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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11
THE McCLATCHY COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	:	(Joint Administration Pending)
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# DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The McClatchy Company and certain of its affiliates, the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**," the "**Company**," or "**McClatchy**"), hereby move (this "**Motion**") this Court for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Proposed Order**"), granting the relief described below. In support of this Motion, the Debtors rely upon and incorporate by reference the *Declaration of Sean M. Harding in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Papers* (the "**First Day Declaration**"),<sup>2</sup> filed contemporaneously herewith. In further support of the Motion, the Debtors, by and through their undersigned proposed counsel, respectfully represent as follows:

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

1. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order, under Bankruptcy Code sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d), Bankruptcy Rules 1015(c), 2002(m), 9007, 9014, and 9036, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 9074-1, approving and implementing the notice, case management, and administrative procedures annexed as **Exhibit 1** to the Proposed Order attached hereto (collectively, the "**Case Management Procedures**"). The Debtors further request that, to the extent the Case Management Procedures conflict with the Bankruptcy Rules or the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Case Management Procedures shall govern and supersede such rules.

2. For the reasons set forth herein, the Debtors submit that the relief requested herein is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, stakeholders, and other parties in interest, and therefore, should be granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

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### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated January 31, 2012. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

4. Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

5. The legal predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"), Bankruptcy Rules 1015(c), 2002(m), 9007, 9014, and 9036, and Rule 9074-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "**Local Bankruptcy Rules**").

#### BACKGROUND

# I. The Chapter 11 Cases

6. On the date hereof (the "Petition Date"), each Debtor commenced a case by
filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases"). The Debtors have requested that the Chapter 11 Cases be jointly administered.

7. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

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8. To date, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "**U.S. Trustee**") has not appointed a creditors' committee in the Chapter 11 Cases, nor has any trustee or examiner been appointed therein.

9. The McClatchy Company and its direct and indirect Debtor subsidiaries are a diversified digital and print media business, focused on providing strong, independent local journalism to 30 communities across 14 states, as well as national news coverage through the Debtors' Washington D.C. based bureau. The Debtors also provide a full suite of both local and nationwide digital marketing services. The Debtors' businesses are comprised of websites and mobile applications, mobile news and advertising, video products, a digital marketing agency, daily newspapers, niche publications, other print and digital direct marketing services and community newspapers. The Company's business operations, corporate and capital structures, and restructuring efforts are described in greater detail in the First Day Declaration.

#### II. The Case Management Procedures

10. As set forth more fully on **Exhibit 1** to the Proposed Order attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, the Case Management Procedures, among other things, (i) establish requirements for filing and serving notices, motions, applications, declarations, objections, responses, memoranda, briefs, supporting documents, and other documents filed in these Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the "**Court Filings**"); (ii) delineate standards for notices of hearings and agenda letters; (iii) fix periodic omnibus hearing dates and articulate mandatory guidelines for the scheduling of hearings and objection deadlines; and (iv) limit matters that are required to be heard by the Court.

11. Given the size and scope of these cases, the Debtors believe that the Case Management Procedures will facilitate service of Court Filings that will be less burdensome and costly than serving such pleadings on every potentially interested party, which, in turn, will

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maximize the efficiency and orderly administration of these Chapter 11 Cases, while at the same time ensuring that appropriate notice is provided, particularly to parties who have expressed an interest in these cases and those directly affected by a request for relief. In particular, the Case Management Procedures are intended to:

- (a) reduce the need for emergency hearings and requests for expedited relief;
- (b) provide for omnibus hearings for the Court to consider motions, pleadings, applications, objections and responses thereto;
- (c) foster consensual resolution of important matters;
- (d) assure prompt receipt of appropriate notice of matters affecting parties' interests;
- (e) allow for electronic notice pursuant to the Court's electronic filing system;
- (f) provide ample opportunity to parties in interest to prepare for and respond to matters before this Court;
- (g) reduce the substantial administrative and financial burden that would otherwise be placed on the Debtors and other parties in interest who file documents in these Chapter 11 Cases; and
- (h) reduce the administrative burdens on the Court and the Clerk's office.

12. To ensure that parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases are made aware of the

Case Management Procedures, the Debtors shall direct their proposed claims and noticing agent

("Claims and Noticing Agent")<sup>3</sup> to (i) serve the Case Management Procedures on the Master

Service List (as defined in the Case Management Procedures) and (ii) publish the Case

Management Procedures on the website to be maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent (the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The request to retain the Claims and Noticing Agent is made pursuant to section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code, which empowers the Court to use outside facilities or services pertaining to the provisions of notice of the administrative information to parties in interest so long as the costs of the services are paid for out of assets of the estate. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 156(c); *see also Debtors' Application for Order Appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims and Noticing Agent* Nunc Pro Tunc *to the Petition Date* filed contemporaneously herewith.

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"**Case Website**").<sup>4</sup> In the event the Case Management Procedures are modified during these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors will ensure that the Claims and Noticing Agent (i) updates the version of the Case Management Procedures available on the Case Website, (ii) files notice of the same electronically on the docket, and (iii) serves such updated procedures in accordance with the then-current Case Management Procedures.

### BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED AND APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

13. The Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Bankruptcy Rules provide the Court with authority to approve notice, case management, and administrative procedures. Specifically, Bankruptcy Rule 2002(m) states that "[t]he court may from time to time enter orders designating the matters in respect to which, the entity to whom, and the form and manner in which notices shall be sent except as otherwise provided by these rules." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(m); *see also* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9007 ("When notice is to be given under these rules, the court shall designate, if not otherwise specified herein, the time within which, the entities to whom, and the form and manner in which the notice shall be given."). In addition, Bankruptcy Rule 9036 authorizes parties in interest to request that "all or part of the information required to be contained in the notice be sent by a specified type of electronic transmission[.]" Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9036.

