re lien perfection issue (.5); review background documentation re same (.3).
B120 05/11/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery K. Suh	0.80	1,364.00	Review lien search and UCC re multiple advances (.3); conference call with N. Allard and K. Goin re same (.5).
B120 05/11/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	3.00	3,780.00	Attend call with MWS team re perfection issues (.6); research re same (2.1); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B120 05/12/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	2.40	3,024.00	Research re perfection issues (1.1); draft memo re same (1.0); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).

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B120 05/13/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	3.40	4,284.00	Revise perfection research memo.
B130 05/02/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	1.10	1,787.50	Conference with Debtors' counsel re credit bid related issues (.5); review and analyze bid procedures order re same (.6).
B130 05/04/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Review sale related issues (.7); review bidding procedures (.3); draft email notice re same (.3).
B130 05/04/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	3.20	6,272.00	Prepare for and participate in Committee professionals weekly call with Province team; review bid procedures and cash collateral issues list; discuss same with internal MWS team.
B130 05/05/26	Asset Disposition D. Azman	2.30	4,278.00	Develop strategy re DIP and sale process.
B130 05/06/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.50	4,250.00	Review APA term sheet and related items (1.2); further review sale issues (1.0); correspond w Province team re same (.3).

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B130 05/06/26	Asset Disposition D. Azman	1.70	3,162.00	Further review IOIs (1.0); futher develop strategy re same (.7).
B130 05/06/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	3.80	7,448.00	Conference with NRF team re DIP motion and sale process updates (.8); review and analyze DIP motion (1.2); conference with Province team re status update and next steps (.5); review proposed payment language (.3); discuss same with MWS team (.3); review and analyze draft term sheet (.7).
B130 05/07/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Review APA (.8); review sale issues re same (.7).
B130 05/07/26	Asset Disposition N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Update case calendar re updated sale deadlines.
B130 05/07/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.20	2,352.00	Review motion to limit credit bidding (.5); call with TKJV re same (.4); call with MWS team re mechanics lien issues (.3).

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B130 05/07/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.10	2,596.00	Multiple conferences with Province and MWS team re sale issues.
B130 05/07/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	2.70	3,402.00	Review and analyze bid protections and procedures (1.1); draft objection to bid protections (1.6).
B130 05/08/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Review draft objection to bid protections (1.0); correspond w J. Lee re same (.4).
B130 05/08/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Conferences re sale issues (.5); review of pleadings re same (1.0).
B130 05/08/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	2.20	4,312.00	Review and revise draft objection to cash collateral order (1.8); correspondences with MWS team re same (.4).
B130 05/08/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	3.30	4,158.00	Revise objection to bid protections (3.0); email N. Allard re same (.3).

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B130 05/09/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Provide comments on updated draft bid protections objection (1.2); correspond w J. Lee re same (.5).
B130 05/09/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	4.20	5,292.00	Further revise objection to Bid Protections (1.9); Email N. Allard re same (.3); research re chapter 11 case sales (1.8); email N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).
B130 05/10/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.20	3,740.00	Update draft bid protections objection (1.0); correspond with J Lee re same (.4); review further updated draft (.8).
B130 05/10/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review update re sale process and bids.
B130 05/10/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.50	1,890.00	Further revise objection to Bid Protections (.8); review APA re same (.3); email N. Allard re same (.2); email K. Going re same (.2).
B130 05/11/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	3.40	5,780.00	Review bid summary (.5); finalize objection to bid procedures (2.3); correspond with J Lee re same (.4); review updated sale summary from NRF team (.2).

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B130 05/11/26	Asset Disposition N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Prepare objection to bid protections for filing.
B130 05/11/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	2.20	4,312.00	Review bid summaries (1.5); correspondence with J. Trad of Lewis Rice re same (.3); discuss same with Province and internal MWS teams (.4).
B130 05/11/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Revise bid procedures objection re N. Allard comments (.4); email K. Going re same (.2).
B130 05/11/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Review qualified bid summary (1.0); confer with K. Going re same (.1); email Province team re same (.2).
B130 05/12/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Review sale updates (.8); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.3).
B130 05/13/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Review sale update (.5); call with bidder counsel (.7).

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B130 05/14/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	2.40	3,024.00	Research re motion to enforce bid procedure standards (2.1); correspondences with C. Wurzelbacher and N. Allard re same (.3).
B130 05/16/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	2.40	5,664.00	Multiple conferences with MWS team and Debtors' advisors re sale issues.
B130 05/17/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review sale related issues.
B130 05/17/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	2.50	5,900.00	Multiple conferences with MWS team and Debtors re status of sale (1.5); conferences with Committee members and creditors re same (1.0).
B130 05/18/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review sale issues.
B130 05/18/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	2.50	5,900.00	Conferences with MWS team and Debtorsre re potential sale of assets to various bidders (1.5); review of pleadings and correspondence re same (1.0).

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B130 05/18/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	5.60	10,976.00	Review and analyze agreements re CLNs (4.8); correspondence withs MWS team re same (.4); correspondences with Saul Ewing team re Debtors' potential objection to credit bid motion, negotiations re APA for Hopkinsville, Poland and Covington (.4).
B130 05/19/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Review sale issues.
B130 05/19/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	5.50	12,980.00	Attend settlement conference.
B130 05/19/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	3.80	7,448.00	Prepare for (2.8); and participate in mediation, all hands meeting (1.0).
B130 05/19/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Review credit agreement re credit bid procedures (.2); prepare for (.3); and participate in teleconference with Clifford Chance team re same (.4); confer with MWS team re same (.2); correspondence with NRF and Jefferies teams re Hopkinsville (.2).

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B130 05/20/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	2.70	4,387.50	Review, revise Sale Order (1.5); correspond with K. Going, MWS team re same (.6); review background documentation re same (.6).
B130 05/20/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	4.40	7,480.00	Review sale issues (2.2); review draft sale order (.8); comments to same (.5); call with Debtor professionals (.5); follow up call with Province team, C. Gibbs, K. Going (.4).
B130 05/20/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	4.20	9,912.00	Multiple conferences with MWS team, Debtors, counsel for M&M creditors and CLN counsel re settlement of disputes over sale terms for Poland assets (3.0); review of multiple draft pleadings and emails re same (1.2).
B130 05/20/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	2.70	5,292.00	Review bid summaries (.3); prepare for (.7); and participate in teleconference with Debtors' advisors re sale updates and related issues (.5); conference with Province team re same (.5); review and revise draft sale order (.5); correspondence with MWS team re same (.2).
B130 05/21/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	3.70	6,012.50	Review, revise Sale Order (2.0); review and analyze Poland APA (1.3); correspond with K. Going, MWS and Weil teams re same (.4).

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B130 05/21/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	6.30	10,710.00	Review updated APA (2.0); provide comments to same (1.0); review updated versions of sale order (1.5); provide comments to same (.5); correspond w C. Wurzelbacher re same (.8); review further updates sale order (.5).
B130 05/21/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	4.00	9,440.00	Multiple conferences with MWS team and Debtors re settlement of disputes over terms for sale of Poland assets.
B130 05/22/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	2.10	3,412.50	Review first day materials, Jefferies' retention application (.4); draft summary re same (.2); correspond with MWS team re same, related sale matters (.5); review and analyze revised sale order and revised cash collateral order (.4); correspond with MWS team re same (.3); correspond with N. Allard re debtor professional fees (.3). .
B130 05/22/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	6.80	16,048.00	Review drafts of Sale Order and APA from Kinterra (2.9); multiple conferences with Debtors, counsel to Kinterra and M&M creditors re same (3.1); review of multiple emails re same (.8).

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B130 05/22/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	4.20	7,140.00	Review updated APA (1.5); correspond with case parties re same (.5); review updated drafts Sale Order (1.2); multiple correspondence with case parties re same (1.0).
B130 05/22/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Review revised APA (.9); correspondences with C. Gibbs and N. Allard re potential issues (.4).
B130 05/23/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Emails with Debtor professionals re auction (.2); emails with K. Going, C. Gibbs re same (.2); review sale issues (.8) .
B130 05/24/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Call with Debtors and K. Going (.5); call with Debtors. K. Going and American Battery counsel (.5); review of related issues (.5).
B130 05/24/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.00	1,960.00	Conferences with Debtors and American Battery on Hopkinsville sale.
B130 05/25/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Review open sale and auction items (.8); emails with case professional re same (.5); call with K. Going, C. Gibbs to prepare for auction (.5).

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B130 05/25/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Correspondences with MWS team on Hopkinsville sale.
B130 05/26/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	7.60	12,920.00	Review auction materials and bids submitted (1.5); prepare for (1.0); and attend same (4.0); attend further portion of auction (.7); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.4).
B130 05/26/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	3.50	6,860.00	Prepare for (.5) and attend Hopkinsville Auction (3.0).
B130 05/26/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	7.50	17,700.00	Attendance at auction of Hopkinsville asset.
B130 05/26/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Review and analyze bid materials.
B130 05/27/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review of sale issues (.5); and correspond with Committee professionals re same (.3).

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B130 05/27/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Review of multiple emails with Committee members and Debtors re results of auction of Hopkinsville (.7); conferences with co-counsel re same (.6).
B130 05/27/26	Asset Disposition N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Email MWS team re Notice of Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder.
B130 05/27/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Review Committee inquiries re remaining assets disposition (.5); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B130 05/28/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review sale issue updates.
B130 05/29/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	3.80	6,460.00	Review sale issues (1.0); review sale update (.5); review sale objections (1.2); correspond with NRF team re same (.3);review draft sale order (.8).
B130 05/29/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	0.30	487.50	Review sale order (.1); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2).

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B130 05/29/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.80	3,528.00	Review sale objections (1.4); call with NRF team re same (.4).
B130 05/31/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	2.10	3,412.50	Review and analyze sale order (1.1); review bid procedures re same (.7); correspond with N. Allard re same (.3).
B150 05/01/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	2.00	3,250.00	Correspond with MWS team, Committee re case status, ongoing workstreams (.6); draft summary of objections to Cash Collateral, related updates (.8); review and analyze pleadings re same (.6).
B150 05/04/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Call with Committee professionals re upcoming Committee call (.5); prepare for upcoming Committee meeting including review of materials (1.0).
B150 05/04/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Draft first day motion chart (1.3); confer with N. Allard re same (.2); revise re same (.5).
B150 05/04/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Draft agenda re Committee meeting (.3); email MWS team re same (.2); review committee materials re same (.9).

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B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	3.30	5,610.00	Prepare for (.6); and attend Committee meeting (1.5); follow up with C. Gibbs, K. Going re same (.2); review open issues for second day hearing (1.0).
B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	1.10	1,787.50	Attend Committee meeting (.9); correspond with J. Lee re materials for same (.2).
B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Attend Committee call.
B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting.
B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Draft minutes re Committee meeting.
B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Email Province team re committee materials (.2); review re same (.3).

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B150 05/05/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Email Province team re committee materials (.2); review re same (.3).
B150 05/06/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Call with Committee professionals (.5); draft multiple update emails to Committee (.6).
B150 05/07/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Call with Province team re Committee meeting (.7); review related materials (.5); further prepare for Committee meeting (.5).
B150 05/07/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor D. Azman	1.50	2,790.00	Prepare for committee meeting (.4); develop strategy re DIP and sale process (1.1).
B150 05/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Prepare for (.7); and attend Committee meeting (.8); review Province materials (.5).
B150 05/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	1.40	2,275.00	Conference with Committee re DIP Motion, Stalking Horse APA, related case status matters (.9); correspond with J. Lee, MWS team re same (.5).

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B150 05/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	1.50	2,940.00	Prepare for (.2); and attend Committee call re status update and next steps (1.0); review Province deck same (.3).
B150 05/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting (.2); review committee materials re same (.3).
B150 05/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Attend Committee call.
B150 05/09/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review email to Committee.
B150 05/10/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review emails among Committee professionals and Committee members (.3); correspond with Province team re same (.2).
B150 05/11/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Draft update to Committee and review of related items.

