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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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<i>In re</i>	:	Chapter 11
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THE McCLATCHY COMPANY, <i>et al.</i>,	:	Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)
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Debtors.¹	:	(Joint Administration Pending)
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¹ The last four digits of Debtor The McClatchy Company’s tax identification number are 0478. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, for which the Debtors have requested joint administration, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ proposed claims and noticing agent at <http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy>. The location of the Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.



**DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ORDER APPOINTING KURTZMAN CARSON
CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO
THE PETITION DATE**

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 apply (this “**Section 156(c) Application**”) to this Court for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Proposed Order**”), pursuant to section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code, section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rule 5075-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “**Local Bankruptcy Rules**”), appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“**KCC**”) as claims and noticing agent (“**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date (as defined below). In support of this Section 156(c) Application, the Debtors rely upon and fully incorporate by reference the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of the Debtors’ Application for Entry of Order Appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims and Noticing Agent Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* (the “**Gershbein Declaration**”), attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and the contemporaneously filed *Declaration of Sean M. Harding in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Papers* (the “**First Day Declaration**”),² and respectfully represent as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Section 156(c) Application 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

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

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 Section 156(c) Application 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).

2. Venue of these cases and this Section 156(c) Application in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The legal predicates for the relief requested herein are section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code and section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rule 5075-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “**Local Bankruptcy Rules**”).

BACKGROUND

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. The Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order appointing KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent for the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases, authorizing KCC to assume full responsibility for the distribution of notices and the maintenance, processing and docketing of proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors' selection of KCC to act as the Claims and Noticing Agent has satisfied the Court's Protocol for the Employment of Claims and Noticing Agents under 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) (the "**Claims Agent Protocol**"), in that the Debtors have obtained and reviewed engagement proposals from at least two other court-approved claims and noticing agents to ensure selection through a competitive process. Moreover, the Debtors submit, based on all engagement proposals obtained and reviewed, that KCC's rates are competitive and reasonable given KCC's quality of services and expertise. The terms of KCC's retention are set forth in the Engagement Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (the "**Engagement Agreement**"); *provided, however*, that the Debtors are seeking approval only of the terms and provisions as set forth in this Section 156(c) Application and the Proposed Order attached hereto.

9. Although the Debtors have not yet filed their schedules of assets and liabilities, they anticipate that there will be far in excess of 250 entities to be noticed. Local Bankruptcy Rule 5075-1(b) provides that "[i]n a case in which the number of creditors and equity security

holders, in the aggregate, is 250 or more, the estate shall retain, subject to approval of the Court, a claims and noticing agent in accordance with the Claims Agent Protocol.” In view of the number of anticipated claimants and the complexity of the Debtors’ businesses, the Debtors submit that the appointment of a claims and noticing agent is required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 5075-1(b) and is otherwise in the best interests of both the Debtors’ estates and their creditors.

10. By separate application, the Debtors will seek authorization to retain and employ KCC as administrative advisor in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 327(a) because the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases will require KCC to perform duties outside the scope of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

KCC’s Qualifications

11. KCC is comprised of leading industry professionals with significant experience in both the legal and administrative aspects of large, complex chapter 11 cases. KCC’s professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting, and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases and experience in matters of this size and complexity. KCC’s professionals have acted as official claims and noticing agent in many large bankruptcy cases in this District and in other districts nationwide. *See, e.g., In re The College of New Rochelle*, No. 19-23694 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sep. 20, 2019); *In re Windstream Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-22313 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2019); *In re Waypoint Leasing Holdings Ltd., et al.*, No. 18-13648 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 25, 2018); *In re 21st Century Oncology Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 17-22770 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 26, 2019); *In re Westinghouse Electric Company LLC*, No. 17-10751 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 30, 2017); *In re Toisa Limited, et al.*, No. 17-10184 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 29, 2017); *In re AOG Entertainment, Inc.*, No. 16-11090 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2016); *In re MPM Silicones, LLC*, No. 14-22503 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 13, 2014); *In re Sunco Liquidation, Inc., (f/k/a Sungevity, Inc.) et al.*, No.

27-10561 (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 13, 2017); *In re Aquion Energy, Inc.*, No. 17-10500 (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 8, 2017); *In re Eastern Outfitters, LLC*, et al., No. 17-10243 (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 5, 2017).³

12. By appointing KCC as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases, the distribution of notices and the processing of claims will be expedited, and the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the “**Clerk**”) will be relieved of the administrative burden of processing what may be an overwhelming number of claims.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

13. This Section 156(c) Application pertains only to the work to be performed by KCC under the Clerk’s delegation of duties permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 5075-1, and any work to be performed by KCC outside of this scope is not covered by this Section 156(c) Application or by any order granting approval hereof.

