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3	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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6	Case No. 05-60200
7	CALPINE CORPORATION, et al.,
8	Debtors.
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21	HON. BURTON R. LIFLAND,
22	U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
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3 4	MR. CIERI: Good morning, your Honor. Richard Cieri on behalf of the Calpine
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_	Corporation and its affiliated debtors.
6	THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Cieri.
7	MR. CIERI: Good morning, your
8	Honor. Your Honor, before turning to the various
9	matters on the agenda letter, I would like to make
10	a couple of opening remarks if I could.
11 12	THE COURT: Sure.
	MR. CIERI: Thank you. Your Honor,
13	as you know, this case was commenced before this
14	court on December 20th, 2005 for almost 11 months.
15 16	Time flies rapidly as we are approaching the one
16	year anniversary of these cases. Soon snow will be
17	falling, the Macy's parade is around the corner,
18	indeed I recall the court soliciting a commitment

from me in another courtroom almost ten years ago

20	regarding Federaid's commitment to continue the
21	parade and fireworks show. And soon, your Honor,
22	we will be in the second year of the Calpine
23	debtors' restructuring.
24	The month of December is also
25	relevant. your Honor. because. as this court knows.

the Calpine debtors' exclusive period to file a plan of reorganization expired by the end of this year. Accordingly, in the next week or two, we do intend to file a motion requesting that the court extend exclusivity to June 30th of 2007, which is the latest date under the new Bankruptcy Code amendment to which exclusivity can be extended. we are hopeful that the court will hear the exclusivity motion at the court's previously scheduled December 6th hearing.

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As your Honor indicated at the last hearing, and as we ourselves recognize, this hearing and the December 6th exclusivity hearing is a good time to step back for a moment, take stock of the case, and look at the big picture. The exclusivity hearing will be an opportunity to discuss what the debtors have done, where they are now, and how they see this case progressing over the coming months.

To that end, your Honor, we filed a written status report yesterday afternoon with the

 $\begin{array}{c} & 132327 \\ \text{court discussing some of the recent developments in} \end{array}$ 23 the case. We felt it was important to do so for a 24 couple of reasons. First, so that the court and 25

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2	our major stakeholders would have an opportunity to
3	read and reflect on the recent events in the case,
4	at least from our perspective, in advance of this
5	hearing so that the matters to be brought before
6	the court this morning could be considered in a
7	broader context.
8	And second, your Honor, so that
9	those creditors, equity holders, and other parties
10	in interest who are unable to attend hearings in
11	person and listen to this oral status report will
12	still have an opportunity to consider recent
13	developments in the case. So even though we filed
14	this written status report yesterday afternoon,
15	your Honor, with your permission I would just like
16	to take a few minutes to give your Honor and the
17	parties present in the court a general status
18	report on the case, again, from the debtors'
19	perspective, and talk a bit about how the Calpine
20	debtors and their professionals interact,
21	communicate, and consult with the committees in
22	this case, if that would be all right, your Honor.
23	THE COURT: That would be most
24	appreciated.

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MR. CIERI: Thank you, your Honor.

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2	Your Honor, before discussing the
3	case, I would like to take a moment to introduce,
4	or in some cases, reintroduce several people that
5	are present in the court. For reasons I will get
6	to in a few minutes, I believe that you will be
7	seeing much more of these people as we begin the
8	second year of the restructure.
9	First, your Honor, I would like to
10	introduce Mr. Robert May, who is the chief
11	executive officer of Calpine.
12	THE COURT: Mr. May?
13	MR. MAY: Good morning, your Honor.
14	MR. CIERI: Your Honor, second I
15	would like to introduce Mr. Scott Davido, who is
16	the chief restructuring officer of Calpine. I will
17	note that you have heard Mr. Davido's testimony in
18	this case and in all likelihood will hear from Mr.
19	May and him again before this case is over.
20	Third, I would like to introduce Mr.
21	Gregg Doody, who, your Honor, is the general
22	counsel of Calpine. I'm certain you haven't had an
23	opportunity yet to meet Mr. Doody.
24	MR. DOODY: Good morning, your
25	Honor.

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2	THE COURT: Good morning.
3	MR. CIERI: As the court is aware,
4	Messrs. May, Davido and Doody have been hired by
5	Calpine either right before or sense the Chapter 11
6	was filed. They are the three senior Calpine
7	employees most responsible for overseeing the
8	Calpine debtors reorganization efforts. As we get
9	closer to the plan process next year, and as we
10	roll up our sleeves, we should expect greater
11	attendance from Messrs. May, Davido and Doody at
12	hearings, either behind the bar or in the witness
13	box.
14	Also, your Honor, there are with me
15	several of my partners from Kirkland and Ellis,
16	some of whom you'll hear from this morning, and who
17	together with myself are responsible for the day to
18	day Calpine debtors Chapter 11 cases. Your Honor,
19	each one of them have direct responsibility for one
20	or more areas of this restructuring. We have
21	divvied up the responsibilities among the party of
22	attorneys at Kirkland and Ellis. I do want to
23	ensure the court, however, that we all have a sense
24	of the big picture of what's going on and how these
25	various boxes interact with each other.

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2	Your Honor, if I can turn just to
3	general case matters, if you don't have any further
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4	questions.
5	THE COURT: No, have no further
6	questions. And I appreciate, what you are doing
7	for me is filling out the pyramid.
8	MR. CIERI: Thank you very much,
9	your Honor. Ultimately, as I said, from the
10	company's perspective, it's Mr. May, with Mr. Doody
11	and Mr. Davido, and from Kirkland and Ellis there
12	are obviously several of us who have spent a vast
13	majority of our time on the Calpine debtors' cases,
14	but I view myself as ultimate responsible.
15	Your Honor, turning to general case
16	matters, as I mentioned, we are filing an
17	exclusivity motion next week, which will hopefully
18	be set for hearing on December 6th. But in advance
19	of that, I would like to give this court my view of
20	the big picture status. And let me start for a
21	moment where we began and move to where we are now
22	and where we hope to get. This case was filed on
23	December 20th, 2005 and was the sixth largest
24	reorganization case by an asset size in history.
25	It involves almost 275 debtors and to say nothing

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2	of the hundreds of non debtor affiliated entities
3	and approximately 18 billion dollars of funded
4	debt. The debtors operate approximately 90 gas
5	fired and geothermal power plants across North
6	America, and to give you a sense of the debtors'

7	size, Calpine is the country's largest consumer of
8	natural gas, and the world largest supplier of
9	geothermal energy. We operate obviously in the
10	energy industry, which is an industry that is
11	extremely complex semi regulated and in constant
12	transition, and in an industry where one of
13	Calpine's main costs is natural gas, because that's
14	how we fuel most of our plants, your Honor, and
15	where one of Calpine's
16	THE COURT: Excuse me. I just paid
17	my gas bill; it was 2.44 cents a gallon for liquid
18	gas. What do you pay as a consumer?
19	MR. CIERI: Your Honor, I actually
20	gave my wife some grief this weekend over the fact
21	that she hadn't filled out the little form in the
22	suburb in which we live as to picking a program
23	out, but I think it's 4 dollars.
24	THE COURT: 4 dollars?
25	MR. CIERI: 4 dollars.

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2	THE COURT: I guess I have a bargain
3	where I live.
4	MR. CIERI: You obviously have a
5	tougher spouse.
6	Your Honor, clearly our
7	profitability is subject to the price of gas; it's
8	the main fuel we utilized, and, in addition, our
9	main source of revenue, you know, what we can
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10	charge for electricity, is volatile and subject to
11	the vagueries of the market, and, your Honor, not
12	only subject the vagueries of the market, but the
13	vagueries of the weather.
14	Over the last several years, your
15	Honor, the fact that this is a volatile industry
16	has lead several of our competitors to file for
17	Chapter 11. By the beginning of 2005, prior to the
18	commencement of these Chapter 11 cases, this
19	company faced several difficult issues; a wholesale
20	power market with over capacity, a significantly
21	over leveraged balance sheet, and very little
22	liquidity. And although the debtors did, during
23	the early part of 2005, try to dispose of assets in
24	order to improve liquidity, they were hampered from

doing so by many of the covenants contained in

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their project and financing arrangements. Indeed,

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as the court may recall, it was litigation in the Delaware chancery court in the fall of 2005 over the use of certain proceeds from the sale of the Rosetta properties that worsened the company's liquidity and ultimately lead to the commencement of the Chapter 11 case. So, your Honor, back in last December, some 11 months ago, we commenced

Chapter 11 cases to fix our balance sheets, improve our liquidity, rationalize our asset portfolio, and

13	Honor, to have some breathing space to restructure
14	our commercial and power plant operations.

So where are we now, your Honor? In our own mind, we have viewed these cases as having five primary phases, and the first phase is what I call the business stabilization and Chapter 11 transition phase. And obviously that phase began on December 20th through the final DIP financing and cash collateral hearings in March, and during this phase the company stabilized its business operations and then transitioned itself into a Chapter 11 debtor in position with all the rights and duties associated with that particular role.