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B150 05/11/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review committee presentation materials (.4); email K. Going re same (.1).
B150 05/12/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Prepare for Committee meeting (.5); attend Committee meeting (1.0); follow up call w C. Gibbs (.3).
B150 05/12/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Attend status call with MWS team.
B150 05/12/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend weekly Committee call.
B150 05/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	0.60	975.00	Correspond with J. Lee, MWS team re update for the Committee on Cash Collateral and DIP hearing (.3); review, revise summary re same (.3).
B150 05/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email Committee re DIP hearing.

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B150 05/15/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email Committee members re bylaws.
B150 05/17/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email Committee members re bylaws.
B150 05/18/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.60	2,720.00	Review issues for informal mediation (.6); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.3); correspond with M. Mokrzycka re same (.2); correspond with other case parties re same (.2); prepare for upcoming Committee meeting (.3).
B150 05/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	2.10	3,570.00	Prepare for (.5); and attend Committee meeting (.8); draft email to Committee re case update (.5); further correspond with Committee members (.3).
B150 05/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	0.70	1,137.50	Attend meeting with Committee members.
B150 05/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Prepare for and lead Committee meeting.

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B150 05/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email K. Going re weekly Committee call.
B150 05/21/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Draft email updates to Committee.
B150 05/21/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.60	1,176.00	Multiple correspondence with Committee re potential global settlement update and next steps.
B150 05/22/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Emails w Committee members re case updates.
B150 05/25/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Emails with Committee members re case updates.
B150 05/26/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Respond to creditor inquiries (.4); correspond re case updates with Committee members (.5); prepare for (.3); and attend section 341 meeting (.3); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).

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B150 05/27/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review creditor inquires (.2); review of first day motions re same (.3); emails with Committee members re case updates (.3).
B150 05/28/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Respond to creditor inquiries.
B150 05/29/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Draft update to Committee members.
B155 05/06/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.80	728.00	Prepare draft Committee witness & exhibit list.
B155 05/06/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review W&E list (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.1).
B155 05/07/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Update proposed witness & exhibit list for 5/12 hearing.

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B155 05/07/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review W&E list for May 8 hearing (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.1); review local rule re same (.2).
B155 05/08/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	1.80	1,638.00	Prepare exhibits to witness and exhibit list (.7); revise, finalize, and efile witness and exhibit list (.4); compile and send related hearing documents to Chambers (.7).
B155 05/08/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Prepare for (.5); and attend status conference (1.0).
B155 05/08/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.90	1,462.50	Attend status conference hearing re DIP, Bid Procedures Motion.
B155 05/08/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Prepare for (.3); and attend status conference (1.0).
B155 05/08/26	Court Hearings K. Going	4.30	8,428.00	Prepare (2.2); and participate in status conference (1.0); conference with MWS team in preparation re same (1.1).

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B155 05/11/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review materials for upcoming status conference and hearing.
B155 05/11/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.80	728.00	Compile materials in preparation for May 12 hearing.
B155 05/12/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	2.50	4,250.00	Prepare for status conference (.5); call with C. Gibbs, K. Going, C. Wurzelbacher, J. Lee re same (.8); further prepare for status conference (.5); prepare for upcoming hearing on DIP (.7).
B155 05/12/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	1.90	3,087.50	Attend status conference re DIP Motion and Cash Collateral Motion (1.0); conference, correspond with MWS team in preparation for same (.9).
B155 05/12/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.50	455.00	Prepare draft witness & exhibit list for May 14 hearing.
B155 05/12/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Prepare for status conference (.5); and attend re same (1.0).

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B155 05/13/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	4.00	6,800.00	Prepare for hearing (3.5); call w MWS team re same (.5).
B155 05/13/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	1.50	1,365.00	Prepare exhibits to witness and exhibit list for May 14 hearing (.5); efile Committee witness and exhibit list (.4); compile materials in preparation for May 14 hearing and prepare related index (.6).
B155 05/13/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Attend hearing prep call with MWS team.
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re prepetition loan documents.
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	11.00	18,700.00	Prepare for (2.0); and attend hearing on DIP and cash collateral (9.0).
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	12.50	29,500.00	Preparation for (3.5); and attend DIP hearing (9.0).

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B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	7.20	11,700.00	Attend hearing re Cash Collateral and DIP motions (6.8); correspond with N. Allard re same, exhibits for same (.4).
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings K. Going	4.70	9,212.00	Attend second-day hearing.
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	7.00	8,820.00	Attend DIP hearing (partial).
B155 05/14/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re exhibits.
B155 05/18/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review issues for upcoming status conference.
B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Prepare for upcoming status conference and hearing (.5); attend status conference (.5); correspond with MWS team re exhibit list (.3).

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B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Attend status conference hearing.
B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Attendance status conference.
B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Prepare for (.4); and participate in status conference with the Court (.9).
B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Prepare Committee witness and exhibit list for filing re May 21 hearing.
B155 05/19/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review W&E list for May 21 hearing (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.1).
B155 05/20/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Prepare for sale hearing (1.2); call with C. Gibbs, K. Going re same (.5).

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B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	1.00	1,625.00	Attend hearing re sale of Poland assets.
B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	5.20	12,272.00	Attend multiple status conferences re asset sales (2.8); conferences with counsel for TKJV, American Battery, Debtor and Kinterra re settlement terms and disputes (2.4).
B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	3.30	5,610.00	Prepare for sale hearing (.7); call w K. Going, C. Gibbs, C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2); monitor first status conference (.4); attend second status conference (.2); correspondences with other case parties on open issues in connection with sale hearing (1.5); attend latest status conference (.3).
B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings K. Going	5.30	10,388.00	Attend status conference with the Court (.5); review APA and draft sale order (1.1); prepare for (1.9); and participate in sale hearing (1.4); conferences with MWS team re strategy (.4).
B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Attend status conference.

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B155 05/21/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Attend May 21 sale hearing.
B155 05/22/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Attend hearing re sale of Poland/IP assets. .
B155 05/22/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	4.50	10,620.00	Prepare for and attend multiple status conferences and sale hearing for Poland assets.
B155 05/22/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.90	3,230.00	Prepare for (.2); and attend status conference (.2); emails with K. Going, C. Gibbs re same (.4); prepare for (.5); and attend Poland/IP sale hearing (.6).
B155 05/22/26	Court Hearings K. Going	5.40	10,584.00	Attend continued sale hearing (.5); conference with Clifford Chance team in preparation for same (.9); review and analyze revised draft sale order (3.3); conference with Latham team re same (.7).
B155 05/22/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Attend continued sale hearing.

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B155 05/28/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Finalize and efile witness and exhibit list for June 1, 2026 hearing.
B160 05/01/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Revise and analyze Debtors retention applications, OCP and interim compensation motion (1.7); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B160 05/03/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Email C. Wurzelbacher re PII list (.2); email S. French re same (.1); revise PII list (.6).
B160 05/03/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re PII list.
B160 05/04/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review A&M request for fee estimates.
B160 05/05/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Provide fee estimates to A&M.

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B160 05/05/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 05/05/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Draft fee breakdown (.9); email MWS team re same (.3).
B160 05/07/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Email MWS team re billing and task codes (.2); review re same (.2).
B160 05/12/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond w J. Lee, A&M re fee estimates.
B160 05/12/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Email S. French re conflicts (.2); review re same (.5).
B160 05/12/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.

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B160 05/14/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Emails with N. Alindogan re retention application.
B160 05/15/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	2.60	2,366.00	Revise draft of MWS retention application.
B160 05/18/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond w J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re MWS retention application and sealing of parties list from Debtors.
B160 05/18/26	Fee/Employment Applications C. Wurzelbacher	1.60	2,600.00	Correspond with NRF team re Committee professionals' retention applications (.5); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.7); review Debtors' motion to seal re same (.4).
B160 05/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Provide fee estimates to A&M (.1); correspond with J. Lee re same (.1); review Debtor retentions (.4); correspond with case parties re same (.3).
B160 05/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications C. Wurzelbacher	0.90	1,462.50	Correspond with K. Going, N. Allard re interim compensation, OCP motions (.4); correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re Jefferies and A&M retention applications (.2); review same (.3).

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B160 05/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 05/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Email C. Wurzelbacher and N. Allard re A&M and Jefferies retention (.2); review fee structures re same (.5); email K. Going re same (.2).
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re retention applications.
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with C. Wurzelbacher, J. Lee re Debtor retentions (.3); correspond w J. Lee re MWS retention (.2).
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	3.10	2,821.00	Revise draft of MWS retention application.
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	2.70	3,402.00	Review conflicts re retention application (2.4); confer with N. Alindogan re same (.3).

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B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Revise retention application.
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Review and analyze RMF Nooter objection to A&M retention (1.0); email MWS team re same (.2).
B160 05/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re retention application.
B160 05/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications C. Wurzelbacher	1.00	1,625.00	Correspond with J. Lee re MWS retention application (.3); review and analyze same (.7).
B160 05/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review MWS retention application.
B160 05/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Further revise retention application (1.0); email N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).

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B160 05/22/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.70	637.00	Identify additional entities for connections searches for retention disclosures.
B160 05/22/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Review Jefferies retention application and fee structure (.6); correspondence with MWS team re same (.3).
B160 05/22/26	Fee/Employment Applications K. Going	0.50	980.00	Review Jefferies retention application (.3); correspondence with MWS team re same (.2).
B160 05/22/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Correspondences with N. Allard re retention application (.4); revise re same (.2); review conflict reports re same (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.2); email K. Going and C. Gibbs re same (.2).
B160 05/26/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond w J. Lee re Committee professional fees.
B160 05/26/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.

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B160 05/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review MWS retention application (.2); correspond w J. Lee re same (.3); review items re case professionals invoices (.3).
B160 05/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Email with J. Lee re entity connections results for retention disclosure.
B160 05/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Review MWS retention application (.6); correspondences with MWS team re same (.4); correspondence with NRF team re financial advisor fees (.3).
B160 05/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review and analyze motion to seal (.3); email NRF team re same in connection with retention (.2).
B160 05/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Email K. Going re MWS retention application (.2); email D. Kloeckener re same (.2); revise declaration re same (.3).
B160 05/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond w J. Lee re Committee professional retention applications and review of same.

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B160 05/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications K. Going	0.50	980.00	Review revised MWS retention application (.3); correspondence with MWS team re same (.2).
B160 05/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review Committee professional retention applications prior to filing.
B160 05/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	1.30	1,183.00	Finalize and efile Province retention application (.4); revise, finalize, and efile MWS retention application (.9).
B160 05/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review province retention application (.8); revise re same (.3).
B160 05/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review and revise Province conflict report (.9)' correspondences with N. Steffen re same (.2).
B160 05/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Prepare retention applications for filing (.3); confer with N. Alindogan re same (.2).

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B160 05/31/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Review and analyze interim compensation procedures (.4); review May invoice re compliance with UST guidelines (1.6).
B195 05/12/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Travel to Houston for hearing.
B195 05/13/26	Non-Working Travel N. Allard	4.00	6,800.00	Travel to Houston for hearing.
B195 05/14/26	Non-Working Travel N. Allard	6.00	10,200.00	Travel home from hearing.
B195 05/14/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	2.00	4,720.00	Return to Dallas.
B195 05/19/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Travel to Houston for settlement meeting and Status Conference with Court.

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B195 05/20/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.80	4,248.00	Travel to Houston for hearing.
B195 05/22/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Return to Dallas.
B220 05/03/26	Employee Benefits/Pensions N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review KEIP motion (.8); correspond with Province re same (.2).
B220 05/27/26	Employee Benefits/Pensions J. Lee	1.60	2,016.00	Review and analyze Wages orders re PTO (.6); draft email memo re same (.8); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2).
B230 05/01/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Review cash collateral issues (1.5); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).
B230 05/01/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	0.40	944.00	Conferences with Committee professionals re Cash Collateral.