14. Bankruptcy Code section 102(1) provides that, where the Bankruptcy Code provides for an action to occur "after notice and a hearing," such action may occur "after such notice as is appropriate in the particular circumstances, and such opportunity for a hearing as is appropriate in the particular circumstances . . ." 11 U.S.C. § 102(1)(A). Local Bankruptcy Rule 9074-1 also allows the Court to set notice requirements and objection deadlines that are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Case Website can be accessed at <u>http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy</u>.

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appropriate under the facts and circumstances of each chapter 11 case. *See*, *e.g.*, Local Bankruptcy Rule 9074-1(c)(3), (4). Therefore, the Debtors submit that omnibus hearings and electronic notice, whenever possible, should be permitted to alleviate the burden on the Debtors, the Court, the Clerk of the Court, and other parties in interest. Thus, the relief requested herein is further supported by Bankruptcy Rule 1015(c), which provides that when two or more cases are being jointly administered, as is proposed in these Chapter 11 Cases, the Court may enter orders "as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs and delay." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(c).

15. Furthermore, pursuant to General Order M-399 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 17, 2010) (superseding General Order M-242) ("General Order M-399"), the Court's issuance of an account to a user of the Court's electronic filing system "constitutes a waiver of conventional service with respect to that user." General Order M-399 at § II.B.1. Hence, any party submitting a document pursuant to the Court's electronic filing system already has consented to electronic service as provided by the proposed order attached hereto, and no such party will be prejudiced by electronic notice. Such registered participants will receive a "Notice of Electronic Filing" via email whenever a filing is made, which will provide additional notice to such parties. If a party does not have access to e-mail, then such party will be served by U.S. mail, overnight delivery, facsimile, or hand delivery. Therefore, no party will be affected adversely by the proposed electronic service set forth in the Case Management Procedures.

16. Courts in this district have granted similar relief in other chapter 11 cases. *See*, *e.g.*, *In re Stearns Holdings*, *LLC*, No. 19-12226 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jul. 18, 2019); *In re Trident Holding Co.*, *LLC*, No. 19-10384 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 12, 2019); *In re Synergy Pharmaceuticals*, *Inc.*, No. 18-14010 (JLG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2018); *In re Sears* 

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*Holdings Corporation*, No. 18-23538 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 15, 2018); *In re SunEdison*, *Inc.*, No. 16-10992 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. April 21, 2016); *In re Sabine Oil & Gas Corporation*, No. 15-11835 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 16, 2015).<sup>5</sup> The Debtors submit that the present circumstances warrant similar relief in these Chapter 11 Cases.

17. In sum, approval of the Case Management Procedures will promote the efficient and orderly administration of these Chapter 11 Cases by, among other things: (i) limiting service of Court Filings in the case to those parties that have an interest in the subject matter thereof; (ii) authorizing electronic service; and (iii) fixing monthly omnibus hearings. Additionally, the Case Management Procedures do not seek to waive the substantive rights of any party to these Chapter 11 Cases.

18. For the reasons set forth above, the Debtors submit that the Case Management Procedures are appropriate and should be approved and implemented in these Chapter 11 Cases, as the relief requested herein is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, stakeholders, and other parties in interest.

#### **MOTION PRACTICE**

19. This Motion includes citations to the applicable rules and statutory authorities upon which the relief requested herein is predicated, and a discussion of their application to the Motion. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that this Motion satisfies Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, they are not attached to this Motion, but are available upon request.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

20. Nothing in this Motion should be construed as (a) authority to assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of real property, or as a request for the same; (b) an admission as to the validity, priority, or character of any claim or other asserted right or obligation, or a waiver or other limitation on the Debtors' or any other party in interest's ability to contest the same on any ground permitted by bankruptcy or applicable non-bankruptcy law; (c) a promise to pay any claim; (d) granting third party beneficiary status or bestowing any additional rights on any third party; or (e) being otherwise enforceable by any third party.

#### NOTICE

21. Notice of this Motion will be given to: (a) the U.S. Trustee, (b) counsel to the DIP Agent, (c) counsel to the Prepetition Agents, (d) counsel to Chatham, (e) counsel to Brigade,
(f) the PBGC, (g) the parties included on the Debtors' consolidated list of their 30 largest unsecured creditors, (h) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002,
(i) the Banks, and (j) all parties entitled to notice pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(b). The Debtors submit that no other or further notice is required.

#### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

22. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this Court or any other court.

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#### CONCLUSION

The Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter the Order, substantially in

the form annexed hereto, granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as

may be just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York February 13, 2020

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# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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THE McCLATCHY COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)
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Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	:	(Joint Administration Pending)
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# ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT, <u>AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES</u>

Upon the motion (the "**Motion**")<sup>2</sup> of the Debtors for an order (this "**Order**") approving and implementing the notice, case management, and administrative procedures annexed hereto as **Exhibit 1** (collectively, the "**Case Management Procedures**"); and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated January 31, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution: and this Court

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

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having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and sufficient notice of the Motion having been given under the particular circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby;

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

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Case Management Procedures, as set forth on **Exhibit 1** hereto, are approved and shall govern all applicable aspects of these Chapter 11 Cases, except as otherwise ordered by the Court.

3. A printed copy of this Order, including the Case Management Procedures set forth on **Exhibit 1** hereto, shall be served upon all parties on the Master Service List (as defined in the Case Management Procedures) within three days of entry of this Order.

4. To the extent the Case Management Procedures conflict with the Bankruptcy Rules or the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Case Management Procedures shall govern and supersede such rules.