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And during this phase, with the court's assistance, we obtained the requisite first day relief, and most importantly, most of that relief centered the on the 2 billion dollar debtor in possession financing and the cash collateral arrangements with the various prepetition lenders. During this phase, your Honor, the Calpine debtors, under Mr. May's leadership, also concentrated on improving and maintaining relationships with their customers and contract counterparties to ensure them that from their perspective business would continue with minimal disruption. Your Honor, improvement in customer relationships has translated into tremendously improved operating

16	results, and those operating results, your Honor,
17	are set forth in some detail in the status report
18	that we filed yesterday afternoon.
19	During this first phase, your Honor,
20	we also spent considerable time addressing our
21	workforce, without whom there would be no company.
22	The company pus in place, again, with this court's
23	blessing, a series of employee benefit plans, bonus
24	structures and severance programs all to set stem
25	exceedingly high rates of attrition in the early

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2	phases of the case, particularly in Calpine's
3	Houston trading operations, and the Calpine debtors
4	brought in new management and restructured their
5	senior management responsibilities. Indeed, your
6	Honor, prior to the hearing Mr. May reminded me
7	that at Calpine they eliminated 106 director
8	positions, thereby dramatically streamlining the
9	management of the Calpine debtors. In fact, your
10	Honor, continuing during the spring and summer, Mr.
11	May revamped the composition of Calpine senior
12	management team, including all of this direct
13	reports and substantially below that level, your
14	Honor.
15	During this first phase, your Honor,
16	we also began working with our new stakeholders,
17	most important of which are the unsecured
18	creditors' committee, the ad hoc second lien

19	committee, and the equity committee, to keep them
20	informed about developments in the case and to set
21	up a process to work elaborately with those
22	stakeholders towards the development of a plan of
23	reorganization that maximizes value, your Honor,
24	for all stakeholders.
25	And let me pause, your Honor, just

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1 CALPINE CORPORATION 2 for a second. I must say that in my years of 3 practice, I cannot remember a Chapter 11 case where 4 there has been more cooperation, communication, and consultation between the debtors and the committees 5 as I've seen in this case. There is, your Honor, 6 7 literally daily communication and coordination 8 between the Calpine debtors and their major 9 stakeholders at various level; whether it's presentations by the debtors' business people to 10 the committee's about a particular asset sale, or 11 12 the professionals regarding a particular motion. We have, under Mr. May's direction, 13 14 your Honor, worked very hard to maintain a very 15 open, transparent and iterary process. For example, your Honor, there are weekly presentations 16 17 by the company's business people and professionals 18 to the committees advisors regarding major transactions, settlements and other activities that 19 20 we are contemplated. There are separate weekly 21 meetings between the professionals to discuss

22	pleadings filed in the case and to obtain the
23	committee's feedback to those pleas. There are
24	also in person meetings with the certain committees
25	every other month or so, where the Calpine debtors

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2	actually make formal presentations to the committee
3	members and consider their input.
4	And that is nothing to say, in
5	addition we have every day communications that
6	aren't formal between the business people and
7	professionals at every level to ensure the that
8	committees are informed of the latest developments
9	and to have an opportunity to provide feedback to
10	the company. And while we may disagree with on
11	various matters with the committees, and
12	undoubtedly you are going to hear about some of
13	these disagreements this morning, at least from my
14	perspective, I believe that they are honest
15	disagreements central to the restructure and not
16	disagreements related to process issue like notice,
17	information sharing, due diligence, and the like.
18	Your Honor, that's the first phase.
19	The second phase is what I call the
20	commencement of the Chapter 11 restructuring. And
21	during this phase, the debtors turn their attention
22	to hard work of the restructuring. And taking
23	advantage of all the tools available to restructure
24	the company's operation, balance sheet, and

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2	company started identifying those aspects of the
3	business that needed immediate restructuring
4	attention. And as the court may recall, fairly
5	early on, the company designated a dozen or so what
6	we call designated process, which were the assets
7	the company first considered for disposition either
8	through sale, restructuring, or a turnover to the
9	lender or lessor. Simultaneous with this designate
10	process the process was undergoing, the Calpine
11	debtors turned their attention to the leases and
12	contracts to determine, your Honor, which contracts
13	were appropriate for assumption, rejection or
14	assignment. Again, consistent with the Calpine
15	debtor's earlier view of the ultimate asset pool at
16	the end of the case.
17	To date, your Honor, the Calpine
18	debtors have made substantial progress in
19	evaluating and reviewing 28 thousand contracts, and
20	have begun to make preliminary decisions about
21	assumption and rejection. We are also, your Honor,
22	have been focused upon improving our liquidity, and
23	the court recalls the disputes between the company
24	and first lien holders regarding the payoff of
25	their debt. the cutting off of their professional

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2	fees, and the commencement of litigation concerning
3	whether or not those first liens were entitled to a
4	make whole.
5	Third stage, your Honor, from our
6	perspective is the business plan development stage,
7	and that's the phase we find ourselves in. This
8	stage started several months ago, once the case
9	settled down, and the company had fully
10	transitioned itself into a debtor in possession
11	operating in Chapter 11. During this stage, the
12	company and its management team turned its
13	attention to building a business plan for this
14	company from the ground up. The business plan will
15	create the platform for the plan of reorganization,
16	but most importantly, it creates its platform for
17	the reorganization now and beyond.
18	We have worked very hard on the
19	business plan to date, but that hard work still
20	continues. Several months ago, your Honor, the
21	company agreed to have the business plan concluded,
22	and presented to the company's committees in early
23	to mid December, and I am pleased to report to the
24	court that we currently expect to remain on track
25	to meet that target Once we are in the position

2	to share the business plan with our committees, we
3	expect it will take several months for the
4	committees, in particular to do conduct their due
5	diligence and understand the business plan and its
6	underlying assumptions. In fact, your Honor, in
7	order to expedite this process, the dialogue
8	related to the business plan assumptions has
9	already begun evening before we've delivered the
10	business plan. But realistically, I do not expect
11	the due diligence process to be complete until
12	sometime during the first quarter of next year.
13	We hope that after this due
14	diligence process is complete, all of our
15	committees will be in agreement with the nature,
16	scope, projection, and assumption contained in the
17	business plan; however, as the court knows from its
18	many years of experience mand with the variety of
19	stakeholders that we have in this case, and the
20	fact that these stakeholders are at various levels
21	in our capital structure, well, there may not be
22	complete agreement on the business plan and its
23	underlying assumptions. So, suffice to say, that
24	next year may be a very busy year for the Calpine
25	debtors and for this court, particularly as all the

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2	various restructuring activities of the company
3	begin to converge in a plan of reorganization.
4	Once we begin this business plan,

5	due diligence, your Honor, we hope to turn
6	ourselves to the fourth stage of this case, and
7	that's formulation of the plan of reorganization.
8	During this fourth phase we will develop and
9	formulate a plan of reorganization based on the
10	business plan, our valuation of the company, and
11	estimates of claims against the estate. One of the
12	challenges we do face in the cases is understanding
13	not just third party claims against the estate, but
14	the significant number and amount of intercompany
15	claims and past intercompany activity among the
16	debtors and their non debtor affiliates.
17	Your Honor, there are literally
18	millions of lines of journal entries that reflect
19	intercompany activity among the various Calpine
20	debtors and their non debtor affiliates. In fact,
21	your Honor, for the years 2004 and 2005, to give
22	you a sense of it, there are 1.4 trillion dollars
23	of intercompany claims reflected on the company's
24	books and records. And obviously, your Honor,
25	consistent with our practice to date, we expect to

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2	spend quite a bit of time discussing the plan of
3	reorganization and its claim situation with our
4	various committees, and who will undoubtedly want
5	to engage in further due diligence.
6	Once, your Honor, obviously we are
7	able to propose a plan of reorganization and the

- 8 court confirms that plan, we will emerge to that 9 final stage, and that is the emergence from Chapter 10 11, and we hope to do so, your Honor, as a healthy 11 company positioned to compete for the long term. But at this point it's a little premature to 12 speculate that far ahead. 13 14 So, your Honor, if you have any 15 questions for me or for any member of the 16 management team, we will be ma pleased to answer 17 them at this time, or we can move onto the agenda, 18 but we are available for any questions that you may 19 have. 20 THE COURT: No, I have no particular 21 inquiry. I appreciate being briefed on the cross 22 pollination that goes on with respect to the 23 matters that ultimately come before this court in
- 25 MR. CIERI: Your Honor, we literally

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an open forum.