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B230 05/01/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	1.70	2,762.50	Review and analyze Nooter and United objections to Cash Collateral (.8); review, revise Cash Collateral objection (.6); review, revise issues list re same (.3).
B230 05/02/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Review cash collateral issues (1.2); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.5).
B230 05/02/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	3.00	4,875.00	Review, revise Cash Collateral issues list (1.3); analyze interim Cash Collateral order re same (.6); research re same (.8); review, revise Cash Collateral Objection (.3).
B230 05/03/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Review cash collateral issues lists (1.0); review updated issues list (.5); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).
B230 05/03/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	1.90	3,087.50	Correspond with MWS team re Cash Collateral, related filings (.4); research re same (.7); correspond with Province team re Cash Collateral (.4); review, revise issues list re same (.4).
B230 05/04/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Review cash collateral issues (.8); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.5).

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B230 05/04/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	3.10	3,906.00	Research re cash collateral (2.6); review issues list re same (.3); email C. Wurzelbacher re same and precedent (.2).
B230 05/04/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	9.10	14,787.50	Review, revise objection to Cash Collateral Motion (3.1); research re same (2.8); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.8); draft reservation of rights re same (1.3); correspond with D. Sandler re same (.3); review, revise Cash Collateral issues list (.4); correspond with K. Going, N. Allard re same (.4).
B230 05/05/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	2.50	4,250.00	Review cash collateral issues (1.0); review DIP motion (1.0); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re financing issues (.5).
B230 05/05/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	3.10	5,037.50	Review, revise cash collateral objection (2.7); correspond with K. Going, MWS team re same (.4).
B230 05/05/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Research re limited objections and ROR.

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B230 05/06/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	3.00	5,100.00	Review DIP filings (2.0); review related issues re same; (.7); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).
B230 05/06/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	5.80	9,425.00	Review and analyze DIP Motion (2.3); draft issues list re same (1.9); research re same (1.2); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.4).
B230 05/06/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	3.10	3,906.00	Research re DIP and credit bidding.
B230 05/06/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Correspondences with C. Wurzelbacher re DIP objections.
B230 05/07/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	3.30	5,610.00	Review DIP issues (1.0); review cash collateral issues (.5); revise cash collateral issues list (.5); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.5); review draft objection to cash collateral (.8).
B230 05/07/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	6.80	11,050.00	Review, revise cash collateral objection (2.3); correspond with K. Going, MWS team re same (.3); review, revise Cash Collateral issues list (2.4); correspond with NRF and MWS teams re same, Cash

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				Collateral hearing (.8); correspond with N. Allard re DIP issues list (.4); review and analyze DIP motion re same (.6).
B230 05/07/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	3.10	6,076.00	Review cash collateral and DIP issues list (.7); review and comment on cash collateral objection (1.3); review DIP motion (.6); review DIP issues list (.5).
B230 05/07/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	1.20	2,832.00	Conferences with MWS team re issues related to DIP Motion and Cash Collateral objection.
B230 05/07/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Review and analyze credit bid motion (1.0); email MWS team re same (.2).
B230 05/08/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Prepare objection to cash collateral motion for filing.
B230 05/08/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	2.70	4,590.00	Review draft cash collateral objection (1.0); review related issues (.7); final review of cash collateral objection prior to filing (.5); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.5).

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B230 05/08/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	3.70	6,012.50	Correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re objections to DIP Motion and Notice of Stalking Horse (.6); revise, revise objection to Cash Collateral Motion (1.6); finalize same for filing (.8); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.7).
B230 05/08/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Review of DIP Motion and objections to same (1.0); conferences with MWS team same (.5).
B230 05/09/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	2.50	4,062.50	Draft objection to DIP Motion (1.4); research re same (.4); review DIP Motion, related documents (.7).
B230 05/09/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	2.10	2,646.00	Review and analyze prepetition loan documents (1.9); email K. Going re same (.2).
B230 05/10/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	7.40	12,025.00	Draft, revise DIP objection (3.4); research re same (1.9); review and analyze DIP Motion, Credit Agreement, and documents related to same (1.7); correspond with N. Allard re same (.4).

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B230 05/11/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	2.80	4,760.00	Review draft DIP objection (1.5); call with K. Suh, K. Going, J. Lee, C. Wurzelbacher re perfection issues (.5); review related materials (.8).
B230 05/11/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	2.30	3,737.50	Review, revise objection to DIP Motion (1.4); correspond with Province team re background documentation re same (.3); review and analyze same (.6).
B230 05/11/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	2.70	5,292.00	Review and revise draft Committee objection to bid protections and cash collateral order (.9); teleconference with internal MWS team re perfection issues (.5); review revised draft objection by Nooter (.9); correspondence with J. Trad of Lewis Rice re same (.4).
B230 05/11/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	1.20	2,832.00	Conferences with Committee professionals on case strategy re borrowing request (.6); review of draft pleadings re same (.6).
B230 05/12/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	2.50	4,250.00	Review research of liens (1.0); correspond w J. Lee re same (.5); call with Weil team, K. Going, C. Wurzelbacher re cash collateral (.7); review DIP update (.3).

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B230 05/12/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	5.10	8,287.50	Conference with Committee re case status, DIP Motion, Cash Collateral, related matters (.9); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.6); review, revise DIP Motion (2.3); conference with Weil team re Cash Collateral issues list, revised order (.5); correspond with MWS team re same (.8).
B230 05/12/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of Cash Collateral and DIP Motions.
B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	9.80	15,925.00	Review, revise DIP objection (1.3); finalize same for filing (.6); correspond with MWS team re same (.4); review, revise Cash Collateral issues list (1.4); review revised Cash Collateral order re same (.8); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.8); conference with S. Morrison, Weil team re Cash Collateral and DIP (.4); conference with K. Going, MWS team re same, hearing (.7); draft, revise talking points for hearing on DIP and Cash Collateral Motions (1.8); review and analyze revised DIP order re same (.9); correspond with J. Lee re talking points, related Cash Collateral issues (.7).

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B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Review DIP objection for final filing.
B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Prepare Committee DIP objection for filing.
B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	8.40	19,824.00	Review and analyze Cash Collateral and DIP Motions (2.3); Conferences with MWS team regarding trial strategy, witness testimony, and hearing logistics. (1.6); prepare witness examination scripts and outlines for anticipated testimony (2.1); further revise re same (2.4).
B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	4.60	9,016.00	Review and revise Committee DIP objection (1.3); correspondence with MWS team re same (.4); review cash collateral and DIP motions and related declarations in support of same (1.6); conference with N. Allard and C. Gibbs in preparation for second day hearing (1.3).
B230 05/13/26	Financing/Cash Collections J. Lee	2.70	3,402.00	Analyze cash collateral issues (.4); draft talking points re same (1.5); correspondences with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.4); revise re same (.4).

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B230 05/14/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	0.80	1,300.00	Review and analyze revised Cash Collateral and DIP orders (.5); correspond with N. Allard re same (.3).
B230 05/14/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	2.60	5,096.00	Review reply to cash collateral objections filed by Weil team (.6); correspondence with MWS team re same (.3); prepare cross examination and closing outline (1.7).
B230 05/16/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review interim cash collateral order (.5); correspond with MWS team re same (.3).
B230 05/16/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Review and analyze Cash Collateral Order (.3); correspond with K. Going, N. Allard re same (.2).
B230 05/17/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Gibbs	2.00	4,720.00	Multiple conferences with MWS team and Debtors on resolution of issues on DIP and Cash Collateral Motions re lender approval.
B230 05/18/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review documents related to CLNs.

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B230 05/18/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	1.40	2,275.00	Review and analyze junior CLN credit documents (1.0); correspond with K. Going re same (.4).
B230 05/19/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	1.50	2,437.50	Review and analyze credit documents re credit bidding rights (1.1); draft summary re same; correspond with K. Going re same (.4).
B230 05/20/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	2.30	3,737.50	Review, revise Cash Collateral Order (1.2); correspond with K. Going, MWS and Weil teams re same (.7); review background documentation re same (.4).
B230 05/20/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Review terms of resolution with CLNs (.3); correspond with K. Going re same (.3); review updated cash collateral order (.5).
B230 05/20/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	2.30	4,508.00	Conference with Weil team re potential resolution of claims with CLNs (.4); correspondence with Committee re same and potential next steps (.3); confer with N. Allard re same (.3); review and revise final cash collateral order (1.3).
B230 05/21/26	Financing/Cash Collections C. Wurzelbacher	1.80	2,925.00	Review, revise Cash Collateral Order (1.3); correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re same (.5). .

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B230 05/21/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Call with Weil, C. Gibbs, K. Going, C. Wurzelbacher re cash collateral (.3); review updated draft cash collateral orders (.5); comments to same (.4).
B230 05/21/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	1.80	3,528.00	Review and revise draft cash collateral order (.6); prepare for (.3); and participate in teleconference with Weil team re same (.4); correpsodnences with MWS team re same (.3); correspondence with R. Manns of NRF re status update (.2).
B230 05/22/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review updated cash collateral order (.5); correspond with MWS team re same (.3).
B280 05/05/26	Vendor Matters J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Research re critical vendor orders (.9); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B280 05/05/26	Vendor Matters J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Review final proposed orders re Critical Vendors and Cash Management (.8); email Province team re same (.2).
B280 05/06/26	Vendor Matters N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Draft additional language for critical vendors order (.5); correspond with NRF team re same (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.2).

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B280 05/06/26	Vendor Matters J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Review proposed critical vendor order (.8); email NRF team re same (.2).

Total Hours **655.20** **Total For Services** **$1,130,632.50**

Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	27.50	910.00	25,025.00
N. Allard	191.90	1,700.00	326,230.00
D. Azman	5.50	1,860.00	10,230.00
C. Gibbs	109.10	2,360.00	257,476.00
K. Going	92.00	1,960.00	180,320.00
J. Lee	113.30	1,260.00	142,758.00
K. Suh	3.20	1,705.00	5,456.00
C. Wurzelbacher	112.70	1,625.00	183,137.50
Totals	**655.20**		**$1,130,632.50**

Task Code Summary

Task Code	Description	Hours	Amount
B110	Case Administration	117.30	194,959.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	16.90	24,399.00
B130	Asset Disposition	160.00	298,876.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	43.20	70,457.00
B155	Court Hearings	105.00	189,658.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	42.30	56,382.50
B195	Non-Working Travel	17.90	35,644.00
B220	Employee Benefits/Pensions	2.60	3,716.00
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	145.80	250,808.50
B280	Vendor Matters	4.20	5,732.00

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Costs and Other Charges

Description	Amount
Business Meals	232.85
Computer Assisted Research	1,344.60
Document Retrieval	578.50
Miscellaneous Disbursements including: Fee for pro hac vice admission for D. Azman to represent the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Ascend Elements, Inc., et al., Case No. 26-90440 (CML) (U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas).; Fee for pro hac vice admission for C. Wurzelbacher to represent the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Ascend Elements, Inc., et al., Case No. 26-90440 (CML) (U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas).; Filing fee for Nathan Allard Pro Hac Vice motion; Fee for pro hac vice admission for J. Lee to represent the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Ascend Elements, Inc., et al., Case No. 26-90440 (CML) (U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas).	400.00
Obtain copy of transcript	444.15
Transportation/Parking	757.73
Travel Expenses	10,373.61
Total Costs and Other Charges	**$14,131.44**
Total This Invoice	**$1,144,763.94**

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INVOICE

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2801 N. Harwood St.
Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

Client: 152278
Invoice: 4714837
Invoice Date: 09/23/2026

Remittance Copy

Billing for services rendered through 06/30/2026

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0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Total Services	$ 240,222.00
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	1,970.15
Total This Invoice	**$ 242,192.15**

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For Services Rendered in Connection with:

Matter: 0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 06/01/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review open items (.4); review pleadings filed (.6).
B110 06/01/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Circulate daily docket report and filed pleadings.
B110 06/02/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Obtain and circulate case docket filings.
B110 06/03/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.

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B110 06/04/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.50	1,180.00	Review of Objection to A&M retention application (.2); conference with A&M counsel re same (.3).
B110 06/04/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review updates and pleadings filed.
B110 06/05/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review filings and case updates.
B110 06/08/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.2).
B110 06/09/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Call with R. Manns, K. Going re case updates (.4); review case updates and pleadings (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.2); correspond with J Lee re open items (.3).
B110 06/10/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates and pleadings.