Specifically, KCC will perform the following tasks in its role as Claims and Noticing Agent, as well as all quality control relating thereto:

- (a) Prepare and serve required notices and documents in the Chapter 11 Cases in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules in the form and manner directed by the Debtors and/or the Court, including (i) notice of the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases and the initial meeting of creditors under Bankruptcy Code § 341(a), (ii) notice of any claims bar date, (iii) notices of transfers of claims, (iv) notices of objections to claims and objections to transfers of claims, (v) notices of any hearings on a disclosure statement and confirmation of the Debtors’ plan or plans of reorganization, including under Bankruptcy Rule 3017(d), (vi) notice of the effective date of any plan and (vii) all other notices, orders, pleadings, publications and other documents as the Debtors or Court may deem necessary or appropriate for an orderly administration of the Chapter 11 Cases;

³ Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, they are not attached hereto. Copies of these orders, however, are available on request.

- (b) Maintain an official copy of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs (collectively, the "**Schedules**"), listing the Debtors' known creditors and the amounts owed thereto;
- (c) Maintain (i) a list of all potential creditors, equity holders and other parties in interest and (ii) a "core" mailing list consisting of all parties described in Bankruptcy Rule 2002(i), (j) and (k) and those parties that have filed a notice of appearance pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9010; and update and make said lists available upon request by a party-in-interest or the Clerk;
- (d) Furnish a notice to all potential creditors of the last date for filing proofs of claim and a form for filing a proof of claim, after such notice and form are approved by the Court, and notify said potential creditors of the existence, amount and classification of their respective claims as set forth in the Schedules, which may be effected by inclusion of such information (or the lack thereof, in cases where the Schedules indicate no debt due to the subject party) on a customized proof of claim form provided to potential creditors;
- (e) Maintain a post office box or address for the purpose of receiving claims and returned mail, and process all mail received;
- (f) For all notices, motions, orders or other pleadings or documents served, prepare and file or cause to be filed with the Clerk an affidavit or certificate of service within seven business days of service which includes (i) either a copy of the notice served or the docket number(s) and title(s) of the pleading(s) served, (ii) a list of persons to whom it was mailed (in alphabetical order) with their addresses, (iii) the manner of service, and (iv) the date served;
- (g) Process all proofs of claim received, including those received by the Clerk, check said processing for accuracy and maintain the original proofs of claim in a secure area;
- (h) Provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim;
- (i) Maintain the official claims register for each Debtor (collectively, the "**Claims Registers**") on behalf of the Clerk on a case specific website; upon the Clerk's request, provide the Clerk with certified, duplicate unofficial Claims Registers; and specify in the Claims Registers the following information for each claim docketed: (i) the claim number assigned, (ii) the date received, (iii) the name and address of the claimant and agent, if applicable, who filed the claim, (iv) the amount asserted, (v) the asserted classification(s) of the claim (e.g., secured, unsecured, priority, etc.), (vi) the applicable Debtor and (vii) any disposition of the claim;
- (j) Provide public access to the Claims Registers, including complete proofs of claim with attachments, if any, without charge;

- (k) Implement necessary security measures to ensure the completeness and integrity of the Claims Registers and the safekeeping of the original claims;
- (l) Record all transfers of claims and provide any notices of such transfers as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e);
- (m) Relocate, by messenger or overnight delivery, all of the court-filed proofs of claim to the offices of KCC, not less than weekly;
- (n) Upon completion of the docketing process for all claims received to date for each case, turn over to the Clerk copies of the Claims Registers for the Clerk's review (upon the Clerk's request);
- (o) Monitor the Court's docket for all notices of appearance, address changes, and claims-related pleadings and orders filed and make necessary notations on and/or changes to the claims register and any service or mailing lists, including to identify and eliminate duplicative names and addresses from such lists;
- (p) Identify and correct any incomplete or incorrect addresses in any mailing or service lists;
- (q) Assist in the dissemination of publicly available information to the public and respond to requests for publicly available information regarding the Chapter 11 Cases as directed by the Debtors or the Court, including through the use of a case website and call center (if requested by the Debtors);
- (r) If the Chapter 11 Cases are converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, contact the Clerk's office within three days of notice to KCC of entry of the order converting the cases;
- (s) Thirty days prior to the close of the Chapter 11 Cases, to the extent practicable, request that the Debtors submit to the Court a proposed order dismissing KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent and terminating its services in such capacity upon completion of its duties and responsibilities and upon the closing of the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (t) Within seven days of notice to KCC of entry of an order closing the Chapter 11 Cases, provide to the Court the final version of the Claims Registers as of the date immediately before the close of the Chapter 11 Cases; and
- (u) At the close of the Chapter 11 Cases, box and transport all original documents, in proper format, as provided by the Clerk's office, to (i) the Federal Archives Record Administration, located at Central Plains Region, 200 Space Center Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 or (ii) any other location requested by the Clerk's Office.