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2	have weekly communications, weekly organized
3	communications with the various major
4	constituencies, and we hope that has lead to less
5	disputes being heard by this court and more
6	efficient use of this court's time.
7	Thank you, your Honor.
8	MR. STAMER: Again, for the record
9	Michael Stamer from Akin Gump for the committee.
10	If I may be permitted to give a

- 11 brief response. It's not much of a counterpoint, I
- just think for the record if I could speak for a
- 13 couple of minutes it would be very helpful.
- 14 THE COURT: Well, this is not Sunday
- morning where all the political shows go on with
- 16 point and counterpoint, but go on.
- 17 MR. STAMER: Your Honor, I promise
- 18 not to call Mr. Cieri names.
- 19 Your Honor, as described by Mr.
- 20 Cieri, the status report is -- it's not advocacy
- 21 piece, it is the status from the perspective of the
- 22 debtor. We received a copy of the written report
- for the first time when we walked into court today.
- I have no intention, to the extent I even disagree
- with anything, to go through that right now. What

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- 2 I would like to do, just for the record, is reserve
- 3 our rights at a later date to contest the items
- 4 that Mr. Cieri put on the record either through the
- 5 written status report or through his comments.
- 6 Your Honor, the committee agrees
- 7 with a great deal of what Mr. Cieri has said. The
- 8 debtors have made real progress in a number of
- 9 areas. They have worked constructively with their
- 10 committees, with their major constituents. We have
- 11 collectively worked out virtually every dispute
- 12 that we have had with the company, and it has not
- 13 spilled into litigation before this Bankruptcy

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- 14 Court. We have limited our fighting, if you will, 15 our arguments, to conference rooms, to conference
- 13 out arguments, to contenence rooms, to contenence
- calls, and been able to work constructively, again,
- 17 to present most of the matters before this court on
- 18 consensual basis.
- 19 As your Honor as seen and will see
- 20 later today, we are not at all happy with the way
- 21 in which the company is dealing with first lien
- 22 avoidance issue. But as Mr. Cieri said, there will
- 23 be times when we disagree and this is one of those
- times. For the most part, your Honor, it has been
- 25 a very constructive ten months in bankruptcy. We

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- 2 are now, again, as Mr. Cieri described, entering a
- 3 critical phase in these cases; formulation of a
- 4 business plan, determination of which, if any,
- 5 assets will be sold, and ultimately plan
- 6 formulation.
- 7 It is our view that their continued
- 8 cooperation, their continued openness is even more
- 9 critical at this stage of the process than during
- 10 the last ten months. We are hopeful that the
- 11 constructive dialogue will continue, your Honor; if
- in fact it does not, I believe the court will be
- one of the first to know.
- 14 Those are the only remarks I have.
- 15 Thank you, your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

17	MR. KAPLAN: Your Honor, for the
18	record, Gary Kaplan of Fried Frank on behalf of the
19	equity committee. I feel I would be remiss if I
20	didn't get up and comment.
21	THE COURT: We don't feel badly.
22	MR. KAPLAN: I just feel, your
23	Honor, that a lot of what Mr. Cieri said, while I
24	agree with, I don't want your Honor to get the
25	impression that it's sort of a love fest behind the

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1 CALPINE CORPORATION 2 scenes with the committees constantly getting 3 information and updates. From the equity committees' perspective, it's been a fight. And 4 5 it's been a continuing ongoing battle to get some of the access that some of the other constituents 6 7 have gotten. I think Mr. Cieri and his team have 8 gone a long way to try to get us the information, but I don't want your Honor to sort of view this as 9 everybody's getting the information on a timely 10 11 basis, there are no issues. It has been, certainly 12 from the equity committee's perspective, an ongoing 13 battle to get into the room to get into 14 discussions, to have meetings. So that's the only 15 thing. I just didn't want the record to reflect that everything is perfect and then have the equity 16 committee that is going to read the transcript and 17 say, hey, what gives? What are they talking about? 18 So just for the record, again, I'm 19

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21 the record to reflect that everything was perfect

- in the land between all the committees and the 22
- debtor given the state of affairs. 23
- 24 THE COURT: This sounds like a
- 25 typical marriage.

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2	MR. KAPLAN: Except we don't have
3	Moroccan divorces here.
4	THE COURT: Does anyone else want to
5	be heard?
6	MR. CIERI: Your Honor, I will turn
7	the podium over to my partner, Mr. Seligman, to run
8	through the agenda. But this is the nicest thing a
9	bunch of creditors and equity holders have ever
10	said about a debtor, so we should move on.
11	Thank your, your Honor, for the
12	time.
13	THE COURT: All right.
14	MR. SELIGMAN: Good morning, your
15	Honor. David Seligman of Kirkland and Ellis on
16	behalf of the debtors.
17	Your Honor, I would like to run
18	through some of the matters in the agenda, and
19	there will be various people presenting various
20	matters, but I wanted to start off, and given the
21	fact that we've taken up so much of your time
22	already, I'll try to do keep matters brief.

23	Your Honor, I wanted to run through
24	some of the uncontested matter that are up this
25	morning. Matter number 1 is the debtors' motion

1	CALPINE CORPORATION
2	for an order approving releases of certain claims
3	with respect to a settlement between and among the
4	debtors, Pacific Gas and Electric, and the
5	California Independent System Operator Corporation
6	and the California Electricity Oversight Board,
7	Docket Number 2946.
8	Your Honor, this, the background
9	here
10	THE COURT: Let me go back, then, in
11	view of the matter that you are presenting now, to
12	an item in Mr. Cieri's status report, and that is
13	the very early rejection motion which is now on
14	appeal in the Second Circuit. And I understood
15	there were executory contracts with respect to gas,
16	and that six have been resolved, and Pacific Gas is
17	one of those, I assume.
18	MR. SELIGMAN: Yes, that was one of
19	the ones resolved.
20	THE COURT: And I take it that's
21	resolved.
22	MR. SELIGMAN: Yes, that's been
23	resolved.
24	THE COURT: So then what's left in
25	circuit?

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2	MR. SELIGMAN: I believe the two
3	that are left are with the California Department of
4	Water Resources; and I think that there has been
5	ongoing discussions, but I don't think that there's
6	been any resolution. So until that time, we are
7	waiting for the Second Circuit.
8	THE COURT: Have you gone through
9	the Circuit's procedure with respect to informal
10	mediation?
11	MR. SELIGMAN: I don't believe we
12	have done so yet, your Honor, but we can
13	investigate that and report back to your Honor.
14	THE COURT: When is the matter
15	supposed to be argued; do you know?
16	MR. SELIGMAN: It was argued
17	already.
18	THE COURT: You've argued it
19	already. So it's already gone through that
20	procedure.
21	MR. SELIGMAN: Yes. We are just
22	waiting for a ruling.
23	THE COURT: Thank you.
24	MR. SELIGMAN: But you are right,
25	your Honor, this settles that issue. Again, it's a

1	CALPINE CORPORATION
2	global settlement in front of the FERC on a variety
3	of issues. It resolves several hundred million
4	dollars of claims asserted in the bankruptcy case,
5	and we are awaiting for the FERC to rule on the
6	settlement.
7	The one piece of it that we are
8	bringing to this court's attention was that there
9	was a mutual release of claims there of claims,
10	other than the settlement itself, the company
11	didn't believe it had any claims to release,
12	because it was resolved in the form of new pricing
13	on future contracts. But we did feel that it was
14	appropriate if there was a release of claims by the
15	estate to bring that before your Honor. So that is
16	the one piece of the settlement that we wanted to
17	bring in front of your Honor.
18	There have been no objections and we
19	submit that it
20	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
21	heard?
22	I'll entertain the order approving
23	the settlement.
24	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
25	Honor. May I approach?

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2	THE COURT: Sure. Has Mr. Cieri
3	assigned an approacher or are you going to do that?
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4	MR. SELIGMAN: I'll take care of it.
5	THE COURT: I've approved the order.
6	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
7	Honor.
8	Your Honor, the second matter up is
9	the debtor's second omnibus objection. It had
10	basically objected to two categories of claims,
11	duplicate claims and amended claims.
12	We have received no objection or no
13	responses to the claim objection and would ask that
14	the court enter that order.
15	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
16	heard?
17	The same routine.
18	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
19	Honor. I would just note that your Honor requested
20	last time to ensure that the orders approving
21	claims objections comply with the model orders, and
22	we did communicate with your clerk and got it
23	straightened away, and they do comply with the mock
24	of the form order.
25	THE COURT: Thank you. That's only
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2	intended to make it easy for any potential inquiry
3	about the fate of a particular claim to make it
4	easily identifiable.
5	MR. SELIGMAN: Exactly, your Honor.
6	MR. CIERI: Your Honor, it will be
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7	the same approacher.	
8	THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Seligman.	
9	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you.	
10	THE COURT: I've approved the order.	
11	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your	
12	Honor.	
13	The third matter up on the agenda is	
14	the debtors' motion	
15	THE COURT: Now, if you can get your	
16	computer to put all of the data in the heading,	
17	then all anybody has to do is look at the front	
18	page and pick out his number and know what happened	
19	to his claim.	
20	MR. SELIGMAN: Exactly. And	
21	everything else would be footnoted.	
22	THE COURT: You can't do that then.	
23	MR. SELIGMAN: It would run on for	
24	too many pages.	
25	THE COURT: It already does.	
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2	MR. SELIGMAN: Yes, that's true.	
3	Your Honor, what we are going to	
4	going to do for claim objection orders that refer	
5	to a lot of objections, we are going to refer to	
6	the title to the exhibits. If it's a simple	
7	objection referring to a hand full of matters, we	

THE COURT: I've approved the order.

will put the claim in the heading.