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B110 06/10/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Revise working group list (.3); email province team re same (.1).
B110 06/11/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates and pleadings.
B110 06/11/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Circulate docket sheet and filed pleadings.
B110 06/12/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review filings and case updates.
B110 06/14/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.50	1,180.00	Review of Objection to Jefferies retention (.3); emails with MWS team re same (.2).
B110 06/15/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Meet with J. Lee re open tasks (.4); correspond with Committee professional re case updates (.4).

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B110 06/15/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Update case calendar.
B110 06/16/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Review case updates (.5); correspond with professionals re same (.2); review items for upcoming potential hearing (.3); review resolution of same (.2).
B110 06/16/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Prepare witness and exhibit list for 6/18 hearing.
B110 06/17/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Correspond with J. Lee re open items (.4); review pleadings filed (.4).
B110 06/17/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re cancellation of June 18 hearing.
B110 06/17/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Review and analyze Debtors motion Approving the Settlement Agreement with U.S. (1.0); review declaration ISO re same (.3).

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B110 06/18/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review settlement motion with government (.5); call with Debtors counsel re same (.3); follow up re same (.2).
B110 06/18/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Circulate case docket and filed pleadings.
B110 06/19/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review case updates and pleadings (.5); correspondences with case professionals re same (.3).
B110 06/22/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates and pleadings.
B110 06/22/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Circulate case docket and filed pleadings.
B110 06/22/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email K. Going re Committee call and notice of stalking horse designation (.2); draft agenda re same (.1).

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B110 06/23/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Review case updates and pleadings (.3); correspond with J. Lee re open items (.3).
B110 06/23/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Circulate docket and case filings (.3); update case calendar (.1).
B110 06/23/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re recovery deck.
B110 06/24/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Call with Committee professionals re case strategy (.6); review filings of notice and exhibit list for upcoming hearing (.2).
B110 06/24/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Prepare, finalize, and efile Committee witness and exhibit list for Covington sale hearing (.4); circulate filed pleadings (.2).
B110 06/25/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates and pleadings filed.

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B110 06/25/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Update case calendar (.1); circulate docket and case filings (.3).
B110 06/26/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Circulate docket and filed pleadings.
B110 06/26/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates and filings.
B110 06/29/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Update case calendar.
B110 06/30/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with Debtors counsel regarding path forward and open questions.
B130 06/01/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.40	4,080.00	Correspond with Committee professionals and Debtor professionals re sale order (.5); call with R. Manns, K. Going re sale hearing (.5); review sale objections (.3); summarize open sale hearing issues for MWS team (.5); further

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				review open sale issues (.6).
B130 06/01/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.10	2,596.00	Conference with Debtor's counsel re sale hearing preparation (.5); review of draft ale order re same (.6).
B130 06/01/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	2.70	4,387.50	Review, analyze sale order (1.9); review background documentation re same (.6); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2).
B130 06/01/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	2.70	5,292.00	Conference with R. Manns and N. Allard in preparation for sale hearing (.5); review sale objections re same (2.2).
B130 06/02/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.10	3,570.00	Review updated draft sale order (.4); review updated APA (.8); review other sale related materials (.5); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.4).
B130 06/02/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Correspond with N. Allard, MWS team re sale order.

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B130 06/03/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	3.10	5,270.00	Review updated sale materials (1.7); correspond with NRF re sale order (.3); correspond w K. Going, C. Gibbs re same (.4); correspond w TKJV counsel re same (.2); review update draft sale order and APA (.5).
B130 06/03/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	3.30	6,468.00	Review Hopkinsville APA and Sale Order (2.4); conferences re negotiating changes (.9).
B130 06/03/26	Asset Disposition C. Wurzelbacher	0.70	1,137.50	Review and analyze APA, sale order, related sale documents.
B130 06/03/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.20	2,832.00	Review of drafts of Objections to Hopkinsville sale and proposed Order (.7); conference with Committee professionals re same (.5).
B130 06/04/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.30	708.00	Review of revised draft of Sale Order.
B130 06/05/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review updated sale order (.5); correspond w case parties re same (.3).

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B130 06/05/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Review order on Hopkinsville sale (.6); correspond with TKJV counsel re open issues (.2).
B130 06/08/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review updates from Debtor counsel re sale issues and Covington (.2); review of similar issues (.2).
B130 06/08/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.40	784.00	Correspondence with R. Manns of NRF re sale status update.
B130 06/09/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Review updates from Debtor counsel re Hopkinsville and Covington sale.
B130 06/09/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.70	1,372.00	Conference with R. Manns re sale status update (.5); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2).
B130 06/10/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re sale updates (.4); correspond with Debtor counsel re same (.2).

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B130 06/10/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.50	980.00	Correspondence with Province team re sale update.
B130 06/12/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Correspondence with NRF team and Committee professionals re Covington options.
B130 06/14/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.30	708.00	Review of emails re status of Covington sale.
B130 06/16/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review Covington sale update and related emails with Debtors counsel (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.2).
B130 06/17/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review Covington sale update and related correspondence.
B130 06/18/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Review of emails re potential sale of Covington (.3); review APA re same (.4).

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B130 06/18/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Correspond with Debtor counsel re Covington update (.2); correspond with Committee counsel re same (.2).
B130 06/18/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email D. Sandler re prospective bidder amount.
B130 06/19/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review Covington sale updates (.3); correspond with case professionals re same (.2).
B130 06/19/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	2.60	5,096.00	Correspondence with R. Manns of NRF re asset sale update (.2); review APA and proposed sale order for Covington (2.4).
B130 06/20/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.40	944.00	Review of emails re potential sale of Covington.
B130 06/22/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review sale update and items re Covington sale hearing.

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B130 06/22/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Review of APA for Covington assets (.3); conferences with MWS team re same (.4).
B130 06/23/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review Covington sale update and objection filed.
B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Correspond with case professionals re Covington sale (.4); call with NRF team re same (.6); review of related sale issues (.8).
B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	3.20	7,552.00	Conferences with MWS and Province teams re GUC recoveries and AMCON Objection to Covington sale (2.0); conferences with Debtor's counsel re same (.6); review of emails on Georgia M&M lien analysis (.6).
B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition J. Stein	1.50	2,332.50	Review AMCON's objection to sale (.3); review AMCON's proof of claim (.2); research issues re objection to sale (.6); prepare summary of research findings (.4).
B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.20	2,352.00	Conference with NRF team re asset sale updates (.6); discuss same with N. Allard (.6).

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B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Review and analyze AMCON proof of claim (.8); review record lien re same (.4); email K. Going and N. Allard re same (.2).
B130 06/24/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Attend call with NRF team re sale objections.
B130 06/25/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Correspond with Debtors counsel re de minimis asset sales (.2); review Covington sale update and issues (.7).
B130 06/25/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review and analyze De Minimis Assets sale motion (.9); confer with N. Allard re same (.2).
B130 06/26/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Review sale objections (.5); review sale updates (.3); provide comments to de minimis sale order and review update (.3); review updated sale order (.4); review pleadings filed in advance of sale hearing (.5).
B130 06/26/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Conference with Debtors counsel re status of Covington sale (.4); review of emails re same (.6).

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B130 06/28/26	Asset Disposition N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Circulate filed sale pleadings in connection with Covington sale hearing.
B130 06/30/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Review issues re sale closing (.5); review sale order and APA (.8); correspond with K. Going re same (.2).
B130 06/30/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of emails and pleadings re closing of Covington sale.
B150 06/01/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Prepare for upcoming Committee call.
B150 06/02/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Prepare for (.4); and participate in Committee meeting (.5); follow up with Committee professionals re same (.4).
B150 06/02/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Conference with Committee re case updates, sale process.

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B150 06/02/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	1.60	3,136.00	Prepare for (.7); and lead Committee weekly meeting (.4); review presentation materials from Province team (.5).
B150 06/02/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	1.50	1,890.00	Attend weekly committee call (.5); draft minutes re same (1.0).
B150 06/03/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Draft email updates to Committee.
B150 06/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re upcoming meetings and related issues.
B150 06/09/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Draft email to Committee re case updates.
B150 06/09/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly call.

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B150 06/10/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with Committee members re case updates.
B150 06/15/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re upcoming Committee meetings and items for same (.5).
B150 06/16/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review and preapre updates to Committee.
B150 06/16/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Review and revise status report to Committee members (.8); correspondence with N. Allard and J. Lee re Jefferies retention (.5).
B150 06/16/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee members re weekly meeting.
B150 06/17/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review draft updates to Committee.

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B150 06/18/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Revise draft updates to Committee (.6); correspond with J Lee re same (.4).
B150 06/18/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.60	1,176.00	Review and revise status report to Committee members re retention applications (.3); correspondences with N. Allard and J. Lee re same (.3).
B150 06/18/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard re draft committee update email.
B150 06/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Revise Committee update.
B150 06/19/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re sale update.
B150 06/22/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Correspond with J. Lee re Committee updates (.4); review Province materials re same (.2).

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B150 06/22/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re committee materials.
B150 06/22/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re notice of successful stalking horse bidder.
B150 06/23/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review emails among Committee professionals and members (.5); correspond with Debtors counsel re bar date (.2).
B150 06/23/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.50	980.00	Correspondence with C. Dymarkowski of Foundation Steel re potential recoveries.
B150 06/24/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Prepare for upcoming Committee meetings.
B150 06/25/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review and comment draft email update to Committee.

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B150 06/25/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Email Committee re weekly call (.2); review committee materials re same (.6).
B150 06/26/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Prepare for upcoming Committee meetings.
B150 06/28/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re recovery deck.
B150 06/29/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.90	3,230.00	Review of materials for upcoming Committee meeting (1.2); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.7).
B150 06/30/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Prepare for (.7); and attend Committee meeting (.4); follow up with Committee professionals re same (.3).
B150 06/30/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.30	588.00	Prepare for (.1); and lead Committee weekly call (.2).

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B150 06/30/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Attend Committee call (.4); draft minutes re same (.4).
B155 06/02/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Prepare for sale hearing.
B155 06/03/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Prepare for sale hearing (.7); attend sale hearing (.5).
B155 06/03/26	Court Hearings K. Going	1.40	2,744.00	Prepare for (.6); and participate in Hopkinsville Sale Hearing (.8).
B155 06/03/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Attend hearing re sale of Hopkinsville.
B155 06/03/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	1.80	4,248.00	Prepare for (1.3); and attend Sale hearing (.5).

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B155 06/03/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.50	455.00	Attend Hopkinsville sale hearing via telephone.
B155 06/26/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Compile materials in preparation for Covington sale hearing.
B155 06/26/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Prepare for Covington sale hearing.
B155 06/29/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Prepare for (.4); and attend Covington sale hearing (.7); review related order (.4).
B155 06/29/26	Court Hearings K. Going	2.80	5,488.00	Prepare for (.4); and participate in Covington sale hearing (2.4).
B155 06/29/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	3.50	8,260.00	Prepare for (.4); and attend sale hearing (.7); conferences with Debtors and AMCON (.5); review draft sale order (1.4); conferences with MWS team re same (.5).

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B155 06/29/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.80	1,300.00	Attend hearing re sale of Covington assets.
B155 06/29/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend sale hearing.
B155 06/30/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review hearing audio re case strategy and next steps.
B160 06/02/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 06/04/26	Fee/Employment Applications K. Going	0.50	980.00	Conference with C. Gibbs re A&M retention.
B160 06/08/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond w J. Lee re MWS invoices.

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B160 06/09/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 06/15/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Call with Jackson Walker reDebtor retentions (.2); review of related items (.3); correspond with case professionals re same (.5).
B160 06/16/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with Jefferies counsel re retention (.3); correspond with Debtors counsel re same (.2).
B160 06/16/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 06/17/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.70	637.00	Prep CNO to MWS retention (.4); prepare CNO to Province retention (.3).
B160 06/17/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Update case calendar (.1); send docket update and filed pleadings (.2).

