## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:

CHAPARRAL ENERGY, INC., et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-11947 (MFW)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. 115

# ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR EFFECTIVE *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE

Upon the application (the "<u>Application</u>")<sup>2</sup> of Chaparral Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") in the Chapter 11 Cases for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("<u>KCC</u>") as their administrative advisor (the "<u>Administrative</u> <u>Advisor</u>") in the Chapter 11 Cases effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Application, the Services Agreement, and/or in the Jordan Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the matters raised in the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and the Court having authority to hear the

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits (or five digits, in cases in which multiple Debtors have the same last four digits) of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: CEI Acquisition, L.L.C. (1817); CEI Pipeline, L.L.C. (6877); Chaparral Biofuels, L.L.C. (1066); Chaparral CO2, L.L.C. (1656); Chaparral Energy, Inc. (90941); Chaparral Energy, L.L.C. (20941); Chaparral Exploration, L.L.C. (1968); Chaparral Real Estate, L.L.C. (1655); Chaparral Resources, L.L.C. (1710); Charles Energy, L.L.C. (3750); Chestnut Energy, L.L.C. (9730); Green Country Supply, Inc. (2723); Roadrunner Drilling, L.L.C. (2399); and Trabajo Energy, L.L.C. (9753). The Debtors' address is 701 Cedar Lake Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73114.

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matters raised in the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157; and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and consideration of the Application and the requested relief being a core proceeding that the Court can determine pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and due and proper notice of the Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Application having been given to the Notice Parties, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed and considered the Application, the Jordan Declaration and the First Day Declaration; and the Court having held, if necessary, a hearing on the Application (the "**Hearing**"); and the Court having found that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing, if any, establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Application being in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors, their estates, and all other parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

#### **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:**

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

2. Notwithstanding the terms of the Services Agreement attached to the Application, the Application is granted solely as set forth in this Order.

3. The Debtors are authorized to employ and retain KCC as their Administrative Advisor, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, to perform the Administrative Services described in the Application, as set forth in the Application and under the terms of the Services Agreement, attached to the Application as **Exhibit C**, relating to such services.

4. KCC is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Application and the Services Agreement.

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5. KCC shall apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Petition Date in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any orders entered in the Chapter 11 Cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

6. KCC shall use its reasonable best efforts to avoid any unnecessary duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' retained professionals in the Chapter 11 Cases.

7. Except to the extent set forth herein, the Debtors are authorized to indemnify KCC under the terms of the Services Agreement:

- (i) KCC shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Services Agreement for services other than the services provided under the Services Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by this Court.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Services Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify KCC, or provide contribution or reimbursement to KCC, for any claim or expense that is either: (a) judicially determined (the determination having become final and no longer subject to appeal) to have arisen from KCC's bad faith, self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty (if any), gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (b) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege breach of KCC's contractual obligations under the Services Agreement unless the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d)

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Cir. 2003); or (c) settled prior to a judicial determination as to the exclusions set forth in clauses (a) and (b) above, but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which KCC should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Services Agreement as modified by the Application and this Order.

8. If, before the earlier of (a) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in the Chapter 11 Cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal) or (b) the entry of an order closing the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Services Agreement (as modified by this Order), including, without limitation, the advancement of defense costs, KCC must file an application before this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to KCC before the entry of an order by this Court approving such application and payment requested therein. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify KCC. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

9. In the event of any inconsistency between the Services Agreement, the Application, and this Order, this Order shall govern.

10. Any Bankruptcy Rule (including, but not limited to, Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h)) or Local Rule that might otherwise delay the effectiveness of this Order is hereby waived, and the terms and conditions of this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

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11. The relief granted herein shall be binding upon any chapter 11 trustee appointed in any of the Chapter 11 Cases or upon any chapter 7 trustee appointed in the event of a subsequent conversion of any of the Chapter 11 Cases to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

12. The Debtors and KCC are authorized to take all such actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

13. Notice of the Application has been provided in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules, and no other or further notice of the Application or the entry of this Order shall be required.

14. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

5 MARY F. WALRATH UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Dated: September 10th, 2020 Wilmington, Delaware