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10	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
11	Honor.
12	Matter Number 3, your Honor, is the
13	debtors' motion for entry of an order approving a
14	comprehensive settlement agreement by and among
15	Calpine and various individuals who work for Power
16	Systems Manufacturing Company, we call PSM. Your
17	Honor we have received no objections to this
18	motion.
19	As background, PSM was a company
20	that Calpine purchased in 2000. PSM designs,
21	manufactures and sells power engine turbine
22	components. As part of that original purchase,
23	there were various forms of consideration promised
24	to the senior managers and engineers of that
25	company. Some of it had been paid prepetition and

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2	some had not been, so there were outstanding claims
3	as of the petition date.
4	The company has determined that PSM
5	is not going to be part of its core operations for
6	long term, so it's beginning the a sale process for
7	PSM and a marketing process. The company felt it
8	was important to keep the senior management around
9	to help facilitate the sale, because without that
10	senior management, who basically are the company,
11	it would significantly affect the value received in
12	the sale. So this comprehensive settlement

13	basically allows certain of the claims as unsecured $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$
14	claims against the estate against particular
15	debtors. It also contains an assurance to try and
16	get the buyer ultimately of PSM to pick up some of
17	the promised liabilities, and we believe that that
18	is a sound exercise of our business judgment in
19	order to incentivise the employees to maximize sale
20	price.
21	Again, we've received no objections,
22	and respectfully request that your Honor approve
23	the motion.
24	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
25	heard?

2	From the presentation it appears to
3	fall within the parameters of an appropriate
4	resolution, and I will approve the order.
5	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
6	Honor. May I approach?
7	THE COURT: Yes.
8	I've approved the order.
9	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
10	Honor.
11	Matter number 4 is the debtors'
12	motion to modify the cash collateral order. This
13	is an uncontested motion. It relates to some of
14	the contested matters you are going to hear later,
15	but this is a discrete issue. This is basically
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16	the debtor's motion seeking extension of the third
17	modified cash collateral order to extend the
18	deadline for the debtors to challenge certain
19	aspects of the first lien holders to May 15th,
20	2007. It's only with respect to claims related to
21	liens underlying the collateral trust agreement on
22	the debtors' fixtures in alleging that they were
23	not properly perfected. So just with respect to
24	that issue we are asking for an extension of time
25	to challenge the lien to the cash collateral order.

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2	Both the trustee for the first lien
3	note holders and the ad hoc committee of the second
4	lien holders have consented to the extension, and
5	there were no other objections, so we ask that the
6	court approve the extension order.
7	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
8	heard?
9	MR. STAMER: Your Honor, just one
10	minor clarification. I believe the motion seeks to
11	extend the deadline for both the debtors and the
12	committee to object to the fixture lien. And with
13	that we have no objection.
14	MR. SELIGMAN: That's correct, your
15	Honor.
16	THE COURT: Well, except as to form,
17	this request for an extension is similar to the one
18	that the creditors' committee is seeking in

MR. SELIGMAN: That is correct,

connection with a broader array of matters.

21	although that obviously is being contested, so we
22	will address those issues in a global context of
23	that in a standing motion in a couple matters.
24	THE COURT: Well, in formulation,
25	it's pretty much the same as the creditors'
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2	committee's request, and essentially, as the I view
3	the matters that are there before me, the
4	creditors' committee is essentially asking for an
5	extension of this particular motion to embrace the
6	matters that they seek to be extended; isn't that
7	correct?
8	MR. SELIGMAN: That's correct.
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- to deal with the motion to modify the cashcollateral to extend deadlines together, your
- 24 Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, approve this, but

1 CALPINE CORPORATION 2 I will await signing the order until I deal we the 3 other. 4 MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your 5 Honor. We'll hold that. THE COURT: Which is in item number, 6 7 what is it? 8 MR. SELIGMAN: It's item 7, 8 and 9 9 all together. Your Honor, the next two matters are 10 going to be handled by my partner, Bennett Spiegel. 11 12 MR. SPIEGEL: Good morning, your Bennett Spiegel, Kirkland and Ellis LLP. 13 Honor. 14 Rounding up the uncontested matters, your Honor, item 5, this is our part 2 of two 15 parts. On October 25th we were before the court 16 17 seeking approval of bidding procedures with respect to the sale of certain turbines. Today we are here 18 for the second part of that seeking an order 19 20 authorizing the sale of those same turbines free of 21 clear of lien, claims and incumbrances and other interests and granting related relief. 22 23 Your Honor, as you will recall, you 24 approved bidding procedures on October 25th. Under

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2	November 10th in connection with a proposed
3	auction, but no over bids were received, and thus,
4	no auction was held. There are no objections to
5	the relief requested in the sale motion, thus, we
6	seek approval of the proposed sale of these four
7	turbines to the stalking horse purchaser, and
8	pardon my Spanish pronunciation, Consorcio Pacific
9	Rim Energy Yucatel HTE, a Venezuelan corporation
10	that we refer to as Pacific Rim.
11	The purchase price is 48 million
12	dollars, your Honor, pursuant to terms and
13	conditions of the turbine purchase and sale
14	agreement, which, as amended, was attached to the
15	sale order submitted previously to the court as
16	Exhibit 1. We have, I believe, no changes to the
17	form of sale order as was previously submitted, and
18	again, no objections.
19	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
20	heard?
21	The application is granted.
22	MR. SPIEGEL: May I approach?
23	Different approacher this time, your Honor.
24	THE COURT: I'm waiting to see if Mr
25	Cieri is going to approach.

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2	MR. CIERI: Your Honor, that means
3	I'll actually do work.
4	THE COURT: At paralegal rates?
5	I've approved the order.
6	MR. SPIEGEL: Thank you, your Honor.
7	Your Honor, the next item on the
8	agenda, item 6, is a motion that was filed under
9	seal. There were no objections by the limited
10	noticed parties that did receive copies of the
11	motion and all of the related exhibits.
12	If your Honor has questions or would
13	like further discussion of this particular motion,
14	notwithstanding that there is no opposition, we
15	could put this to the end of the calendar and meet
16	either in chambers or in a cleared courtroom. If
17	your Honor has no questions or concerns, I could
18	submit the others.
19	THE COURT: I have no questions or
20	concerns. You can either submit the order, or if
21	you want to deal with it
22	MR. DUBLIN: Good morning, your
23	Honor. Phil Dublin of Akin Gump for the committee.
24	I just wanted to note for the record
25	that the committee spent a great deal of time on

2	this issue with the debtors and the committee
3	members and we are supportive of the sale order.
4	MR. SPIEGEL: Your Honor, I'm going
5	to approach with two items. One is the actual
6	order approving the motion related to that, and
7	it's indicated as a related document on the agenda
8	is the 5th stipulation and order extending time
9	under 11 U.S.C. Section 365(d)(4) for a lease on
10	non residential real property related to RockGen
11	Energy LLC, both are the in the folder.
12	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
13	heard?
14	I am prepared to, and will,
15	entertain the orders.
16	MR. SPIEGEL: Thank you, your Honor.
17	THE COURT: Having reviewed the
18	underlying bases.
19	I've approved the order.
20	MR. SPIEGEL: Thank you very much,
21	your Honor.
22	We now turn to item 7 on the agenda,
23	which is the first of the contested matters. Your
24	Honor, this is a motion for entry of an order

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2	certain of the debtors, Otay Mesa Energy Center
3	LLC, a non debtor, and San Diego Gas and Electric
4	Company authorizing intercompany transfers of

approving the PPA reinstatement agreement between

5	assets comprising the Otay Mesa project to Otay
6	Mesa Energy Center LLC free and clear of all liens,
7	claims and incumbrances and other interests,
8	authorizing the assumption and assignment of
9	certain executory contracts and unexpired leases in
10	connection therewith, authorizing Calpine
11	Corporation to make capital contributions to Otay
12	Mesa Energy Center, LLC, and granting related
13	relief.
14	Your Honor, the debtors have
15	received a formal objection to this particular
16	motion from the State Building Construction Trades
17	Council of California, which I'll address in a
18	moment or two.
19	As brief background, your Honor, the
20	Otay Mesa project is an undeveloped project in San
21	Diego County, California that the debtors wish to
22	develop and from which we wish to realize
23	significant equity value. If the motion is
24	granted, the debtors believe that they will be
25	going far to being able to develop and construct a

