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United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas
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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
CUMULUS MEDIA INC., *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90346 (ARP)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

[Relates to Docket No. 7]

Upon the motion (the "Motion")[2] of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order") (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to remit or pay (or use tax credits to offset or otherwise satisfy) any Taxes and Fees due and owing to various federal, state, local, and other applicable Authorities arising or accrued in the ordinary course of business that are payable or become payable during these chapter 11 cases (including any obligations subsequently determined as owed upon an Audit, voluntary disclosure, Assessment, or otherwise), without regard to whether such obligations accrued or arose before or after the Petition Date; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the Amended Standing Order; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that

[1] A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at www.veritaglobal.net/cumulusmedia. The Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 780 Johnson Ferry Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.

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

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venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing, if any, before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates, and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to (a) pay or remit (or use tax credits to offset), in their sole discretion, the Taxes and Fees (including corresponding Assessments) that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date and that will or have become payable in the ordinary course during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases at such time when the Taxes and Fees are payable or become payable, including obligations arising on account of any Audit or otherwise owed for periods prior to the Petition Date, and (b) pay or remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis, including paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of Audits or Assessments, in each case, solely to the extent that such Taxes and Fees become payable in accordance with applicable law.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay prepetition Tax Service Providers Fees in the ordinary course of business and continue to utilize the Tax Service Providers on a postpetition basis consistent with prepetition practices.

3. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities.

4. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized to seek a refund or credit.

5. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to authorize the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due.

6. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to settle some or all of the prepetition Taxes and Fees for less than their face amount without further notice or hearing, *provided*, that, the Debtors shall provide counsel to the Ad Hoc Group with notice of any such settlement in excess of $250,000.

7. The Debtors' banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized and directed to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Order.

8. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition electronic payment requests, in replacement of any checks or electronic payment requests that are

dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.

9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any payment to be made, and any relief or authorization granted hereunder, shall not conflict with, and shall be subject to, the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the terms of any order authorizing the use of cash collateral (the "Cash Collateral Order") and the budget approved thereunder (the "Budget"), and nothing herein shall alter the rights of the secured parties under the Cash Collateral Order or the Budget, as applicable. To the extent that there may be any conflict between the terms of this Order and the terms of the Cash Collateral Order or the Budget, the terms of the Cash Collateral Order or the Budget, as applicable, shall govern.

10. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed: (a) an implication or admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in the Motion or any order granting the relief requested by the Motion or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors', or any other party in interest's, rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; (h) a waiver of the obligation of any party in interest to file a proof of

claim; or (i) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to the relief requested in the Motion are valid, and the rights of all parties in interest are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or to seek avoidance of any or all such liens.

11. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

12. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a), the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and the Complex Case Procedures are satisfied by such notice.

13. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

14. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

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

Signed: March 05, 2026

Alfredo R Pérez
United States Bankruptcy Judge