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B160 06/17/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Email N. Alindogan re retention applications' objection deadlines (.2); review draft CNOs re same (.3).
B160 06/18/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Review and analyze COC regarding A&M retention (.4); confer with N. Allard re same (.2).
B160 06/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email K. Going and N. Allard re fee budget forecast.
B160 06/23/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Finalize and efile CNO to MWS retention (.2); upload related proposed order (.1); finalize and efile CNO to Province retention (.2); upload related proposed order (.1).
B160 06/23/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 06/23/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review and revise CNO re McDermott and Province retention (.2); email K. Going, C. Gibbs and N. Allard re same (.1).

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B160 06/24/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Review retention orders.
B160 06/26/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	1.40	1,274.00	Prepare draft of first monthly fee statement.
B160 06/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	2.20	2,002.00	Prepare first draft of first interim fee application.
B160 06/30/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B185 06/24/26	Assumption/Rejection of Leases K. Going	0.60	1,176.00	Prepare for (.2); and participate in conference with Province team re potential GUC recoveries (.4).
B190 06/18/26	Other Contested Matters C. Wurzelbacher	0.30	487.50	Review correspondence re DOJ settlement (.1); review background documents re same (.2).

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B190 06/18/26	Other Contested Matters K. Going	2.30	4,508.00	Review DOJ settlement agreement (.9); prepare for (.6); and participate in teleconference with NRF team re same (.5); discuss same with N. Allard (.3).
B195 06/03/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.40	3,304.00	Travel to Houston for Sale hearing.
B195 06/04/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.70	4,012.00	Return from Houston.
B195 06/29/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Travel to Houston for sale hearing.
B195 06/30/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.40	3,304.00	Return flight to Dallas.
B230 06/02/26	Financing/Cash Collections K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Review final cash collateral order (1.1); correspondence with C. Wurzelbacher re reporting obligations (.2).

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B310 06/01/26	Claims Administration & Object N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review draft bar date motion.
B310 06/09/26	Claims Administration & Object K. Going	2.30	4,508.00	Review claims information for planning of winddown.
B310 06/24/26	Claims Administration & Object J. Lee	2.10	2,646.00	Email K. Going and C. Gibbs re GUC recoveries (.2); attend call with Province team re same (.9); review and analyze AMCON sale objection (1.0).
B320 06/29/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with case parties regarding Plan and Disclosure Statement.
B320 06/30/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re Plan and Disclosure Statement (.3); review related issues (.4).
B470 06/12/26	Litigation K. Going	2.30	4,508.00	Begin initial review of complaint.
	Total Hours	**137.00**	**Total For Services**	**$240,222.00**

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Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	10.00	910.00	9,100.00
N. Allard	50.40	1,700.00	85,680.00
C. Gibbs	22.20	2,360.00	52,392.00
K. Going	31.30	1,960.00	61,348.00
J. Lee	15.70	1,260.00	19,782.00
J. Stein	1.50	1,555.00	2,332.50
C. Wurzelbacher	5.90	1,625.00	9,587.50
Totals	**137.00**		**$240,222.00**

Task Code Summary

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B110	Case Administration	19.60	30,080.00
B130	Asset Disposition	50.90	94,419.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	21.10	34,970.50
B155	Court Hearings	16.70	31,783.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	10.20	12,218.00
B185	Assumption/Rejection of Leases	0.60	1,176.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	2.60	4,995.50
B195	Non-Working Travel	6.00	14,160.00
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	1.30	2,548.00
B310	Claims Administration & Object	4.70	7,664.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	1.00	1,700.00
B470	Litigation	2.30	4,508.00
		137.00	240,222.00

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Costs and Other Charges

Description	Amount
Business Meals	30.38
Computer Assisted Research	118.90
Transportation/Parking	95.00
Travel Expenses	1,725.87
Total Costs and Other Charges	**$1,970.15**
Total This Invoice	**$242,192.15**

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INVOICE

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Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

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Remittance Copy

Billing for services rendered through 07/31/2026

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Total Services	$ 317,721.50
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	319.24
Total This Invoice	**$ 318,040.74**

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For Services Rendered in Connection with:

Matter: 0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 07/01/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Update case calendar.
B110 07/01/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates and filings.
B110 07/02/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review filings and case updates.
B110 07/03/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates.

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B110 07/06/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Discuss case updates with K. Going, J. Lee.
B110 07/06/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Circulate docket and filed pleadings (.3); update case calendar (.1).
B110 07/06/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.60	2,016.00	Draft open items list (.3); confer with N. Allard re same (.2); email K. Going re same (.2); attend status call with MWS team (.9).
B110 07/07/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case scheduling and correspond with case parties re same.
B110 07/08/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.3); update case calendar (.1).
B110 07/09/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review scheduling stipulation (.3), review of related emails from NRF (.2).

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B110 07/10/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Review comments to scheduling stipulation and approve same (.3), review case updates and discuss same with case parties (1.0).
B110 07/13/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with J. Lee re case updates (.5).
B110 07/13/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Prepare, finalize, and efile Witness & Exhibit list for Disclosure Statement hearing.
B110 07/14/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with J. Lee re case updates (.5).
B110 07/14/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Committee weekly meeting and preparation for same.
B110 07/15/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Circulate corporate org chart.

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B110 07/15/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Circulate docket pleadings (.2); update case calendar (.2).
B110 07/16/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.40	944.00	Review of emails re case administrative matters.
B110 07/16/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Meet with K. Going, J. Lee re open items (.4), follow up re same (.5).
B110 07/16/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Obtain and circulate May 22 hearing transcript.
B110 07/16/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend status call with MWS team.
B110 07/17/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review pleadings and case updates (.4).

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B110 07/17/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	1.60	1,456.00	Download dataroom documents and load to shared folder.
B110 07/17/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email NRF team re datasite access.
B110 07/20/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Discuss open items with J. Lee (.4).
B110 07/21/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Review case updates and pleadings (.5), correspond with J. Lee re open items (.4).
B110 07/21/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Update case calendar.
B110 07/22/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Correspond with J. Lee re open items (.4), review pleadings (.2).

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B110 07/22/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	0.20	472.00	Review of status memorandumto Committee.
B110 07/23/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with MWS team re case updates (.2); review pleadings re same (.3).
B110 07/23/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Review and analyze Notice of De Minimis Transaction (.7); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.2); email Province team re same (.1).
B110 07/24/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.
B110 07/24/26	Case Administration J. Lee	2.90	3,654.00	Review and analyze Debtors and AMCON summary judgment motions (2.1); draft summary re same (.6); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2).
B110 07/27/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates and pleadings.

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B110 07/28/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review case updates.
B110 07/28/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re D&O policies and data room.
B110 07/28/26	Case Administration C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of pleadings and emails re case administrative matters and conferences with co-counsel and debtor's counsel re same.
B110 07/29/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates.
B110 07/29/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Prepare index of data room documents.
B110 07/30/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review D&O policy and data room summary (.9); email N. Allard re same (.2).

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B110 07/30/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Update case calendar.
B110 07/30/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Correspond with case professionals re updates (.5); follow up with J. Lee re same (.2).
B110 07/31/26	Case Administration N. Allard	2.10	3,570.00	Prepare for (.3) and attend call with NRF, K. Going, J. Lee re case updates (.5), further correspond with K. Going, J. Lee re same (.3), further review open items anDisclosure Statement updates (1.0).
B110 07/31/26	Case Administration K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Prepare for (.6); and participate in conference with NRF team re case status update (.5); correspondence with N. Allard and J. Lee re same (.2).
B110 07/31/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Draft open items list (.2); confer with N. Allard re same (.1).
B110 07/31/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Call with MWS and NRF teams re case updates (.3); follow up call with MWS team re same (.3); email Province team re same (.2).

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B120 07/23/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Stein	2.20	3,421.00	Review AMCON and Debtors motion for summary judgment.
B120 07/24/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Stein	0.80	1,244.00	Review AMCON motion for summary judgment.
B120 07/27/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Stein	0.50	777.50	Review AMCON motion for summary judgment.
B130 07/02/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of emails re status of Covington sale closing and objection to AMCON claim.
B130 07/06/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.60	1,416.00	Review of multiple emails re sale of Covington and claim objection to AMCON.
B130 07/06/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	2.10	2,646.00	Review and analyze notice of extension of designation period (.3); review Hopkinsville sale order re same (.3); draft claims reconciliation timeline (1.1); email K. Going re same (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.2).

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B130 07/09/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Conferences with Debtor re sale of NOLs and conferences with co-counsel re same.
B130 07/10/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.40	784.00	Review draft scheduling order (.3); correspondence with N. Allard re same (.1).
B130 07/14/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Conference call with Debtor and advisors re potential sale of NOL's.
B130 07/14/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	4.40	5,544.00	Research re intercompany receivables and Poland entities (2.6); review and analyze sale orders and liquidation analysis re same (.6); draft email memorandumre same (.4); email N. Alard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2); revise email memorandumre N. Allard comments (.6).
B130 07/15/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Conferences with Debtor's counsel and co-counsel re sale of NOLs and review of emails re same.

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B130 07/15/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	1.70	2,142.00	Review and analyze org chart, liquidation analysis and sale order re Poland option (.9); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.2); further review Committee email re Province diligence (.6).
B130 07/16/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.80	1,888.00	Conference with Debtor and co-counsel re issue re exercise of option on Poland JV and review of documents re same.
B130 07/16/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	0.70	1,372.00	Teleconference with Debtors' counsel re Poland assets.
B130 07/16/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Attend call with NRF team re Poland option.
B130 07/17/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email K. Going re claims pool visibility and sale orders.
B130 07/20/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Correspond with NRF, Committee professionals re Poland assets and related questions, review materials re same (1.5).

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B130 07/21/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with NRF re post-sale items (.3).
B130 07/22/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Prepare for (.3) and attend call with Debtor professionals re Polish assets (.4), follow up review of materials (.3).
B130 07/22/26	Asset Disposition C. Gibbs	0.90	2,124.00	Conference phone call with Debtor re issues relating to exercise of Polish JV option and follow-up conferences with co-counsel and Province re same.
B130 07/22/26	Asset Disposition J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend call with MWS and NRF teams re Poland assets (.5); correspond with N. Allard re same (.2); email Committee re same (.2).
B130 07/23/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Review Debtor draft pleading re Amcon (1.2); correspond with case professionals re same (.5); correspond with J. Stein re same (.3).
B130 07/24/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	3.00	5,100.00	Correspond with NRF re Amcon lien pleadings (.3); review and analyze filed pleadings re same (2.0); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.7).

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B150 07/03/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Respond to Committee member questions.
B150 07/03/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Review and analyze Botree claim (.9); email Botree team re same and proof of claim (.3); confer with K. Going and N. Allard re same (.2).
B150 07/06/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Prepare for upcoming Committee meetings (.5); draft case update email to Committee (.5).
B150 07/06/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting and July 8 status conference.
B150 07/06/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Draft Committee email re case updates (.3); confer with N. Allard re same (.1); email Committee re case updates (.2).
B150 07/07/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.60	1,176.00	Correspondence with Foundation Steel.

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B150 07/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Prepare updates to Committee (.8), correspond w J. Lee re same (.3).
B150 07/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Review case status summary for Committee (.3); correspond with J. Lee re same (.2).
B150 07/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Draft email to Committee re case updates and status conference (.4); revise re N. Allard comments (.2); email K. Going and C. Gibbs re same (.2).
B150 07/09/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review inquiries from creditors (.3).
B150 07/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Prepare for upcoming Committee meeting (1.5), draft email to Committee re same (.2).
B150 07/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting.

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B150 07/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review Committee materials in connection with weekly Committee call.
B150 07/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	2.40	4,080.00	Prepare for (.5) and attend Committee Call (.5), follow up review of materials to answer Committee questions (.6), correspond with J. Lee re same (.3), further review of same (.5).
B150 07/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor C. Wurzelbacher	0.60	975.00	Attend Committee meeting re case status (.4); correspond with J. Lee, MWS team re same (.2).
B150 07/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Prepare for (.3); and lead weekly call with Committee members re status update and next steps (.5).
B150 07/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Draft updated case timeline re weekly Committee meeting (.3); email K. Going re same (.1); email Province team re same (.1).
B150 07/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Attend Committee call (.5); follow up call with N. Allard re same (.5).