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2	power plant which will receive, for the benefit of
3	Calpine Power Corporation, Calpine, their estates
4	and creditors, what is estimated to be
5	approximately 113 to 130 million dollars in
6	estimated equity value related to the project. If
7	the relief requested is not granted, the debtors

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8	will have to scrap the project and simply recover
9	scrap value for the related assets.
10	The relief requested seeks approval
11	of a PPA reinstatement agreement, and the
12	highlights of that PPA reinstatement agreement are
13	as follows: It seeks to authorize Calpine Power
14	Corp. to pledge its membership interest in what we
15	refer to OMEC, Otay Mesa Energy Center, LLC, to
16	third party project financing to parties without
17	further order of the court in connection with
18	OMEC's incurrence of project financing, it seeks to
19	authorize Calpine to pose a 25 million dollar
20	letter of credit in support of the amended and
21	restated power purchase agreement to be entered
22	into by and between OMEC and San Diego Gas and
23	Electric, it seeks to authorize Calpine as a

sublessor to enter into and immediately assign to

San Diego Gas and Electric a ground sublease and

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1 CALPINE CORPORATION 2 easement agreement with to OMEC, which sublease 3 will contain, among other things, a foot fall 4 option for the project, it authorizes the 5 assignment by Calpine of the ground lease and 6 easement agreement to San Diego Gas and Electric, 7 it authorizes Calpine to assume certain 8 interconnection agreements and to assign them to OMEC at closing, it authorizes the debtor parties 9 10 to take any and all other actions and to execute

any and all resolutions and documents necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the reinstatement agreement.

The other major agreement that is part of the relief being requested is approval of what we refer to as the contribution and transfer agreement, which was attached as Exhibit E, between certain transferring debtors and OMEC. The authorization sought in the CTA, the contribution and transfer agreement are transfer of certain facility assets to be used in the development, construction and operation of the Otay Mesa project free and clear of all liens, the assumption by the applicable transferring debtor of the assigned contracts and the assignment of such assigned

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contracts to OMEC, it also seeks authorization for Calpine to make additional capital contributions to OMEC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of CPC through CPC, which is wholly owned subsidiary of Calpine in an aggregate sum not to exceed the sum of 35 million dollars to advance the development and engineering of the Otay Mesa project and to ensure OMEC will be able to obtain project financing. It seeks to confirm that certain intercompany payables due from OMEC to Calpine in an aggregate amount of approximately 28.4 million dollars are characterized as equity in the CPC

entity, and thus, actually, or ultimately, as an investment in OMEC. It also seeks other related

16 relief.

Your Honor, the transfers, the
agreements that we seek to enter into, we believe
are in the sound business judgment of the debtors.
We have no objection to the transfers, to the

we have no objection to the transfers, to the

- business deal, to the 363 relief. The one
- objection we do have, your Honor, is from the State
- 23 Building Construction Trades Council of California.
- 24 There are certain agreements that, for purposes of
- this hearing, will assume arguendo, our collective

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- barging agreement.
- 3 THE COURT: I don't know if that's
- 4 the case; I've read the papers, but assuming
- 5 arguendo if they are.
- 6 MR. SPIEGEL: That the State
- 7 Building Construction Trades Council is seeking to
- 8 force the debtors, by virtue of its objection of
- 9 this motion, to assume and assign to OMEC. The
- 10 motion seeks no relief with respect to these
- 11 contracts, the motion is neutral with respect to
- these contracts, we seek neither to assume them,
- 13 neither to modified them, neither to reject them,
- 14 yet the Building Trades Council is here using its
- objection effectively as an end run round, it's
- obligations under Section 365(d)(2) of the

Bankruptcy Code to try to compel the debtors to
assume or reject these agreements within a
specified period of time, essentially today.
Our view is, your Honor, that this
is an issue that they can bring up on ordinary
notice, which we are happy to address. The debtors

23 should not, at this premature phase of this

24 project, be forced that make a decision with

25 respect to this these agreements. We have not yet

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even identified a winning bidder for our engineering procurement and construction contract phase of this deal. The closing of this deal is not expected to occur until May of 2007. No labor has been hired, it is not likely that any labor will be hired until May of 2007, so we can't possibly be in breach of any of these purported collective barging agreements at this time, nor can we for the next couple of months. So there is

plenty of time in the future for us to sit down

talk with the Trades Council and resolve any

13 concerns they may have. And can if we can't

14 resolved those across the bargaining table,

certainly they have the ability to come in here and

16 seek assumption or rejection or modification as the

17 case may be, and nothing in the order that we have

submitted to the court impacts or impairs those

19 rights in any way.

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THE COURT: Does anyone want to be

21 heard?

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MR. MAY: Yes, your Honor.

23 For the record, Lawrence May of

24 Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman and Leonard. Our firm

25 represents the California State Construction and

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2 Building Council in this matter.

3 At the outset, your Honor, I want to

4 state for the record that it is not the position of

our client that we are forcing or asking the debtor

at this point in time to assume or reject the

7 collective bargaining agreement. What we are

saying, however, your Honor, is that what Calpine

9 purports or proposes to do by transferring the

10 project to its OMEC non debtor subsidiary, amounts

11 to a unilateral modification of the collective

12 barging agreement that we have with Calpine, and

thus violates 1113 and 1113(f) of the Bankruptcy

14 Code. And I say that because of this your Honor,

15 the project labor agreement, which is a pre

irrelevant hiring agreement in which the Supreme

17 Court in the Boston Harbor cases and a whole bunch

18 of other cases that's held, are collective

19 bargaining agreements, it's a unique form of

20 collective bargaining agreements common to the

construction industry, has a provision in the

agreement in Section 21.1, which expressly requires

- 132327 Calpine, should it contribute the assets which 23 24 constitute the Otay Mesa project, to a subsidiary
- 25 or to an affiliate, to get an express assumption of

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2	the obligations under the contract by that
3	affiliate.
4	What Calpine is trying to do in this
5	case and in this motion is to take these particular
6	assets and take it from pocket A and put it into
7	pocket B into a non debtor subsidiary, but not have
8	that non debtor subsidiary placed in the same
9	position as Calpine would be placed in in the event
10	that the project were not transferred. There is a
11	requirement in the contract in the collective
12	bargaining agreement, which provides that the
13	contributee, in this case OMEC, expressly assume
14	the obligations thereunder, and it also requires
15	that Calpine, as a party to the collective barging
16	agreement, get that express assumption.
17	So what Calpine is doing here, and
18	there are provisions in the order which expressly
19	say that OMEC shall not have any successor
20	liability, that OMEC shall not have any liability
21	under any labor law for any obligations that
22	Calpine had. What they are trying to do here is to

modify the collective bargaining agreement, to red

line that provision out of the agreement, so that

their subsidiary would now have the particular

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2	contract and the project, free and clear of
3	Calpine's obligations to honor the collective
4	bargaining agreement. And what the Second Circuit
5	has held in the Ionosphere case, which is now
6	pretty well established law in this circuit and in
7	other circuits, is that unless you go through the
8	steps in 1113, you cannot modify a collective
9	bargaining agreement during the course of the case
10	The debtor must accept the
11	collective bargaining agreement as it was written
12	and as it exists, unless they want to reject the
13	agreement and then go through the 1113
14	requirements. But what's happening here is we are
15	taking an assets which is in a debtor entity, we
16	are transferring it to non debtor entity, and we
17	are transferring it free and clear of the
18	obligations that the debtor had to honor the
19	collective bargaining agreement.
20	Now consider what is proposed here
21	on this application, Judge. Calpine, a party to
22	the collective bargaining agreement, intends to
23	transfer the business covered by the collective
24	bargaining agreement to itself in the form of OMEC
25	In the course of doing this transfer and

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2	accomplishing this transfer, it seeks to have OMEC
3	free and clear of the obligations under the
4	collective bargaining agreement. Maybe there's a
5	simple solution here, and maybe the solution is
6	that OMEC, as non debtor, be bound to the 1113
7	requirements as if it were Calpine. In that case
8	if OMEC wanted to come back to this court to seek
9	to modify or alter it the collective bargaining
10	agreement, it couldn't do it on its own, it would
11	have to come back and meet the requirement of 1113,
12	because there should be no difference between
13	Calpine and OMEC.
14	If Calpine were permitted to
15	transfer this asset in this project to its
16	affiliate, to a non debtor affiliate, then what
17	really we would be doing here is we would be
18	writing a large portion of 1113 out of the
19	Bankruptcy Code, because what this would do, this
20	would say that as a debtor comes to the bankruptcy
21	court, it has a collective bargaining agreement, it
22	forms or has an existing non debtor subsidiary
23	which may or may not be bankruptcy remote, it says
24	I'm going to take this particular business that I
25	have and I'm going to transfer, in this case