5. The first omnibus hearing will be held at [\_\_:\_\_] [\_]m. on the [Day] day of [Month], 2020.

6. The Debtors' Claims and Noticing Agent is authorized, but not directed, to establish a case website at <u>http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy</u> where, among other things, key dates and information about the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, including electronic copies of all pleadings filed in these Chapter 11 Cases, may be posted to be viewed free of charge.

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7. Any notice sent by the Debtors or any other party in interest shall be deemed to comply with the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 342(c)(1).

8. All time periods set forth in this Order or in the Case Management Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

9. The requirements set forth in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(b) are satisfied by the contents of the Motion.

10. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

11. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: New York, New York February \_\_, 2020

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

**Case Management Procedures** 

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	:	(Joint Administration Pending)
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## NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

On February 13, 2020, The McClatchy Company and certain of its affiliates, the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**," the "**Company**," or "**McClatchy**"), each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "**Court**"). The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.

On [Month] [Day], 2020, the Court entered an order (the "Case Management

**Order**") approving notice, case management, and administrative procedures (collectively, the "**Case Management Procedures**") set forth herein pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d), Rules 1015(c), 2002(m), 9007, 9014, and 9036 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**"), Rule 9074-1 of the Local Bankruptcy

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Rules for the Court (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules"), and General Order M-399 of the Court (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 17, 2010) (superseding General Order M-242) ("General Order M-399"). Anyone may obtain a copy of the Case Management Order, as well as any document filed with the Court in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), by: (a) accessing the website maintained by Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC" or the "Claims and Noticing Agent") at <a href="http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy">http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy</a> (the "Case Website"); (b) contacting KCC directly at 866-810-6898 (toll free for callers within the United States) and 424-236-7215 (for international callers) or <a href="http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov">McClatchyInfo@kccllc.com</a>; or (c) for a nominal fee, accessing the PACER system on the Court's website at <a href="http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov">www.nysb.uscourts.gov</a>.

Pursuant to the Case Management Order, all notices, motions, applications, briefs, memoranda, affidavits, declarations, objections, responses, replies and other documents filed in the Chapter 11 Cases are subject to, and will not be deemed properly served unless they are served in accordance with, these Case Management Procedures, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Code, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules. To the extent there is a conflict between the Local Bankruptcy Rules and the Case Management Procedures, the Case Management Procedures govern in all respects. Accordingly, all parties in interest are strongly encouraged to review these Case Management Procedures in their entirety and consult their own legal counsel with respect to any of the matters discussed herein prior to filing any documents in these Chapter 11 Cases.

#### **CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

### I. Hearing Procedures

1. *All Matters to Be Heard at Omnibus Hearings*. The Debtors shall be authorized to schedule, in cooperation with the Court, periodic omnibus hearings (the "Omnibus Hearings") to consider all notices, motions, applications, and other requests for relief, briefs,

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memoranda, affidavits, declarations, replies, and other documents filed in support of such papers seeking relief (collectively, the "**Requests for Relief**"), and all objections and responses to such Requests for Relief (collectively, the "**Objections**", and together with the Requests for Relief and all other filed documents, the "**Court Filings**"), pursuant to the following procedures:

Initial Omnibus Hearing. The first Omnibus Hearing will be held at [\_\_:\_]
 [\_]m. on [Month] [Day], 2020.

3. *Subsequent Omnibus Hearings*. At or before the first Omnibus Hearing held on [Month] [Day], 2020, the Debtors shall be authorized to request that the Court schedule additional Omnibus Hearings. The Court shall schedule such Omnibus Hearings and, upon scheduling, the Claims and Noticing Agent shall post the dates of the additional Omnibus Hearings on the Case Website. Parties may contact the Claims and Noticing Agent for information concerning all scheduled Omnibus Hearings.

4. *Matters that May Be Heard at Non-Omnibus Hearings*. Subject to consultation with the Court's chambers, hearings in connection with applications for professional compensation and reimbursement, pre-trial conferences, asset sales and trials related to adversary proceedings, approval of a disclosure statement, and confirmation of a plan; provided that initial pre-trial conferences scheduled in connection with adversary proceedings involving the Debtors shall be set on the next available Omnibus Hearing date that is at least 45 days after the filing of the complaint; and provided further, that hearings on all other Requests for Relief filed by a party other than the Debtors, except for those Requests for Relief specifically referenced in this paragraph or requiring emergency relief, must be scheduled for an Omnibus Hearing.

5. *Proposed Omnibus Hearing Agenda*. Two business days before each Omnibus Hearing, the Debtors' counsel shall file a proposed agenda with regard to the matters scheduled

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to be heard at such Omnibus Hearing (the "**Proposed Hearing Agenda**"). The Proposed Hearing Agenda may include notice of matters that have been consensually adjourned to a later Omnibus Hearing; provided that for all matters adjourned to a later Omnibus Hearing or some other future date, the Debtors also will electronically file (but need not serve) a notice of adjournment with respect to such matters. The Proposed Hearing Agenda shall not be required where the Debtors have less than 48 hours notice of the hearing.

6. *Content of Proposed Hearing Agenda*. The Proposed Hearing Agenda will include, to the extent known by Debtors' counsel: (a) the docket number and title of each matter scheduled to be heard at such Omnibus Hearing, including the initial filing and any Objections, replies, or documents related thereto; (b) whether the matters are contested or uncontested; (c) whether the matters have settled or are proposed to be continued; (d) a suggestion for the order in which the matters should be addressed; and (e) any other comments that will assist the Court; provided that the matters listed on the Proposed Hearing Agenda shall be limited to matters of substance and shall not include administrative filings such as notices of appearance and affidavits of service. The Proposed Hearing Agenda may include notice of matters that have been consensually adjourned to a later hearing date in lieu of parties filing a separate notice of such adjournment.