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B150 07/15/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Draft update to Committee (.3), review materials to respond to open Committee questions (.8).
B150 07/15/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Emails with K. Going, C Gibbs and N. Allard re Committee update email (.2); email Province team re same (.2).
B150 07/17/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Review items related to filing of Committee member claims, correspond with Committee professionals re same (.7), update draft responses to Committee questions (.8), correspond with J. Lee re same (.5).
B150 07/20/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Response to creditor inquiries (.5), correspond with creditors re bar date (.3), draft update to Committee (.4).
B150 07/20/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee members re bar date deadline.
B150 07/21/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review updates for email to Committee (.3).

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B150 07/22/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Prepare update email to Committee (.7), correspond with J. Lee re same (.2).
B150 07/24/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re proofs of claims.
B150 07/27/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Prepare update for Committee (.5); correspond with J. Lee re same (.4).
B150 07/31/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review claims update (.5); comments to same (.5).
B155 07/06/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Review hearing schedule and agenda.
B155 07/06/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re July 8 status conference.

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B155 07/08/26	Court Hearings K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Prepare for hearing (.3); attend hearing on status conference for AmCon dispute (.5).
B155 07/08/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Prepare for (.2) and attend status conference (.3), correspond with Debtors counsel re issues for same (.3).
B155 07/08/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.20	325.00	Attend hearing re Amcon issue.
B155 07/08/26	Court Hearings C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Prepare for and attendance at telephonic status conference on procedure for resolution of claims of AMCON to sell proceeDisclosure Statement from Covington, and review of emails re same.
B155 07/08/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Attend status conference.
B155 07/09/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Draft updates to Committee (.5), correspond with Committee professionals re same (.3).

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B155 07/13/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Prepare for Disclosure Statement hearing and file exhibit and witness list (.5).
B155 07/13/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re W&E list.
B155 07/14/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Prepare for Disclosure Statement hearing (.3).
B155 07/15/26	Court Hearings C. Wurzelbacher	0.10	162.50	Attend hearing re conditional approval of Disclosure Statement.
B155 07/15/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Prepare for (.2) and attend hearing approving solicitation procedures (.3).
B155 07/15/26	Court Hearings K. Going	0.60	1,176.00	Attend Disclosure Statement and plan confirmation hearing (.2); conferences with MWS team in preparation for same (.4).

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B155 07/16/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.10	1,870.00	Draft responses to Committee questions (.8), correspond with J. Lee re same (.3).
B160 07/02/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team re June invoices.
B160 07/07/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 07/13/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review Committee professional monthly fee statements (.3).
B160 07/13/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email K. Going re monthly statements.
B160 07/13/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Multiple emails with billing team re WIP fees, May and June invoices.

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B160 07/13/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review and analyze talking points for omnibus reply ISO Committee Retention (.9); email. N. Allard re same (.2).
B160 07/14/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 07/16/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	2.60	2,366.00	Review and revise draft of combined first monthly fee statement.
B160 07/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	3.10	3,906.00	Email billing team re may invoices (.2); review May invoice re compliance with UST Guidelines (2.9).
B160 07/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Serve Province first monthly fee statement on notice parties.
B160 07/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.70	2,142.00	Review and revise Province first monthly fee statement (1.1); review interim compensation order re same (.2); email Province team re same (.2); email N. Alindogan re same (.2).

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B160 07/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 07/24/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review other professional fee statements.
B160 07/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond with J. Lee re Committee invoices.
B160 07/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	4.00	5,040.00	Review May invoice re compliance with UST Guidelines.
B160 07/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond with professionals re fee estimates.
B160 07/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	3.10	3,906.00	Review April and May invoice re compliance with UST Guidelines (2.9); correspondences with K. Redhead re same (.2).

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B160 07/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Correspondences with A. Cooper and N. Allard re invoice statements.
B160 07/28/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 07/29/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with NRF re professional fees (.2); correspond with MWS team re MWS fee statements (.3).
B160 07/30/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	3.20	4,032.00	Review April and May invoice re compliance with UST Guidelines (1.8); correspondences with K. Redhead re same (.4); revise first monthly statement re same (.8); email N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).
B160 07/30/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review MWS April and May invoices.
B160 07/31/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Email MWS team re First Combined Monthly Fee Statement (.3); review and revise re same (.4).

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B185 07/08/26	Assumption/Rejection of Leases J. Lee	2.70	3,402.00	Review and analyze second notice of rejection in connection with Committee members (2.1); confer with N. Allard re same (.2); multiples emails to Committee members re same (.4).
B185 07/15/26	Assumption/Rejection of Leases J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Review and analyze third and fourth notice of rejection of contracts and unexpired leases.
B185 07/16/26	Assumption/Rejection of Leases J. Lee	2.40	3,024.00	Review and analyze sale orders re claims distribution and rejecting contracts (2.1); draft email memorandumand timeline re same (.3).
B190 07/09/26	Other Contested Matters J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review stipulation re AMON scheduling order.
B230 07/15/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Review sale issues (.5), correspond with case professionals re same (.5), further review of materials (.5).
B230 07/16/26	Financing/Cash Collections N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Prepare for (.4) and call with NRF re prior sales and sale of remaining assets (.5), review related materials (.6).

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B240 07/09/26	Tax Issues N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Call with NRF re: NOL issues and case issues (.4), review related issues (.3).
B240 07/10/26	Tax Issues N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Review updated information re: NOLs (.5), correspond with Committee professionals re same (.5), correspond with Debtor professionals re same (.4).
B240 07/13/26	Tax Issues N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re NOL issues (.5).
B240 07/14/26	Tax Issues N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Call with Debtor professionals re: NOLs (.5), follow-up call with Committee professionals re same (.3), review of related issues (.5).
B240 07/14/26	Tax Issues K. Going	0.70	1,372.00	Prepare for (.2); and participate in conference with debtors' professionals re NOLs and related issues (.3); conference with Province team re same (.2).
B290 07/16/26	Insurance N. Alindogan	3.70	3,367.00	Review and prepare summary chart of D&O policies.

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B290 07/16/26	Insurance J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Review D&O policies and insurance motion (1.1); review and analyze summary chart re D&O policies (.4); correspond with N. Allard and N. Alindogan re same (.2); confer with Province team re same (.1); email NRF team re same (.2).
B290 07/22/26	Insurance N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Email data room index to MWS team (.2); prepare list of D&O insurance policies in dataroom (.4).
B310 07/01/26	Claims Administration & Object J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re bar date.
B310 07/07/26	Claims Administration & Object C. Gibbs	0.70	1,652.00	Review of emails re objection to AMCON claim and conferences with debtor re same.
B310 07/13/26	Claims Administration & Object N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Circulate Interco Trading proof of claim.
B310 07/30/26	Claims Administration & Object J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email D. Sandler re claims summary.

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B320 07/01/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	0.50	1,180.00	Review of emails and conference with co-counsel re POR confirmation timeline.
B320 07/01/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.50	2,550.00	Correspond with Debtors professionals re Plan process (.3); correspond with Committee professionals re same (.3); review of related plan issues (.9).
B320 07/01/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	0.30	588.00	Correspondence with R. Manns of NRF re plan and disclosure statement update.
B320 07/03/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review potential plan issues.
B320 07/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	2.50	4,062.50	Review, analyze combined Plan and Disclosure Statement (1.3); correspond with N. Allard re same (.4); draft issues list re same (.8).
B320 07/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	4.90	8,330.00	Correspond with case professionals re plan process (.5); review draft combined Plan and Disclosure Statement (2.2); provide comments to same (1.0); further correspond with C. Wurzebacher re same (.3); review issues list re plan (.5);

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				provide comments to same (.4).
B320 07/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Review of draft of Plan and Disclosure Statement.
B320 07/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	2.30	4,508.00	Review and revise comments to plan and disclosure statement.
B320 07/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	4.00	6,800.00	Review and comment on Plan (1.5), correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.5), review related research (1.0), review updated plan (1.0).
B320 07/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	2.70	5,292.00	Review Plan and Disclosure Statement, and issues list (2.3); internal discussion on issues (.4).
B320 07/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.70	2,762.50	Review and analyze draft plan (.5); draft issues list re same (.8); research re same (.4).

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B320 07/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	1.60	3,136.00	Initial review of filed plan and debtors response to our comments.
B320 07/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Correspond with case parties re plan process (.5), review plan issues (1.5).
B320 07/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.10	1,787.50	Review and analyze Plan (.3); draft summary re same (.5); correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re same (.3).
B320 07/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Review and analyze Liquidation analysis (.4); email Province team re same (.2).
B320 07/09/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Discuss plan issues with Debtors (.5); review scheduling order (.3).
B320 07/09/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Review plan issues (.6).

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B320 07/09/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	0.80	1,888.00	Review of draft of Plan and Disclosure Statement.
B320 07/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review plan issues (.8).
B320 07/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Review and analyze first day declaration, Tax order and NOL order re potential NOL transaction (1.1); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B320 07/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review Disclosure Statement/plan related filings (.5).
B320 07/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review plan issues (.5).
B320 07/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	0.90	2,124.00	Review of revised drafts of Plan and Disclosure Statement, and emails re same.

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B320 07/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	1.60	3,136.00	Review plan and Disclosure Statement re open issues in preparation for Disclosure Statement hearing (1.4); correspondences with N. Allard and J. Lee re same (.2).
B320 07/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Attend call with NRF re potential NOL transaction.
B320 07/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Further review and analyze NOL transaction terms (.5); call with Committee member re same (.6).
B320 07/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review solicitation procedures (.3).
B320 07/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	1.50	3,540.00	Preparation for and attendance at Conditional Disclosure Statement approval hearing (0.9 hr); conferences with debtor’s counsel and co-counsel re same (0.6 hr).
B320 07/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	0.20	325.00	Correspond with MWS team re GUC trust agreement.

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B320 07/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Attend combined hearing on Disclosure Statement and Plan.
B320 07/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Email Committee re combined hearing on Disclosure Statement and Plan (.3); review and analyze class 3 ballot (.4); review confirmation timeline (.2); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B320 07/16/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review materials for Plan and plan supplement (.5).
B320 07/16/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	0.50	812.50	Correspond with J. Lee re GUC Trust Agreement (.2); review, analyze plan re same (.3).
B320 07/16/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Email MWS team re GUC Trust Agreement precedent (.3); review and analyze re same (.9).
B320 07/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.70	2,890.00	Correspond with J. Lee, N. Alindogan re materials for plan supplement and plan implementation, review of same (1.5),correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).

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B320 07/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Province team re Liquidation Analysis in connection with intercompany receivables.
B320 07/20/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review items for confirmation process (.5).
B320 07/20/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Further correspond with Province team re liquidation analysis and intercompany receivables.
B320 07/21/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review confirmation issues (.5).
B320 07/22/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review items related to plan and plan supplement (.5).
B320 07/27/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review plan supplement issues.

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B320 07/27/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	3.50	4,410.00	Draft GUC Trust Agreement.
B320 07/28/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review plan issues.
B320 07/28/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	7.20	9,072.00	Further draft GUC Trust Agreement (3.9); research precedent re same (1.1); review and analyze plan re same (1.4); review precedent re liquidating plans (.8).
B320 07/29/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review plan supplement items.
B320 07/29/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	6.20	7,812.00	Review and analyze GUC Trust Agreements (2.8); further draft GUC Trust Agreement (2.0); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.2); review plan and disclosure statement (.9); email C. Wurzelbacher re same (.3).
B320 07/30/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with MWS team re plan issues and plan supplement.