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2	contribute it, to my non debtor subsidiary.	And in
3	the course of contributing it my non debtor	
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4	subsidiary, I'm not going to have that non debtor
5	subsidiary assume the collective bargaining
6	obligations, because I'm going to ask the court to
7	bless this transfer to make it free and clear of
8	liens, claims and incumbrances, which is an odd
9	issue in this case, because the debtor is also
10	seeking protection understand under 363(m) and (f),
11	but 363(m) and (f) only apply to sales or leases,
12	and the debtor admits in its papers that this is
13	neither a sale nor a lease, this is a capital
14	contribution by the debtor to a subsidiary.
15	So we have a debtor taking an asset,
16	removing it from the bankrupt estate, putting it in
16 17	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying
17	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying
17 18	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying the collective bargaining agreement in doing that.
17 18 19	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying the collective bargaining agreement in doing that. It just can't do what it wants to do. It's not
17 18 19 20	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying the collective bargaining agreement in doing that. It just can't do what it wants to do. It's not that we're saying that it has to assume the
17 18 19 20 21	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying the collective bargaining agreement in doing that. It just can't do what it wants to do. It's not that we're saying that it has to assume the agreement, we're just saying you can't do what you
17 18 19 20 21	a non debtor entity, and in the process modifying the collective bargaining agreement in doing that. It just can't do what it wants to do. It's not that we're saying that it has to assume the agreement, we're just saying you can't do what you want to do under the circumstances right now.

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2	THE COURT: There are remedies for
3	breaching; they may be odd in the case that we have
4	here because there are no operations and there is
5	nobody laboring anywhere, and I think that you've
6	stepped really outside the realm of reality in the
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7	context of what we are dealing with here and now.
8	1113 and 1114 are all very, very
9	interesting statutes, but not everything falls
10	under the number, and I think, Mr. May, you are
11	stretching quite a bit to do that here, and even
12	if, as the debtor says, that we are assuming
13	arguendo that these are collective bargaining
14	agreements, and I'm not saying one way or the other
15	that they are or they are not, I haven't even seen
16	them or looked at them, so I can't pass on that.
17	But even for purposes of this argument, I think you
18	are stretching it quite a bit.
19	MR. MAY: If I may, your Honor.
20	THE COURT: I've read all your
21	papers. Do you have anything else, Mr. May?
22	MR. MAY: Yes.
23	THE COURT: Go ahead.
24	MR. MAY: The 2002 project labor
25	agreement, which is the agreement at issue, was

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2	attached as Exhibit G to our papers. The Supreme
3	Court has held that those kinds of agreements are
4	in fact collective bargaining agreements. The
5	issue with respect to rejection or modification o
6	1113 is a different issue with respect to the
7	rejection or modification under
8	THE COURT: There's a successor
9	provision in that 2002 agreement, isn't there?
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10 MR. MAY: The 2002 says that in the 11 event Calpine wants to transfer the project, it 12 must get an express assumption by the transferee or the contributee of the obligations under the 13 14 collective bargaining agreement. That's exactly 15 what it says. They are not doing that. That's the 16 if violation. 17 Now under 1113 the burdens are shifted based on the Ionosphere case, because that 18 case and all the other cases all uniformly hold 19 20 that if you want to modify or change a collective 21 bargaining agreement, and let's keep the assuming 22 arguendo today that this is a collective bargaining 23 agreement, that if you want to modify or change 24 those provisions it's not up to the union to make 25 or labor organization to make a motion with respect

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2 to holding them in breach. The statute says that you have to live by the terms of the agreement 3 until such time as the employer, as the debtor, 4 5 makes a motion seeking to modify or terminate. And before it can make that motion to modify or 6 7 terminate, it has to go through the steps of 1113. 8 So what should have happened here, 9 your Honor, is they should have come to us and said, look we want to transfer these assets to our 10 11 non debtor subsidiary so that the non debtor is not 12 going to be governed by the 1113 requirements.

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13	want to negotiate with you as to what the changes
14	might be. But they haven't done that. They have
15	basically said, well, we are not breaching
16	anything; they haven't even consented and said that
17	OMEC is going to be bound by 1113 or OMEC is going
18	to be bound by the collective bargaining agreement
19	whether or not it's assumed or rejected today.
20	So what happens is it's nice to
21	say six months from now or three months from now,
22	and Calpine will walk in the courtroom and say,
23	well, we might want to assume or reject this
24	agreement or we are going to reject the agreement,
25	but the fact is they won't do any of those things

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2	because it makes no sense. Why would you assume or
3	reject a collective bargaining agreement with
4	respect to a project or an assets that you no
5	longer own? It will just disappear from the face
6	of this case. OMEC, who will now own the project,
7	will be free to go out into the marketplace not
8	under the collective bargaining agreement, and will
9	claim this court said it had no successor liability
10	under that agreement, that this court has made a
11	finding that it is not going to be bound by the
12	labor agreements and will not have to honor the
13	agreements.
14	The issue will be outside of the
15	scope of this case, and how all this will happen is
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16	pretty unique. We are taking an asset that the
17	debtor owns, we are not selling this asset, we're
18	just putting it over here in our non debtor
19	subsidiary. And by doing that we are relieving
20	ourselves of the obligations under 1113. With all
21	due respect, Judge, I don't think it's us that is
22	stretching here, I think the debtor is stretching
23	here. I think the debtor is stretching and
24	twisting 1113 all out of shape.
25	THE COURT: The debtor is saying

2	1113 is not really implicated here at all at this
3	point.
4	Thank you, Mr. May, I'll hear the
5	other side.
6	MR. SPIEGEL: Your Honor, I don't
7	know that I have anything further to add to the
8	record.
9	THE COURT: Oh, I think that you
10	should add to the record, because Mr. May has
11	indulged in some form speculation, and on the other
12	hand, in making this motion, you too have indulged
13	in some speculation. You've painted what the
14	possibilities might be. If somebody is going to
15	bid on this project and you don't know if that
16	bidder is going to come in with union help or
17	nonunion help, and so everybody is sort of holding
18	their fire, so you too have speculated as to how
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19	this might play out.	
20	MR. SPIEGEL: Your Honor, we have	
21	said that this motion is neutral with respect to	
22	1113. Those rights are intact. And so if there	
23	comes there will come a time, the speculation	
24	that counsel made is that this thing is somehow	
25	going to fall into a black hole and never be heard	
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2	from again, because that's what will be convenient.	
3	That's not our position.	
4	THE COURT: Well, lawyers have a	
5	tendency to paint horribles. You are painting one;	
6	he has painted one.	
7	MR. SPIEGEL: We are fully prepared	
8	to represent to this court that we will take a	
9	position with respect to these contracts by the end	
10	of February 2007, as to whether or not we intend to	
11	assume them, modify them or reject them. And we	
12	will be back before this court to do that.	
13	Alternatively, if counsel is worried that we are	
14	not going to do that, counsel has the right, under	
15	365(d)(2), to bring it before this court if for	
16	some reason we don't.	
17	THE COURT: Well, that's your	
18	principal argument here, and I tend to agree with	
19	you, that counsel does have that right, did have	
20	that right.	

I do agree that there's a high

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degree of speculation being tossed about here, but that the objection is one that may be made at an appropriate time; at this point in time it's premature. This is a project that is just a shadow

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2	on the wall; it has not, and it may not ever come
3	to some form of fruition, and I'm not going to
4	speculate. I do agree, assuming that this is a
5	collective bargaining agreement or these are
6	collective bargaining agreements, I do agree that
7	they have not been put up for assumption or
8	rejection by either party to them.
9	The application is granted.
10	MR. MAY: Your Honor
11	MR. SPIEGEL: Excuse me.
12	MR. MAY: I just wanted to ask for a
13	point of clarification primarily to counsel, but
14	I'll address it to through the court. Is it the
15	debtors' position that OMEC will be there's no
16	assumption or rejection today, that we agree on,
17	but that OMEC will be bound to the project labor
18	agreement in the same fashion and manner in which
19	Calpine is bound today in that the transfer of
20	these assets to OMEC will not effect that position.
21	In other words, we're just changing the name from
22	Calpine to OMEC without any changing of OMEC's
23	rights to move under 1113 to assume, modify or
24	reject, and our rights to go through the 1113

requirements, because if that what he is saying,

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2	then I think we have no objection to what they are
3	doing.
4	But our concern is that 1113 will
5	somehow disappear, and the rights under 1113 will
6	disappear because these assets will no longer be in
7	a debtor entity, but in a non debtor affiliate.
8	But if that non debtor is affiliate is willing to
9	act as if it were Calpine under the PLA, then I
10	think we have no problem with that, and that's not
11	been clear, and that's why I'm asking for the
12	clarification.
13	MR. SPIEGEL: Frankly, your Honor,
14	the request is strange and unclear to me. We are
15	not agreeing to anything suggested by counsel. The
16	record is what it is.
17	THE COURT: He is saying that OMEC
18	is your instrumentality, and that you are
19	responsible for OMEC with respect to ultimately
20	making the motion to assume or reject, and that
21	that will implicate OMEC in that context.
22	MR. SPIEGEL: Well, what's
23	interesting, your Honor, is there's two
24	possibilities here; either these agreements reside
25	with Calpine or one of the debtor entities, or they