7. *Bridge Order Not Required in Certain Circumstances*. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9006-2, when a motion to extend time to take any action is filed by the Debtors before the expiration of the period prescribed by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, or order of the Court, the time shall be automatically extended until the Court acts on the motion, as long as the movant files the motion with a return date that is no later than 14 days after the filing of such motion.

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8. *Evidentiary Hearing*. With respect to any Court Filing, if an Objection or other responsive pleading is filed, the Omnibus Hearing shall not be deemed an evidentiary hearing at which witnesses may testify, unless the Proposed Hearing Agenda provides otherwise. If, upon or after a Court Filing, any party wishes an evidentiary hearing, such party must confer with all other parties involved to determine whether there is agreement that an evidentiary hearing is appropriate. In the absence of an ability to agree, the Court will consider requests for an evidentiary hearing by conference call. Notwithstanding Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-2, the Court may, upon advance request and for cause shown, order that the Omnibus Hearing on a motion of the type specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014-2 will be a non-evidentiary hearing. Generally, interests of judicial economy and the absence of disputed material issues of fact will collectively suggest that a non-evidentiary hearing is appropriate. Additionally, any Court Filing requesting or requiring the Court to make a factual finding must be supported by competent evidence (e.g., declarations, affidavits, and exhibits). Concurrently with any determination that an evidentiary hearing is necessary or desirable, Chambers must be notified with an estimate of expected trial time; parties may be informed that a different return date is necessary if the available time on the requested day is insufficient. Any motion noticed as an evidentiary hearing must prominently state, just below the return date in the upper right corner, "Evidentiary Hearing" Requested."

9. *Telephonic Appearances*. A party desiring to participate in a hearing telephonically must request permission from chambers and notify counsel to the Debtors at least 48 hours before the applicable hearing. If Chambers (as defined below) permits telephonic participation, the party participating telephonically must arrange such participation with CourtCall, adhering to the procedures for telephonic participation applicable in the Court. Those

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parties participating by phone may not use speakerphones unless first authorized by the Court; by reason of technical limitations of the equipment, and the way speakerphones disrupt proceedings in the courtroom, speakerphone authorizations usually will not be granted. Persons participating by phone must put their phones on "mute" except when they need to be heard. Persons so participating are not to put their phones on "hold" under any circumstances.

10. *Listen-Only Lines*. Any party may attend hearings through a listen-only line (each, a "Listen-Only Line") by arranging such Listen-Only Line with CourtCall. For the avoidance of doubt, any party wishing to use a Listen-Only Line need not seek permission from the Debtors or the Court.

#### II. Filing and Service Procedures

11. All Court Filings filed in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of *In re The McClatchy Company, et al.*, Case No. 20-10418 (MEW), in accordance with the Court's General Order M-399, by registered users of the Court's case filing system (the "**Electronic Filing System**") in searchable portable document format ("**PDF**"). Further, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9070-1, and the Chambers' Rules of this Court, two single-sided hard copies of any Court Filing (other than proofs of claim) shall be (a) marked "Chambers Copy" and delivered in an unsealed envelope to the chambers of the Honorable Michael E. Wiles, United States Bankruptcy Court, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408, so as to be received by 4:00 p.m. on the date of such filing, or, if such delivery is not possible, by 10:00 a.m. of the following business day, and (b) delivered by first class mail to the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "**United States Trustee**").

#### A. The Service List.

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## 12. *Parties Entitled to Service*. All Court Filings (other than proofs of claim) shall be

served on the following parties (collectively, the "Service List"), in the manner set forth in these

Case Management Procedures.

- (i) Master Service List. The Claims and Noticing Agent shall maintain a master service list (the "Master Service List"). The Master Service List shall be made available by (A) accessing the Case Website, (B) contacting the Claims and Noticing Agent directly, or (C) contacting the Debtors' counsel directly. The Master Service List shall include the following parties:
  - (a) the Chambers of the Honorable Michael E. Wiles (the "Chambers"), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004;
  - (b) the Debtors and their counsel;
  - (c) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "**United States Trustee**");
  - (d) counsel to any statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"), or until such time as any committee is appointed, the entities listed on the consolidated list of 30 largest unsecured creditors filed by the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases;
  - (e) counsel to the DIP Agent;
  - (f) counsel to the Prepetition Agents;
  - (g) counsel to Chatham;
  - (h) counsel to Brigade;
  - (i) the PBGC;
  - (j) All applicable banks and other financial institutions (the "**Banks**");
  - (k) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York;
  - (l) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and
  - (m) the Internal Revenue Service.

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- (ii) 2002 List. The Claims and Noticing Agent shall maintain a list of all parties that have filed a request to receive service of Court Filings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 9010(b) and these Case Management Procedures (the "2002 List").
  - (a) Filing Requests for Documents Requires Email Address. A request for service of Court Filings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 9010(b) and these Case Management Procedures (each, a "2002 Notice Request") filed with the Court shall be deemed proper only if it includes the following information with respect to the party filing such request: (a) name; (b) street address; (c) name of client(s), if applicable; (d) telephone number; (e) facsimile number; and (f) email address.
  - (b) Certification Opting Out of Email Service. Any party filing a 2002 Notice Request who does not maintain (and cannot practicably obtain) an email address and thereafter cannot receive service by email must include in the 2002 Notice Request a certification to that effect (each, a "Certification"). A Certification shall include a statement certifying that the party (a) does not maintain an email address and (b) cannot practicably obtain an email address at which the party could receive service. Such party will thereafter receive paper service by U.S. mail, overnight delivery, or hand delivery; the choice of the foregoing being in the Debtors' sole discretion.
  - (c) *Email Address Required*. If a 2002 Notice Request fails to include an email address or a Certification, the Debtors shall forward a copy of these Case Management Procedures to such party within five business days requesting an email address. If no email address or Certification is provided in response to such request, such party shall not be added to the 2002 List or served with copies of Court Filings unless such party is an Affected Entity (defined below).
  - (d) Changes in Information. Each party submitting a 2002 Notice Request is responsible for filing with the Court an updated 2002 Notice Request as necessary to reflect changes to any notice information and must serve a copy of such updated 2002 Notice Request upon the Debtors.
- (iii) Affected Entities. All entities with a particularized interest in the subject matter of a specific Court Filing, including the entity filing the Request for Relief (each, an "Affected Entity") is entitled to be served with all Court Filings relating to that interest.