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B320 07/31/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	0.40	650.00	Review and comment on GUC Trust Agreement (.2); correspond with J. Lee re same (.2).
B320 07/31/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review plan and emergence related items.
B320 07/31/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	3.30	4,158.00	Review claims summary (.2); confer with N. Allard re same (.3); review and analyze solicitation procedures order (1.3); draft email memorandumre same (1.1); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.4).
B320 07/31/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Correspond with N. Allard re GUC Trust Agreement (.2); review re same (.9); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).
	Total Hours	**205.70**	**Total For Services**	**$317,721.50**

Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	12.20	910.00	11,102.00
N. Allard	71.00	1,700.00	120,700.00
C. Gibbs	15.50	2,360.00	36,580.00
K. Going	15.20	1,960.00	29,792.00
J. Lee	80.50	1,260.00	101,430.00

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Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
J. Stein	3.50	1,555.00	5,442.50
C. Wurzelbacher	7.80	1,625.00	12,675.00
Totals	**205.70**		**$317,721.50**

Task Code Summary

Task Code	Description	Hours	Amount
B110	Case Administration	30.80	46,583.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	3.50	5,442.50
B130	Asset Disposition	24.70	41,924.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	22.80	36,577.50
B155	Court Hearings	8.10	14,793.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	23.80	29,941.00
B185	Assumption/Rejection of Leases	5.80	7,308.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	0.30	378.00
B230	Financing/Cash Collections	3.00	5,100.00
B240	Tax Issues	4.60	8,002.00
B290	Insurance	6.30	6,433.00
B310	Claims Administration & Object	1.20	2,247.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	70.80	112,992.00
		205.70	317,721.50

Costs and Other Charges

Description	Amount
Business Meals	28.19
Computer Assisted Research	254.80
Miscellaneous Disbursements including: 05/22/2026 Hearing Transcript	36.25
Total Costs and Other Charges	**$319.24**
Total This Invoice	**$318,040.74**

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INVOICE

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2801 N. Harwood St.
Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

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Invoice Date: 09/23/2026

Remittance Copy

Billing for services rendered through 08/31/2026

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0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Total Services	$ 300,307.00
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	2,300.86
Total This Invoice	**$ 302,607.86**

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For Services Rendered in Connection with:

Matter: 0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 08/03/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with K. Going, J. Lee re open items (.2); review re same (.3).
B110 08/04/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review open items and pleadings (.7); correspond with J. Lee re same (.3).
B110 08/05/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review updates and case pleadings.
B110 08/06/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Review case updates (.4); review witness and exhibit lists filed (.2).

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B110 08/06/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings and docket report.
B110 08/06/26	Case Administration J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Email MWS and Province teams re Debtors' and AMCON's responsive briefs re summary judgment motions (.2); review re same (1.1).
B110 08/07/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with NRF and committee re case updates.
B110 08/08/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates.
B110 08/09/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review case updates (.3); correspond with MWS and Province teams re same (.2).
B110 08/10/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review pleadings and case updates.

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B110 08/10/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Multiple correspondences with N. Allard re committee updates and GUC Trust (.4); draft committee email re same (.3); email K. Going re same (.2).
B110 08/10/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting.
B110 08/11/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Correspond w J. Lee re open items (.5); further correspond with committee re same (.8).
B110 08/12/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with K. Going, J. Lee re open case items.
B110 08/12/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Attend status call with MWS team.
B110 08/12/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email D. Sandler re confirmation call.

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B110 08/12/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Revise open items list.
B110 08/13/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond w K. Going, J. Lee re case updates.
B110 08/13/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.40	364.00	Prepare and efile witness and exhibit list (.3); monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings (.1).
B110 08/13/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Attend professionals status call.
B110 08/14/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review pleadings and case updates.
B110 08/14/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.

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B110 08/15/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with case parties re updates and upcoming schedule.
B110 08/17/26	Case Administration N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Correspond with Committee professionals re next steps (.8), review pleadings re same (.4).
B110 08/17/26	Case Administration N. Alindogan	0.10	91.00	Monitor docket and circulate filed pleadings.
B110 08/18/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates and pleadings.
B110 08/20/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates.
B110 08/21/26	Case Administration J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Attend professionals call.

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B120 08/10/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Review updated waterfall analysis re AMCON settlement (.2); confer with N. Allard re same (.2); emails with D. Sandler re same winddown assumptions and trust funding (.4).
B120 08/11/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Emails with K. Going and N. Allard re winddown waterfall analysis (.2); confer with N. Allard re same (.1); emails with Province team re revisions and trust funding (.2).
B120 08/12/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	4.10	5,166.00	Research re mechanic lien objections (3.8); multiple correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B120 08/12/26	Asset Analysis and Recovery J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review revised waterfall analysis re GUC recovery (.8); email N. Allard re changes (.3).
B130 08/05/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	2.30	3,910.00	Review draft pleading re AMCON escrow dispute (1.0); internal correspondence re same (.5); review filed pleadings re same (.8).
B130 08/06/26	Asset Disposition N. Allard	1.20	2,040.00	Review updates re AMCON dispute and correspond with NRF team re same (.5); call with K. Going re same (.2); further review related issues (.5).

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B130 08/06/26	Asset Disposition K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Correspondence with NRF team re AMCON status update and proposed settlement (.2); discuss same with internal MWS team (1.1).
B150 08/06/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Correspond with J. Lee re committee updates.
B150 08/09/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.90	1,530.00	Draft committee update (.4); related correspondence with committee (.5).
B150 08/10/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Prepare for (.4); and attend lien dispute hearing (.2); follow up with committee re same (.2).
B150 08/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Draft email update to Committee (.5); correspond with J. Lee re same (.2); attend Committee call (.3); prepare for same (.3).
B150 08/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor K. Going	0.40	784.00	Prepare for (.2); and lead weekly Committee call (.2).

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B150 08/13/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email Committee re GUC Trustee selection.
B150 08/14/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Call with committee member re confirmation and GUC trust.
B150 08/17/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.60	1,020.00	Draft email update to UCC re case updates (.4), correspond with J. Lee re same (.2).
B150 08/17/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee re weekly meeting.
B150 08/24/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with J. Lee re committee meetings and related matters.
B155 08/06/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Prepare, finalize, and efile witness & exhibit list for August 10 hearing.

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B155 08/07/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Correspond with case professionals re upcoming hearing.
B155 08/08/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Correspond with NRF and MWS team re upcoming hearing and potential resolution (1.0); review of related stipulation (.5); provide comments to same (.3).
B155 08/09/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review resolution of AMCON dispute for upcoming hearing (.3); correspond with MWS and Province teams re same (.2).
B155 08/10/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Correspond with J. Lee re upcoming committee meetings (.3); review draft committee updates (.4).
B155 08/10/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.10	126.00	Attend hearing on AMCON lien dispute.
B155 08/13/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with MWS team re hearing preparation and witness and exhibit list.

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B155 08/13/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Assist with preparation for confirmation hearing.
B155 08/13/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	1.00	1,260.00	Email N. Alindogan re confirmation binder (.2); review pleadings re same (.8).
B155 08/14/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Review revised confirmation hearing binder (.3); email N. Alindogan re same (.1); call with MWS office services re same (.2).
B155 08/15/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re confirmation binder.
B155 08/16/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Prepare for confirmation hearing.
B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings N. Allard	1.40	2,380.00	Prepare for (.6) and attend confirmation hearing (.8).

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B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Attend confirmation hearing.
B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Review revised confirmation binder (.3); multiples correspondences with N. Alindogan and C. Gibbs re same (.3).
B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings N. Alindogan	1.10	1,001.00	Compile materials in preparation for confirmation hearing.
B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings K. Going	1.30	2,548.00	Prepare for (.6); and attend confirmation hearing (.7).
B155 08/17/26	Court Hearings J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email MWS team re confirmation hearing agenda.
B160 08/03/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Review June invoice re compliance with UST guidelines.

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B160 08/04/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 08/05/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	0.30	273.00	Serve MWS Combined First Monthly Fee Statement on notice parties.
B160 08/05/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Emails with N. Alindogan re First Combined Monthly Statement (.2); review re same (.3); email K. Going and C. Gibbs re same (.1).
B160 08/06/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review MWS invoices prior to service.
B160 08/06/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email correspondences with K. Redhead re invoices.
B160 08/07/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.70	882.00	Correspond with billing team re July invoice (.2); review initial invoice re same (.5).

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B160 08/11/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.20	340.00	Correspond with J. Lee re professional fees.
B160 08/11/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 08/18/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review MWS fee estimates and statements (.3); correspond with J. Lee re same (.2).
B160 08/18/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 08/19/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	3.00	3,780.00	Review June invoices re compliance with UST guidelines.
B160 08/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review items related to professional fees.

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B160 08/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	1.50	1,890.00	Review June invoices re compliance with UST guidelines (.9); correspondences with K. Redhead re same (.3); email MWS team re first monthly statement (.1); confer with N, Allard re same (.2).
B160 08/20/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email NRF team re first monthly payment.
B160 08/21/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email NRF team re First Combined Monthly Statement.
B160 08/24/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review professional fees.
B160 08/25/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re weekly fees.
B160 08/27/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Alindogan re final fee app.

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B190 08/04/26	Other Contested Matters K. Going	1.60	3,136.00	Review pleadings re AMCON lien dispute.
B190 08/06/26	Other Contested Matters K. Going	1.90	3,724.00	Discuss AMCON hearing and resolution with Debtors (.2); discuss internally with MWS team re same (.3); review AMCON pleadings (1.4).
B195 08/17/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.90	4,484.00	Travel from Chicago to Houston.
B195 08/18/26	Non-Working Travel C. Gibbs	1.00	2,360.00	Return to Dallas.
B290 08/07/26	Insurance J. Lee	1.50	1,890.00	Review D&O policies (1.0); email K. Going re same (.2); correspondences with N. Allard re same (.3).
B290 08/11/26	Insurance J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email K. Going re D&O policies.

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B290 08/12/26	Insurance J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Review D&O coverage extension documentation (.6); email N. Alindogan re same (.2).
B290 08/13/26	Insurance A. Spisak	0.50	937.50	Review correspondence with debtor's counsel and run off policy endorsement documents to address insurance coverage questions raised by bankruptcy team.
B290 08/13/26	Insurance N. Allard	1.30	2,210.00	Review D&O policy insurance issues (1.0); correspond with MWS team re same (.3).
B290 08/31/26	Insurance N. Alindogan	0.20	182.00	Compile and organize D&O insurance policies.
B310 08/07/26	Claims Administration & Object C. Gibbs	1.20	2,832.00	Review of emails re negotiations with AMCON re settlement of lien dispute (.7); conferences with Committee professionals re same (.5).
B310 08/13/26	Claims Administration & Object N. Alindogan	0.60	546.00	Obtain and circulate subcontractor claims.

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B310 08/14/26	Claims Administration & Object J. Lee	2.00	2,520.00	Further research re mechanic lien objections.
B320 08/02/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.90	3,087.50	Review, comment on liquidating GUC Trust Agreement (1.4); review, analyze plan re same (.5).
B320 08/03/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	2.20	2,772.00	Correspondences with N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re GUC Trust Agreement (.4); review and analyze revisions re same (1.2); review plan re trust terms (.4); further correspondence with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2).
B320 08/03/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	4.40	7,480.00	Correspond with NRF re solicitation procedures (.3); review re same (.4); review draft GUC Trust Agreement (1.8); provide comments to same (1.4); follow up correspondence with C. Wurzelbacher and J. Lee (.5).
B320 08/03/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	4.50	7,312.50	Review and comment on liquidating GUC Trust Agreement (2.7); correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re same (.6); review, analyze Plan re same (.7); review, analyze precedent re same (.5).

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B320 08/04/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	7.80	9,828.00	Research re liquidating GUC Trust Agreements (2.1); email C. Wurzelbacher re cooperation clauses (.2); research re same (1.1); review and revise GUC Trust Agreement re same (3.7); multiple correspondences with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.4); email N. Allard re same and revisions (.3).
B320 08/04/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	4.00	6,800.00	Review issues related to plan and emergence (.5); review draft GUC Trust Agreement (1.5); correspond with J. Lee re same (.5); review precedent for related issues (1.5).
B320 08/04/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.30	2,112.50	Review and revise liquidating GUC Trust Agreement (.8); correspond with J. Lee re same (.3); review plan re same (.2).
B320 08/04/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	1.30	3,068.00	Review of emails and conferences with Committee professionals re preparation for confirmation hearing (.8); review of pleadings re objection to AMCON's claim to sale proceed allocation (.5).
B320 08/05/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.00	1,625.00	Review and comment on liquidating GUC Trust Agreement (.6); correspond with N. Allard, J. Lee re same (.4).