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2	have been automatically somehow transferred to OMEC
3	by virtue of the project assets being transferred
4	to OMEC, when that happens, which will not happen
5	until May of 2007 in any event.
6	If, according to counsel's
7	interpretation of the documents, the transfer is
8	automatic and sort of circumvents entirely the 1113
9	process, well then he has nothing to worry about,
10	the collective bargaining agreements, if that's
11	what they are, wind up with OMEC. If, on the other
12	hand, that they don't transfer automatically, that
13	there is an 1113 process, the relief the court is
14	granting today is neutral as to that process, and
15	we will be back here another day to resolve it.
16	THE COURT: I agree.
17	MR. MAY: I'm more confused than
18	ever, Judge, because they have provisions in their
19	order which
20	THE COURT: Well, I think, Mr. May,
21	that you and your clients ought to await the
22	outcome of this project as to whether it ever goes
23	forward or not.
24	MR. MAY: Well, your Honor
25	THE COURT: As it is right now, the

2	collective bargaining agreements are in the Calpine
3	pocket. They haven't assumed or rejected it. You
4	haven't moved one way or the other in that regard.
5	The application is granted.
6	MR. SPIEGEL: Thank you, your Honor.
7	May I approach with an order?
8	THE COURT: Yes.
9	MR. SPIEGEL: Your Honor, I've
10	handed you along with an order, a black line of the
11	order showing the changes from the form of the
12	order that was submitted with the motion. There
13	are really own two changes that I would like to
14	bring to the court's attention. One is in
15	paragraph 18 which clarifies, this is the new
16	paragraph 18, that "All assigned contracts assumed
17	and assigned pursuant to this order are as each
18	such assigned contract has been amended, modified,
19	assigned, ratified affirmed, or otherwise revised
20	or transferred from its original execution as
21	applicable, and any amendment, modification,
22	assignment, ratification, affirmation, revision or
23	transfer agreement pertaining to any assigned
24	contract shall likewise be assumed and assigned
25	pursuant to this order."

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2	And finally, your Honor, there is
3	language that has been added in at the request of
4	the DIP lenders, paragraph 33 of the new version of

5	the order, making it clear that the transfers here
6	are subject to the DIP liens and that those DIP
7	liens remain in full force and effect in accordance
8	with the DIP orders until such time that they are
9	released by the DIP agent and the DIP lenders in
10	accordance with the terms of the DIP agreement.
11	I think counsel for San Diego Gas
12	and Electric just wants to make a comment for the
13	record in connection with that addition to the
14	order.
15	MR. BENNETT: Yes, your Honor.
16	Bruce Bennett on behalf of San Diego Gas and
17	Electric Company. I really have three sentences
18	about this, and it's really to facilitate the
19	cooperation going forward and not any change at all
20	the of the terms of this order.
21	What paragraph 33 does, or at least
22	what the debtor represented to us what paragraph 33
23	does and how I read paragraph 33 is it says this
24	order does not terminate, modify or otherwise
25	affects the DIP loan. What I wanted to make sure

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2	that everybody remembers is that the agreements
3	that are being approved by this order require that
4	this lien be satisfied, discharged, terminated or
5	removed prior to the closing date. And that still
6	is a requirement. And it was my understanding that
7	the DIP lenders understand that as well, and that

- 8 there will be a separate consensual release, as
 9 opposed to an order, that deals with this lien.
 10 So the only disagreement I have is
- 30 the only ursagreement I have is
- 11 with Mr. Spiegel's description of it. This lien,
- 12 the DIP lien will not survive the transfer
- 13 ultimately. The lien has to be discharged, and it
- 14 will be, just it will be a separate piece of paper
- 15 that does it.
- MR. SPIEGEL: I think that is the
- 17 understanding of all parties. Counsel for the DIP
- 18 lenders is present.
- 19 MR. MACK: Yes, your Honor. David
- 20 Mack from Simpson Thacher on behalf Deutsche Bank
- 21 and Credit Suisse as DIP agents.
- 22 That's our understanding as well,
- 23 but the company has approached us and --
- 24 THE COURT: Very well, I've approved
- 25 the order.

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- 2 MR. SPIEGEL: Thank you very much,
- 3 your Honor.
- 4 MR. STAMER: Good morning, once
- 5 again, your Honor. Michael Stamer from Akin Gump.
- 6 I am joined by my partner, John Berry, who will be
- 7 speaking to, I believe it's item 8 on the agenda,
- 8 if the court requires.
- 9 THE COURT: Well, I think we
- identified the remainder of the items, I think they

- are, with respect to the request for an extension,
- 12 the request for an SDN, approval, and the like; is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 MR. STAMER: Your Honor, that is
- 15 exactly right. Those are items 8 and 9 on the
- 16 agenda.
- 17 THE COURT: Is there anything else,
- other than those items, to be taken up this
- morning, because we are going to have a chambers
- 20 conference on those.
- 21 MR. SELIGMAN: Your Honor, there are
- 22 a few matters up after that. I believe that they
- have been resolved, we may have some statements on
- 24 the record, but I believe that those are going to
- 25 be the only contested matters coming up.

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- THE COURT: Very well. We'll have a
- 3 chambers conference involving the parties in
- 4 interest to the motions that are being contested,
- 5 the first lien holders, the creditors' committee,
- 6 and the debtor.
- 7 MR. SELIGMAN: Your Honor, would you
- 8 like us to go through the other matters first, and
- 9 then --
- 10 THE COURT: Yes, that's what I was
- 11 asking.
- 12 MR. SELIGMAN: All right. We'll
- 13 then move on to those matters.

14	Your Honor, matters number 10, 11
15	and 12, and actually 13 and 14 all relate together
16	regarding the Rosetta matters. So let me see if I
17	can dispose of them relatively quickly.
18	Matters 10 and 11 and 12 all relate
19	to some oil and gas leases, whereas between Calpine
20	and Rosetta there is not agreement as to who
21	actually owns those leases, but our purpose for
22	these matters, 10, 11 and 12, was to just make sure
23	we weren't prejudiced by the $365(d)(4)$ deadline, to
24	the extent it expired. Matter number 10 was our
25	motion was to assume certain oil and gas leases

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2	with respect to the Islands entity, to the extent
3	they were oil and gas leases.
4	The motion has not been objected to
5	by Islands, which was the counterparty. Rosetta
6	did file a limited objection requesting some
7	clarifications and reservations of rights, which we
8	have agreed to and put in the order, and basically
9	just says that assumption of this agreement doesn't
10	effect whatever rights Rosetta may have. So I
11	believe that that matter is uncontested, and,
12	again, it's just simple assumption and assignment.
13	We don't believe that there are any cures. And we
14	request that your Honor approve that order.
15	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
16	heard?

17	132327 The application is granted.
18	MS. HOLL: Michelle Holl with Mayer,
19	Brown, Rowe and Maw on behalf of Rosetta Resources.
20	And that's correct we did file a limited objection,
21	but the debtors were agreeable to including our
22	language in the order, so our objection is
23	resolved.
24	THE COURT: Thank you.
25	MR. SELIGMAN: Your Honor, perhaps
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2	I'll just wait to hand up all the orders together
3	to save some time.
4	THE COURT: Sure.
5	MR. SELIGMAN: Matters 11 and 12 are
6	two stipulations with various counterparties to
7	extend the 365(d)(4) deadline to assume or reject
8	various Rosetta's leases, to the extent they are
9	leases. With respect to both of them, Rosetta did
10	also file a limited objection requesting some
11	reservations of rights and some clarifications
12	basically saying that the extension didn't effect
13	whatever rights they may have, vis a vis the
14	debtors or anybody else.
15	I believe that all the parties to
16	those agreements have signed off on the form of
17	stipulations with the reservations of Rosetta. And
18	so we would ask that those stipulations, merely,

again, to extend the deadlines to assume to assume

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20	or	reject	the	leases	be	granted.