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13. *Maintenance of the Master Service List*. At least every 15 days during the first 60 days of these Chapter 11 Cases, and at least every 30 days thereafter, the Claims and Noticing Agent shall update the Service List by making any necessary additions and deletions and post the updated Service List on the Case Website. The Claims and Noticing Agent shall post the Service List on the Case Website commencing as of the date that is no later than ten days from the date hereof.

### **B.** Filing and Service of Court Filings Generally.

14. *Electronic Filing and Service*. Other than service of a summons and complaint in an adversary proceeding or documents filed under seal, all Court Filings shall be filed electronically with the Court, using the Court's Electronic Filing System and served via email (to the extent available), which shall be deemed to constitute proper service for all parties who are sent such email service; *provided*, *however*, Court Filings may be served on the Master Service List by email and by first class mail. Subject to the limited exclusions set forth herein, each party that files a notice of appearance and a 2002 Notice Request shall be deemed to have consented to electronic service of all Court Filings, except as provided herein. Service by email shall be effective as of the date the email is sent to the email address provided by a party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if service is made by email, the Debtors shall not be required to serve a paper copy on interested parties and email service shall satisfy the Court's rules for service.

(i) Email Subject Line. With respect to the service of any Court Filing, the subject line of the email shall include (a) the Debtors' case name and number, *In re The McClatchy Company, et al.*, Case No. 20-10418 (MEW), (b) the name of the party filing such Court Filing, and (c) the title of the Court Filing being served. If the title of the Court Filing is too long to fit within the subject line of the email, the subject line shall contain a shortened version of such title, and the text of the email shall contain the full title of such Court Filing.

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(ii) Email Attachments. All Court Filings served by email shall include the entire document, including any proposed form(s) of order and exhibits, attachments, or other materials, in PDF, readable by Adobe Acrobat or other equivalent document reader programs commonly available without cost. The relevant Court Filing shall either be attached to the email in a format specified above or the email shall contain a link to such filing in such format. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Court Filing cannot be attached to an email (because of its size, technical difficulties, or other concerns), the Debtors may, in their sole discretion (a) serve the Court Filing by U.S. mail or overnight delivery, including the proposed form(s) of order and any exhibits, attachments, and other relevant materials, or (b) email the parties being served and include a notation that the Court Filing cannot be annexed and will be (i) mailed if requested, or (ii) posted on the Case Website.

15. *Paper Service of Certain Affected Entities*. To the extent an Affected Entity's email address is not available, the Debtors (or any other party filing a Court Filing) shall serve such Affected Entity with paper copies by first class mail or private mail service.

16. *Waiver of Filing Deadlines*. If any Court Filing is filed and served electronically via the Electronic Filing System, the filing deadlines requiring three additional days' notice set forth in Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (made applicable to adversary proceedings by Bankruptcy Rule 7005(b)(2)(D)) and Bankruptcy Rule 9006(f) shall not apply.

17. *Form of Papers*. Unless prior permission has been granted, motions, memoranda of law in support of motions, applications, and Objections are limited to 35 pages and replies and statements are limited to 15 pages. All Court Filings (other than exhibits) shall be double-spaced, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins. The applicable Objection Deadline (as defined below) and hearing date shall appear on the upper right corner of the first page of the Notice of Hearing and on the upper right corner of the first page of each Pleading. The applicable hearing date shall appear on the upper right corner of the first page of any filed Objection.

18. *Certificates of Service*. Certificates of service for all Court Filings, including the Service List, need only be filed with the Court.

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19. *Right to Request Special Notice Procedures*. Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of any party to seek an amendment or waiver of the provisions of these Case Management Procedures upon a showing of good cause including, without limitation, the right to file a motion seeking emergency ex parte relief or relief upon shortened notice.

20. *Section 342 Notice Requirements*. Any notice sent by the Debtors or any other party in interest shall be deemed to comply with the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 342(c)(1).

#### C. Filing and Service of Requests for Relief.

21. *Requests for Relief to Be Heard at Omnibus Hearing*. In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 9006-1(b), in the event that a party files and serves a Request for Relief at least 14 days before the next Omnibus Hearing, the matter shall be set for hearing at such Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is served by overnight delivery, it must be filed and served at least 15 calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is served at least 17 calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is filed and served at least 17 calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is filed by a party other than the Debtors and purports to set a hearing date inconsistent with the Case Management Procedures, the Request for Relief shall be heard, without the necessity of a Court order, at the first Omnibus Hearing after the applicable notice period has expired.

22. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, a party may settle or present a proposed order for approval by the Court in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 9074-1; *provided, however*, that the presentment of a proposed order pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9074-1(c), or any other similar administrative or standard order, must be filed and served at least seven calendar days before the presentment date (the "**Presentment Procedures**").