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B320 08/05/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.10	3,570.00	Review updated draft GUC Trust Agreement (1.6); correspond w C. Wurzelbacher, J. Lee re same (.5).
B320 08/05/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.90	1,134.00	Call with creditor re unsecured distribution (.5); review plan re same (.4).
B320 08/05/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.80	2,268.00	Further revise GUC Trust Agreement re N. Allard comments (1.4); correspond with C. Wurzelbacher re same (.2); email K. Going and C. Gibbs re same (.2).
B320 08/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Correspond w J. Lee re GUC Trust Agreement (.3); further review of same (.5).
B320 08/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.00	1,625.00	Review and revise GUC Trust Agreement (.7); review and analyze Plan re same (.3).
B320 08/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email MWS team re GUC Trust Agreement.

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B320 08/06/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Review GUC Trust Agreement re beneficiary precedent.
B320 08/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.50	630.00	Review and analyze plan re administrative claims (.3); call with unsecured creditor's counsel re same (.2).
B320 08/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.30	1,638.00	Review and analyze exclusivity and lease rejection motion (.9); draft email memo re same (.3); email MWS and Province team re same (.1).
B320 08/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Correspondences with N. Allard re GUC Trust Agreement (.3); review re same (.3); email NRF team re same (.2).
B320 08/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.90	3,230.00	Review plan supplement documents (.7); review plan and correspond with J. Lee re same (.5); review post-emergence items (.7).
B320 08/07/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	1.40	2,744.00	Review plan supplement documents.

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B320 08/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review plan related documents.
B320 08/09/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review draft plan supplement.
B320 08/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.70	4,590.00	Review issues re plan supplement (.7); comments to same (.5); further review of same (.5); review emergence issues (.5); review filed version of plan supplement (.5).
B320 08/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	3.00	4,875.00	Review and revise plan supplement (1.9); correspond with N. Allard re same (.4); review plan, related materials re same (.7).
B320 08/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	1.80	4,248.00	Conferences with Committee professionals and Debtor's counsel re Plan confirmation issues (1.3); review of multiple emails re same (.5).
B320 08/10/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.10	1,386.00	Review and analyze plan supplements (.9); confer with N. Allard re same (.2).

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B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.90	4,930.00	Review plan emergence issues (1.0); review voting and claim updates (.5); review plan issues (.9); further correspond with committee re plan emergence items (.5).
B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	0.40	784.00	Correspondence with Debtors on plan voting and ballots.
B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Review and analyze ballot summary.
B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.40	1,764.00	Research re GUC Trust precedent re compensation structure (1.1); confer with MWS team re same (.3).
B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.60	756.00	Correspond with K. Going and N. Allard re ballot summary (.2); draft committee email re same (.3); email K Going re committee contact list (.1).
B320 08/11/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email Committee member re voting deadline.

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B320 08/12/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.30	3,910.00	Correspond with NRF and committee re resolving potential objections to plan (.5); review of related issues (1.0); review draft confirmation order (.6); correspond with MWS team re same (.2).
B320 08/12/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	1.80	3,528.00	Review proposed reservation of rights language by RMF Nooter (1.4); correspondence with NRF team re same (.2); correspondence with B. Lohan of Clifford Chance re TKJV claim (.2).
B320 08/12/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	2.20	3,575.00	Review and comment on Confirmation Order (1.3); correspond with N. Allard re same (.3); review plan, plan supplement, and related pleadings re same (.6).
B320 08/12/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	2.10	2,646.00	Research re GUC trustee engagements and GUC Trust Agreements.
B320 08/12/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Email Committee members re voting deadline.
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.90	4,930.00	Coordinate emergence issues including GUC Trustee (2.0); further review GUC Trust Agreement (.5); review UST objection to plan (.4).

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B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	1.70	4,012.00	Review of confirmation objection (1.0); prepare for professionals call (.7).
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	0.80	1,888.00	Attend professionals' call re confirmation and case administrative matters.
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	4.80	7,800.00	Review and analyze revised Plan (1.3); review plan supplement, GUC Trust Agreement , and related pleadings re same (.7); review, comment on confirmation order (1.9); research re same (.6); correspond with N. Allard re same (.3).
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	2.00	3,920.00	Review GUC Trust Agreement (.8); review UST objection to plan (.4); correspondences with N. Allard and J. Lee re same (.4); correspondence re Plan administrator (.4).
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	1.20	1,512.00	Further revise GUC Trust Agreement re trustee selection (1.0); email N. Allard re same (.2).

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B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	2.80	3,528.00	Review and analyze UST objection to plan (.8); email MWS team re same (.2); research re limited discharges in connection with liquidating plans (1.8).
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.40	504.00	Review and analyze subcontractors proof of claims.
B320 08/13/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.30	378.00	Correspondences with N. Allard re GUC Trustee compensation structure.
B320 08/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	4.20	7,140.00	Update plan supplement (1.0), correspond with J. Lee re same (.4), finalize selection of GUC trustee and related correspondence with other case parties (.5), further review emergence items (1.5), correspond with Province re same (.3), further correspond with Debtor professionals re plan and emergence (.5).
B320 08/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	3.50	6,860.00	Review filings in preparation for plan confirmation (2.0); conferences with MWS team re strategy for confirmation (.6); review revised confirmation order (.5); correspondences on GUC trustee (.4).

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B320 08/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Alindogan	2.80	2,548.00	Assist with preparation for confirmation hearing.
B320 08/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.80	1,008.00	Further revise GUC Trust Agreement (.4); confer with N. Allard re same (.2); email NRF team re same (.2).
B320 08/14/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email N. Allard and C. Wurzelbacher re confirmation hearing binder.
B320 08/15/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	2.00	3,400.00	Review plan related items for confirmation.
B320 08/16/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Review updates and pleadings related to confirmation.
B320 08/16/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Alindogan	1.60	1,456.00	Assist with preparation of plan-realted pleadings.

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B320 08/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.90	3,230.00	Review confirmation and emergence related items (1.4), correspond with Committee professionals re same (.5).
B320 08/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	1.10	1,787.50	Attend hearing re confirmation hearing (.7); correspondences with J. Lee re same (.4).
B320 08/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	2.10	4,116.00	Review Georgia objection to confirmation (.6); conferences with MWS team re strategy for confirmation (.7); review revised confirmation order (.8).
B320 08/17/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	3.30	7,788.00	Prepare for (2.3); and attendance at confirmation hearing (.7); conferences with debtor's counsel regarding same (.3).
B320 08/18/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Review of emergence issues.
B320 08/18/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Gibbs	0.50	1,180.00	Review of emails re confirmation and effective date issues.

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B320 08/19/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.00	1,700.00	Track emergence updates (.5); review of related issues (.5).
B320 08/20/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Correspond with case parties re emergence items (.4); review of same (.3).
B320 08/21/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	1.80	3,060.00	Prepare for (.5); and attend call with Province re emergence (.4); correspond with Debtors professionals re same (.3); further review emergence items (.6).
B320 08/21/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement C. Wurzelbacher	0.30	487.50	Conference with MWS and Province teams re plan effective date matters.
B320 08/21/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	0.50	980.00	Conference with Province team re emergence items (.3); correspond with MWS team re same (.2).
B320 08/24/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review emergence items.

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B320 08/25/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.70	1,190.00	Review emergence items.
B320 08/26/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review updates surrounding emergence.
B320 08/27/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with professionals re emergence items and review of same.
B320 08/27/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement K. Going	0.80	1,568.00	Review and respond to correspodence re open items and effective date.
B320 08/28/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.80	1,360.00	Review emergence items and correspond with Debtors' professionals re same.
B320 08/31/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Correspond with case parties re emergence items.
	Total Hours	**187.90**	**Total For Services**	**$300,307.00**

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Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	8.60	910.00	7,826.00
N. Allard	69.10	1,700.00	117,470.00
C. Gibbs	13.50	2,360.00	31,860.00
K. Going	19.00	1,960.00	37,240.00
J. Lee	56.10	1,260.00	70,686.00
A. Spisak	0.50	1,875.00	937.50
C. Wurzelbacher	21.10	1,625.00	34,287.50
Totals	**187.90**		**$300,307.00**

Task Code Summary

Task Code	Description	Hours	Amount
B110	Case Administration	15.20	22,991.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	6.50	8,190.00
B130	Asset Disposition	4.80	8,498.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	5.40	8,976.00
B155	Court Hearings	12.50	18,512.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	10.70	14,125.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	3.50	6,860.00
B195	Non-Working Travel	2.90	6,844.00
B290	Insurance	4.50	6,479.50
B310	Claims Administration & Object	3.80	5,898.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	118.10	192,933.50
		187.90	300,307.00

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Costs and Other Charges

Description	Amount
Business Meals	39.63
Company Search Fees	0.50
Computer Assisted Research	1,064.37
Transportation/Parking	20.00
Travel Expenses	1,176.36
Total Costs and Other Charges	**$2,300.86**
Total This Invoice	**$302,607.86**

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INVOICE

Ascend Elements, Inc. Creditors' Committee
2801 N. Harwood St.
Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

Client: 152278
Invoice: 4714839
Invoice Date: 09/23/2026

Remittance Copy

Billing for services rendered through 09/08/2026

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0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Total Services	$ 7,412.00
Total Costs and Other Charges Posted Through Billing Period	0.00
Total This Invoice	**$ 7,412.00**

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Invoice: 4714839 09/23/2026
Client: 152278

Ascend Elements, Inc. Creditors' Committee
2801 N. Harwood St.
Suite 2600
Dallas, TX 75201

For Services Rendered in Connection with:

Matter: 0011 Ascend Elements, Inc. Official Creditors' Committee

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B110 09/02/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review open items (.2); correspondences with MWS team re same (.3).
B110 09/03/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review case updates and pleadings filed.
B110 09/04/26	Case Administration N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review pleadings and open items.
B150 09/08/26	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with J. Lee re email to committee.

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Ascend Elements, Inc. Creditors' Committee

Client: 152278
Invoice: 4714839
Invoice Date: 09/23/2026

Task / Date	Desc. / Name	Hours	Amount	Description
B160 09/01/26	Fee/Employment Applications J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email billing team, K. Going and A&M re fees.
B160 09/02/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Allard	0.50	850.00	Review items related to professional fee funding (.3); correspond with Committee re same (.2).
B160 09/08/26	Fee/Employment Applications N. Alindogan	1.80	1,638.00	Prepare first draft of final fee application.
B320 09/01/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.40	680.00	Review emergence items.
B320 09/03/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Correspond with committee re emergence items.
B320 09/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement N. Allard	0.30	510.00	Review emails re emergence.

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B320 09/08/26	Plan and Disclosure Statement J. Lee	0.20	252.00	Email MWS team re effective date.

Total Hours **5.30** **Total For Services** **$7,412.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
N. Alindogan	1.80	910.00	1,638.00
N. Allard	3.10	1,700.00	5,270.00
J. Lee	0.40	1,260.00	504.00
Totals	**5.30**		**$7,412.00**

Task Code Summary

Task Code	Description	Hours	Amount
B110	Case Administration	1.30	2,210.00
B150	Mtgs/Communications w/Creditor	0.30	510.00
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	2.50	2,740.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	1.20	1,952.00
		5.30	7,412.00

Total This Invoice **$7,412.00**

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC., *et al.*[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING
FIRST AND FINAL APPLICATION OF
MCDERMOTT WILL & SCHULTE LLP FOR SERVICES
ND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS THE PERIOD
FROM APRIL 29, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
(Docket No. _____)

The Court has considered the *First and Final Application of McDermott Will & Schulte LLP for Compensation for Services and Reimbursement of Expenses as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Final Period from April 29, 2026 Through September 8, 2026* (the "Applicant"). The Court orders:

1. Applicant is allowed compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of $2,110,162.69 for the period set forth in the Application.

2. The Debtors are authorized to disburse any unpaid amounts allowed by paragraph 1 of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2026

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CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.