21 MS. HOLL: Again, Michelle Holl of

22 Mayer Brown for Rosetta.

23 We have agreed to the language in

24 the orders with respect to the stipulation with the

25 government and with the California State Lands

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2	Commission.
3	We have one additional issue that we
4	had asked to be included in the order that we are
5	continuing using to work with the government with
6	respect to the MMS leases. But in the interest of
7	getting this order entered today, as the debtors
8	need for their deadline, we are going to agree to
9	the order that the language that everyone has
10	agreed to, and continue to work with the government
11	to resolve our issue independently.
12	THE COURT: Very well, I'll
13	entertain the order.
14	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
15	Honor. May I approach where I the three orders?
16	THE COURT: Yes.
17	I've approved the orders. And the
18	stipulation. And as I understand the disk with
19	respect to the stipulation is on the cut.
20	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
21	Honor.
22	Your Honor, the next two matters,

- matter numbers 13 and 14, relate to an adversary 23
- 24 proceeding between an entity called Pogo Producing
- Company and Rosetta. It relates to a dispute 25

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2	between one of the leases transferred to the debtor
3	prepetition. There's a pretrial conference up
4	today on that adversary proceeding, it is
5	essentially a complaint to enjoin an arbitration
6	proceeding between Pogo and Rosetta because of the
7	fact that Calpine has filed for bankruptcy.
8	The matter that's up for this
9	morning, your Honor, is, number one, our motion,
10	the debtors' motion to intervene. We believe we
11	have the right to intervene as a matter of right.
12	And there have been no objections to the motion to
13	intervene in that adversary proceeding, so we
14	request that your Honor approve the entry of that
15	order authorizing us to intervene.
16	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
17	heard with respect to the intervention?
18	MR. SCOTT: Yes, your Honor. Good
19	morning, your Honor. Brendan Scott of Klestadt and
20	Winters for the defendant, Pogo Producing Company.
21	We don't have opposition, but I
22	would like to introduce at this time, Mr. Thomas
23	Henderson, of counsel to Grossman and Cook,
24	Houston, Texas. We have recently filed a pro hoc
25	motion for admission and would like to makes a

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2	statement with your permission.
3	MR. HENDERSON: Good morning, your
4	Honor. Thomas Henderson, Grossman and Cook
5	representing Pogo Producing.
6	The matters that we have today, we
7	did file a response to the motion to intervene just
8	advising that we were not opposing that motion.
9	The other matter is that we have, it's supposed to
10	be a pretrial today with the Rosetta folks;
11	however, we have filed a motion to dismiss which
12	has been set for submission to the court for
13	hearing on the 20th of December.
14	We have agreed with the debtor, in
15	connection with its intervention today, assuming
16	that the court will grant it, that we will file the
17	response or answer to that complaint, and assuming
18	we file the response in a form of a motion to
19	dismiss, that it will be set for hearing on the
20	same time, on the 20th of December so we can hear
21	them in tandem and keep them going forward
22	together. And I think at least Calpine is in
23	agreement with us on that schedule.
24	MR. SELIGMAN: Yes, that's correct,
25	your Honor.

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2	THE COURT: Have you already come to
3	a conclusion that your answer is going to be a
4	mirror answer in the intervention?
5	MR. HENDERSON: Your Honor, the
6	THE COURT: If that's the case, then
7	certainly I see no problem with it. But if it's
8	not and raises issues that are germane and
9	parochial to Calpine, then the timing may not be
10	appropriate.
11	MR. HENDERSON: Your Honor, in all
12	likelihood it's going to be virtually a mirror.
13	THE COURT: And I don't want to
14	bring you all the way up from Texas just to face
15	another adjourn date.
16	MR. HENDERSON: Well, your Honor, I
17	think we are going to be filing essentially a
18	mirror with the exception, in fact our first motion
19	to dismiss with respect to the Rosetta matter in
20	regards they relate to, and think that issue may
21	not be quite germane to Calpine's situation, so we
22	may have only two of the three bases for relief
23	that we are seeking, but essentially they would be,
24	if not mirror, close enough that they will look
25	alike.

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2		MR. SELIGMAN: That's correct, your
3	Honor.	And I believe we tried to work this out in
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a way that both motions to dismiss would track at
the same time to avoid duplication.
THE COURT: Very well.
MR. SELIGMAN: So with that, may I
approach?
I'm sorry, go ahead.
MR. BUCK: Good morning, your Honor.
Andrew Buck from Morgenstern, Jacobs and Blue,
conflicts counsel for the creditors' committee.
THE COURT: You know, somebody
placed that podium over there. It's not necessary
meant to do that. I'm perfectly happy to entertain
your arguments from your position at the table, so
that you don't have to waste a lot of time
jockeying back and forth.
MR. BUCK: I'll keep that in mind.
The natural inclination is to approach the podium.
Your Honor, again, Andrew Buck of
Morgenstern, Jacobs and Blue, conflicts counsel to
the Creditors' Committee.
We support the debtor's intervention
motion, and in fact have communicated with counsel

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2	to the various parties and the debtors here to have
3	the committee also intervene in this adversary
4	proceeding and to do it by stipulation.
5	We have not had an opportunity to
6	circulate that stipulation, but the parties have
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7	indicated that they would be willing to do it by	
8	stipulation. And once we have worked out the scope	
9	of that stipulation, we will submit it to the court	
10	for approval.	
11	THE COURT: So just one committee is	
12	going to join the party, is that it?	
13	MR. BUCK: Yes.	
14	THE COURT: Very well.	
15	MR. SELIGMAN: Your Honor, may I	
16	approach with the order to authorize the	
17	intervention?	
18	THE COURT: The equity committee is	
19	not interested.	
20	MR. KAPLAN: Now I need to respond.	
21	Your Honor, to avoid duplication we have tried as	
22	much as we could in this case avoid	
23	THE COURT: I didn't want to you to	
24	think you were left out.	
25	MR. KAPLAN: And we appreciate your	
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2	concern.	
3	MR. SCOTT: Your Honor, if we may,	
4	also we do have a proposed order related to the pro	

also we do have a proposed order related to the pro
hoc admission, if we may hand that up.

THE COURT: Well, I don't know. You
usually have to show me a receipt for the 25 bucks.
But if you make that representation -
MR. SCOTT: We do.

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10	THE COURT: that the clerk's	
11	office is enriched, I will take your order.	
12	This it's the longest pro hac vice	
13	order I've seen.	
14	MR. SCOTT: It's a courtesy copy of	
15	the motion, your Honor.	
16	THE COURT: Courtesy to whom? I	
17	can't find the signature page. It's buried	
18	somewhere.	
19	I've approved the pro hac vice,	
20	although we should increase the price for this one.	
21	we'll have a brief intermission,	
22	unless you have more matters.	
23	MR. SELIGMAN: I just wanted to note	
24	there were seven adjourned matters on the agenda,	
25	and unless your Honor doesn't have any questions,	
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1	CALPINE CORPORATION	
2	that's all we have for this morning.	
3	THE COURT: Very well. We will take	
4	an intermission while I have a chambers conference.	
5	(Recess taken.)	
6	MR. STAMER: Your Honor, we are	
7	happy to report that after a productive chambers	
8	conference and productive discussions among the	

11 in calendars number 8 and 9.

12 The parties have agreed, subject to Page 71

various parties, that we believe that we have

resolved the issues that the committee has raised

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13	finalizing the order which hopefully will happen
14	before we leave this building, that the objection
15	deadline contained in the cash collateral order
16	will be extended, solely as it relates to causes of
17	action identified in the committee's pleadings, to
18	the earlier of May 15th or 30 days after final
19	resolution of the first lien trustee's appeal, or
20	appeals rather. The extension applies both to the
21	debtors and to the committee, your Honor, and that
22	is our settlement.
23	THE COURT: Does anyone want to be
24	heard?
25	I thank you, and I appreciate your

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2	good will in working out the alternative to an
3	engine of litigation at this early part of the
4	case, and I appreciate everybody's efforts, and
5	happy Thanksgiving.
6	MR. STAMER: Thank you, your Honor.
7	MR. CIERI: Thank you, your Honor.
8	MR. SELIGMAN: Thank you, your
9	Honor.
10	MR. CIERI: Thank you, your Honor.
11	MR. DUBLIN: Thank you, your Honor.
12	MR. KAPLAN: Thank you, your Honor.
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2	CERTIFICATE	
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4	STATE OF NEW YORK }	
5	<pre>} ss.: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER }</pre>	
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7	I, Denise Nowak, a Shorthand	
8	Reporter and Notary Public within and for	
9	the State of New York, do hereby certify:	
10	That I reported the proceedings in	
11	the within entitled matter, and that the	
12	within transcript is a true record of such	
13	proceedings.	
14	I further certify that I am not	
15	related, by blood or marriage, to any of	
16	the parties in this matter and that I am	
17	in no way interested in the outcome of	

this matter.

19	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
20	hereunto set my hand this day of
21	, 2006.
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24	DENISE NOWAK
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