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23. *Emergency Scheduling Procedures*. If a movant or applicant other than the Debtors determines that a Request for Relief requires emergency or expedited relief, the movant or applicant shall contact counsel for the Debtors by telephone, and request that the motion or application be considered on an expedited basis. If the Debtors disagree with the movant's or applicant's request for emergency or expedited relief, the movant or applicant shall (i) inform the Court of the disagreement by telephone and (ii) arrange for a Chambers conference, telephonic or in-person, to discuss the disagreement. If the Court agrees with the position of the movant or applicant regarding the necessity for expedited consideration, the movant or applicant may, by order to show cause, request an expedited hearing.

24. *Notices of Requests for Relief.* A notice shall be affixed to the front of each Request for Relief and shall set forth (i) the title of the Request for Relief, (ii) the time and date of the Objection Deadline (as defined below), (iii) the parties on whom any Objection is to be served, and (iv) the Omnibus Hearing date at which the party intends to present the Request for Relief. The notice may also include a statement that the relief requested therein may be granted without a hearing if no Objection is timely filed and served in accordance with these Case Management Procedures (a "**Presentment Notice**"). If the notice filed with a Request for Relief includes a Presentment Notice, if no Objection has been filed and served in accordance with these Case Management Procedures as of the presentment date, counsel to the party who filed the Request for Relief may file a certification that no Objection has been filed or served on them and may request that the Court grant the relief and enter an order without a hearing. If the Court does not grant the relief, the Request for Relief will be heard at the Omnibus Hearing that is at least seven calendar days after the date the Presentment Notice is received by the Court.

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25. *Service of Requests for Relief*. For any Court Filing for which particular notice is required to be served on all creditors and parties with a particular interest in the relief sought by any Request for Relief, including Bankruptcy Rules 2002(a)(2) and (3), 4001, 6004, 6007, and 9019, parties shall serve all such Court Filings only on the Service List in accordance with the following, unless otherwise ordered by the Court:

- (*i*) in the case of any use, sale, lease, or abandonment of substantially all of the Debtors' property, on each party asserting an interest in that property;
- (*ii*) in the case of any relief from or modification of the automatic stay, on each party asserting a lien or other encumbrance on the affected property;
- (*iii*) in the case of the use of cash collateral or obtaining of credit, on each party asserting an interest in the cash collateral or a lien or other interest in property upon which a lien or encumbrance is proposed to be granted;
- *(iv)* in the case of a motion under Bankruptcy Rule 9019, on all parties to the relevant compromise and settlement, or that may be directly affected by such compromise or settlement;
- (v) in the case of assumption, assignment, or rejection of an executory contract or an unexpired lease, on each party to the executory contract or the unexpired lease;
- (vi) any objection, opposition, response, reply, or further document filed directly in response to another party's Court Filing, on such other party; and
- (*vii*) on all parties as required by the Bankruptcy Rules, unless otherwise directed by the Court.
- 26. Notice Provisions Not Applicable to Certain Matters. Except as set forth in the

Case Management Procedures or otherwise provided by order of this Court, the notice provisions

of the Case Management Procedures shall not apply to notices of the matters or proceedings

described in the following Bankruptcy Rules:

(*i*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(1) (meeting of creditors pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 341);

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- (*ii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(2) (any proposed use, sale, or lease of property of the estate other than in the ordinary course of business, to the extent that such use, sale, or lease concerns all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets);
- (*iii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(4) (hearing on the dismissal of a case or cases or the conversion of a case to another chapter);
- *(iv)* Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(5) (time fixed to accept or reject a proposed modification of a chapter 11 plan);
- (v) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(7) (time fixed for filing a proof of claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c));
- (*vi*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(1) (time fixed for filing objections to and any hearing to consider approval of a disclosure statement);
- (*vii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(2) (time fixed for filing objections to and any hearing to consider confirmation of a chapter 11 plan);
- (*viii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(d) (certain matters for which notice is to be provided to equity security holders);
- (*ix*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(1) (entry of an order for relief);
- (x) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(2) (dismissal or conversion of a case to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code);
- (*xi*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(3) (time allowed for filing claims pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3002);
- (*xii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(6) (waiver, denial, or revocation of a discharge as provided in Bankruptcy Rule 4006);
- (*xiii*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(7) (entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan); and
- (*xiv*) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(8) (summary of the trustee's final report and account should a case be converted to chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code).

### 27. Requests for Relief to Include Proposed Order. Parties submitting written

motions or other Requests for Relief shall be required to include a proposed order with such

Request for Relief.

# D. Filing and Service of Objections and Replies.

28. *Deadline for Objections*. Any Objection to a Request for Relief must be filed

with the Court and served upon the party filing the Request for Relief and those parties on the

Service List by the following deadlines (each, as applicable, the "Objection Deadline"):

- (*i*) in the case of a Request for Relief (other than a Request for Relief set for hearing on an expedited basis and filed fewer than ten days before the applicable hearing), 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), seven calendar days before the applicable hearing;
- (ii) in the case of a Request for Relief set for hearing on an expedited basis and filed fewer than ten days before the applicable hearing, 12:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the business day preceding the applicable hearing;
- (*iii*) in any case, as otherwise ordered by the Court.

29. *Extension of Objection Deadline*. The Objection Deadline may be extended

upon the consent of the Court and the party filing the Request for Relief.

30. *Effect of Failure to File Objection by Objection Deadline*. Failure to file an

Objection by the Objection Deadline may cause the Court to not consider the Objection.

31. *Effect of Adjournment*. If any Request for Relief is adjourned, the Objection Deadline with respect thereto shall be extended to 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is seven calendar days prior to the applicable hearing, and all other applicable deadlines shall be likewise extended.

32. *Service of Objections*. All Objections shall be filed with the Court and served by the applicable Objection Deadline upon the party filing the Request for Relief, and those parties on the Service List including each Affected Entity; *provided* that if the Objection Deadline is after the date that is seven days before the applicable hearing, then Objections shall also be served by email, facsimile, hand delivery, or overnight mail upon the following parties: (i) the

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Debtors, (ii) counsel to the Debtors, (iii) the United States Trustee, (iv) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, (vi) counsel to the Prepetition Agents, (vii) counsel to Chatham, (viii) counsel to Brigade, (ix) the PBGC, (x) the Banks, and (xi) each Affected Entity.

33. *Service of Replies to Objections*. If a Court Filing is a reply to an Objection, joinder to an Objection, or any statement, such Court Filing shall be filed with the Court and served so as to *actually be received by* (i) the Debtors, (ii) counsel to the Debtors, (iii) the United States Trustee, (iv) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, (vi) counsel to the Prepetition Agents, (vii) counsel to Chatham, (viii) counsel to Brigade, (ix) the PBGC, (x) the Banks, and (xi) each Affected Entity by 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is two calendar days before the applicable hearing date. Sur-replies shall not be permitted or considered unless authorized by the Court.

34. *Settlements*. In the event that a matter is properly noticed for hearing and the parties reach a settlement of the dispute prior to the scheduled hearing, the parties may announce the settlement at the scheduled hearing. In the event that the Court determines that the notice of the dispute and the hearing is adequate notice of the effects of the settlement (*i.e.*, that the terms of the settlement are not materially different from what parties in interest could have expected if the dispute were fully litigated), the Court may approve the settlement at the hearing without further notice of the terms of the settlement.

35. *Supplemental Notice*. In the event that the Court determines that additional or supplemental notice is required, the Debtors shall serve such notice in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, and a hearing to consider such settlement shall be held on the next hearing date deemed appropriate by the Court.

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36. Court Filings related to a compromise or settlement must be served on the Master Service List and any Affected Parties, but need not be served on all creditors.

#### E. Granting a Request for Relief Without a Hearing.

37. *Certificate of No Objection*. If no Objection to a Request for Relief is filed and served in a timely fashion, the movant may submit a proposed order granting the Request for Relief to the Court along with a certificate of no objection (a "**Certificate of No Objection**") stating that no Objection has been filed or served on the movant. By filing such certification, counsel for the movant represents to the Court that the movant is unaware of any Objection to the Request for Relief and that counsel has reviewed the Court's docket and no Objection appears thereon.

38. *Order May Be Entered Without Hearing*. Upon receipt of a Certificate of No Objection, the Court may enter an order granting the Request for Relief without further pleading, hearing, or request, and once an order granting such Request for Relief is entered, no further hearing on the Request for Relief shall be held.

39. *Request for Relief May be Heard at a Hearing*. After a Certificate of No Objection has been filed, the Request for Relief may be heard at the next Omnibus Hearing if the Court does not enter an order granting the Request for Relief before such Omnibus Hearing.

## F. Filing and Service of Orders.

40. *Service of Orders*. All parties submitting orders shall serve a conformed copy of any entered order on (i) each Affected Entity, (ii) the Debtors, and (iii) the Claims and Noticing Agent, within two business days of entry of the order. The Claims and Noticing Agent shall post all orders on the Case Website.

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# G. Filing and Service of Adversary Proceedings.

41. *Serving Adversary Proceedings*. All Court Filings in any adversary proceeding commenced in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be served upon each Affected Entity and any other parties required to be served under any applicable Bankruptcy Rule or Local Bankruptcy Rule.

42. *Discovery Rules in Contested Matters and Adversary Proceedings*. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) (initial disclosures), 26(a)(2) (disclosures with respect to expert testimony), 26(a)(3) (additional pretrial disclosures), and 26(f) (mandatory meeting before scheduling conference/discovery plan) are inapplicable in contested matters but are applicable to adversary proceedings arising under these Chapter 11 Cases.

43. *Expedited Discovery in Contested Matters*. Expedited discovery in contested matters in the Chapter 11 Cases is authorized without further Court order. This authorization is without prejudice to the rights of any party or witness to seek protective order relief if the time to respond or appear, or the burden of the requested discovery, is unreasonable or for other cause shown. Parties are expected to work informally and cooperatively to effect any necessary discovery, with due recognition of the time exigencies that are typical in bankruptcy litigation. Document requests by letter or email are authorized.

44. *Discovery Disputes*. Parties are required in the first instance to resolve discovery and due diligence disputes arising in the Chapter 11 Cases and any related adversary proceedings, by negotiation in good faith. If parties are unable to reach resolution, a party may request a conference call with the Court by submitting a letter setting forth, *inter alia*, the nature of the dispute, the parties' efforts at resolving such dispute, and the parties' availability for a conference with the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, no Motion with respect to a discovery or due diligence dispute may be filed unless the parties have first conferred in good faith to resolve it and also sought to resolve the matter by conference call with the Court.

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45. *Direct Testimony in Contested Matters*. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court for cause shown before the hearing, all direct testimony in contested matters in the Chapter 11 Cases, other than duly designated deposition testimony, must be submitted by affidavit, and all cross-examination and subsequent examination will be taken live. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all affidavits and any designated testimony must be submitted to the adversary and the Court no later than three full business days before the hearing.

46. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, parties may, if they are so advised, introduce the testimony of witnesses who reasonably can be expected not to be cooperative (such as employees or agents of adversaries) by calling them as adverse witnesses and taking their testimony on "adverse direct." The Court will generally regard taking direct testimony "live" as appropriate if, but only if, matters of credibility are important in the particular case, and credibility on direct, as well as after cross-examination, is at issue; the Court will generally regard "live" direct as inappropriate where the bulk of the testimony is historical or involves more than minimal discussion of accounting information or other financial or numerical analysis. In any instances where direct testimony will proceed "live," the proponent(s) of such testimony will be responsible for so advising Chambers in advance and taking such steps (e.g., subpoenas) as are necessary to secure the attendance of any non-cooperating witnesses.

47. *Briefing Schedule in Adversary Proceedings*. After a hearing date has been set by the Court, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties to the adversary proceeding shall confer and agree upon a briefing schedule for all adversary matters, which shall be submitted for approval of the Court.

#### H. Other Pleadings.

48. *Joinders*. Any party seeking to support any Court Filing may file an expression of support of such Court Filing (a "Joinder"). Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, filing a

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Joinder does not entitle such party to: (i) be an independent proponent of the Court Filing; (ii) independently support or oppose any related Court Filings; (iii) independently settle the underlying Request for Relief that is the subject of the applicable Court Filing; or (iv) independently receive a ruling from the Court on the Court Filing. The Court may deem a Joinder to be a brief in support of the applicable Court Filing, but the Court shall not consider any arguments or factual allegations contained in a Joinder but not in the related Court Filing, and no party shall be required to separately respond to a Joinder.

49. *Motion Practice for Lift Stay Actions*. A motion filed by a non-Debtor party seeking relief from the automatic stay (a "**Stay Relief Motion**") in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 362 shall be noticed for consideration on the Omnibus Hearing date that is at least 21 days after the Stay Relief Motion is filed and notice thereof is served upon the Debtors. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the objection deadline shall be the later of (i) 14 calendar days after the filing and service of the Stay Relief Motion or (ii) three calendar days prior to the hearing scheduled with respect thereto.

50. *Continuation of the Automatic Stay*. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Code section 362(e), if a Stay Relief Motion is scheduled in accordance with these Case Management Procedures for, or adjourned to, a hearing date 30 days after the filing of the Stay Relief Motion, the moving party shall be deemed to have consented to the continuation of the automatic stay in effect pending the conclusion of, or as a result of, a final hearing and determination under Bankruptcy Code section 362(d) and shall be deemed to have waived its right to assert the termination of the automatic stay under Bankruptcy Code section 362(e).

51. *Motions for Summary Judgment*. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7056-1, no motion for summary judgment may be made without first seeking a pre-motion conference. A

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request for such conference should be made by letter, filed and served in accordance with these Case Management Procedures, setting forth the issues to be presented under the summary judgment motion.

52. *Motions for Reargument*. Motions for reargument must identify with particularity the matter for reconsideration in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 9023-1. If, after review of the motion, the Court determines that it wishes a response, and/or hearing, it will notify the applicable parties accordingly.

53. Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders. Parties seeking a temporary restraining order (a "**TRO**") must comply with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b). Applications for a TRO will be heard in open court, on the record, with a court reporter or audio recording. Parties wishing to oppose a TRO may be heard by telephone (CourtCall) upon Court approval. Applicants seeking TROs are reminded of the need to submit with their motion papers the written affidavit required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) confirming the notice provided to anyone who might wish to oppose the application. Any assertions that notice cannot or should not be given must likewise be supported by affidavit. Any request for a TRO must be preceded by a telephone call to Chambers, advising Chambers of the nature of the controversy, the need for emergency relief, why a noticed hearing for a preliminary injunction would be insufficient, when a hearing on the TRO application is needed, and when the motion papers will be forthcoming. Except in those rare cases where advance notice of the TRO application would vitiate the purpose of a TRO (and where that can be established by affidavit), immediate telephonic notice of the application must be provided to all parties reasonably expected to be affected by entry of the TRO, or provisions therein. In

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addition, the motion papers on any TRO application must be hand delivered, emailed, or faxed to any such parties at the same time that the papers are provided to Chambers.

#### III. Additional Case Management Procedures

54. *Adequate Notice*. Notice and service accomplished in accordance with the provisions set forth in these Case Management Procedures shall be deemed adequate in all respects pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

55. *Computation of Time*. Unless otherwise specified herein, all time periods referenced in these Case Management Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

56. *Effect of these Case Management Procedures*. The Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules shall continue to apply to all proceedings in these Chapter 11 Cases, except to the extent that any provision of these Case Management Procedures by its terms supersedes or is inconsistent with such rules. Nothing in the Amended and Restated Case Management Order shall prejudice the rights of any party in interest to seek an amendment or waiver of the provisions of the Case Management Procedures upon a showing of good cause. The Debtors may seek to amend the Case Management Procedures from time to time throughout the Chapter 11 Cases and shall present such amendments to the Court by notice of presentment in accordance with the Case Management Procedures. Nothing in the Case Management Procedures shall prejudice the right of any party to move the Court to request relief under Bankruptcy Code section 107(b) or Bankruptcy Rule 9018 to protect any entity with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information, or to protect a person with respect to scandalous or defamatory matter contained in a Court Filing in these

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Chapter 11 Cases. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation of the Amended and Restated Case Management Order.

57. *Promulgation of these Case Management Procedures*. As soon as practicable after the entry of the Amended and Restated Case Management Order, a copy of these Case Management Procedures shall be served by the Claims and Noticing Agent on each of the parties on the Master Service List. In addition, shortly after the end of each calendar month, the Claims and Noticing Agent shall serve a copy of these Case Management Procedures upon any party filing a 2002 Notice Request within such calendar month. To help ensure that all parties who may participate in these Chapter 11 Cases are aware of the terms of these Case Management Procedures on the Case Website.