COMPENSATION

14. The Debtors respectfully request that the undisputed fees and expenses incurred by KCC in the performance of the above services be treated as administrative expenses of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(1)(A) and be paid in the ordinary course of business without further application to or order of this Court. KCC agrees to maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and to serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee monitoring the expenses of the Debtors and any party in interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices. If any dispute arises relating to the Engagement Agreement or monthly invoices, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute; if resolution is not achieved, the parties may seek resolution of the matter from this Court.

15. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided KCC an advance in the amount of \$30,000. KCC seeks to first apply the advance to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, to have the advance replenished to the original advance amount, and thereafter, to hold the advance under the Engagement Agreement during the Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

16. Additionally, under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless KCC and its members, officers, employees, representatives, and agents under certain circumstances specified in the Engagement Agreement, except in circumstances resulting solely from KCC's gross negligence or willful misconduct or as otherwise provided in the Engagement Agreement or Proposed Order. The Debtors believe that such an indemnification obligation is customary, reasonable and necessary to retain the services of a claims and noticing agent in the Chapter 11 Cases.

KCC'S DISINTERESTEDNESS

17. Although the Debtors do not propose to employ KCC under Bankruptcy Code section 327 pursuant to this Section 156(c) Application (such retention will be sought by separate application), KCC has nonetheless reviewed its electronic database to determine whether it has any relationships with the creditors and parties in interest provided by the Debtors, and, to the best of the Debtors' knowledge, information, and belief, and except as disclosed in the Gershbein Declaration, KCC has represented that it neither holds nor represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates in connection with any matter on which it would be employed.

18. Moreover, in connection with its retention as Claims and Noticing Agent, KCC represents in the Gershbein Declaration, among other things, that:

- (a) KCC is not a creditor of the Debtors;
- (b) KCC will not consider itself employed by the United States government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States government in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (c) By accepting employment in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States government in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (d) In its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
- (e) KCC will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (f) KCC is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the matters upon which it is engaged;
- (g) In its capacity as Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person;
- (h) KCC shall be under the supervision and control of the Clerk's office with respect to the receipt and recordation of claims and claim transfers;

- (i) KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c); and
- (j) None of the services provided by KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk's office.

KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT PROTOCOL

19. This Section 156(c) Application complies with the Claims Agent Protocol and substantially conforms to the standard Section 156(c) Application in use in this Court. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Section 156(c) Application, the Proposed Order, and the Engagement Agreement, the Proposed Order shall govern.

MOTION PRACTICE

20. This Section 156(c) Application 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 Section 156(c) Application. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that this Section 156(c) Application satisfies Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(a).

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

21. Nothing in this Section 156(c) Application 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

22. Notice of this Section 156(c) Application 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, and (i) 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

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

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter the Proposed 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

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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THE McCLATCHY COMPANY, *et al.*, : **Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)**
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Debtors.¹ : **(Joint Administration Pending)**
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**ORDER APPOINTING KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS
AND NOTICING AGENT *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “**Section 156(c) Application**”)² of the Debtors for an order (this “**Order**”) for the appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“**KCC**”) as claims and noticing agent (“**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 5075-1 to, among other things, (i) distribute required notices to parties in interest, (ii) receive, maintain, docket, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and (iii) provide such other administrative services—as required by the Debtors that would fall within the purview of services to be provided by the Clerk’s office; and upon consideration of the Gershbein Declaration; and the Debtors having estimated that there are in excess of 250 creditors in the

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² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Section 156(c) Application.

Chapter 11 Cases, many of which are expected to file proofs of claim; and it appearing that the receiving, docketing, and maintaining of proofs of claim would be unduly time consuming and burdensome for the Clerk; and this Court being authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to utilize, at the Debtors' expense, outside agents and facilities to provide notices to parties in title 11 cases and to receive, docket, maintain, photocopy, and transmit proofs of claim; and this Court being satisfied that KCC has the capability and experience to provide such services and that KCC does not hold an interest adverse to the Debtors or the estates respecting the matters upon which it is to be engaged; 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 having found that venue of this proceeding and the Section 156(c) Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and sufficient notice of the Section 156(c) Application having been given; and it appearing that no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Section 156(c) Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby;

ORDERED THAT:

1. The Section 156(c) Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. Notwithstanding the terms of the Engagement Agreement attached to the Section 156(c) Application, the Section 156(c) Application is approved solely as set forth in this Order.

3. The Debtors are authorized to retain KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, other than paragraph IX(B) of the Engagement Agreement, which is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services provided pursuant to this Order, and KCC is authorized and directed to perform noticing services and to receive, maintain, record and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and all related tasks, all as described in the Section 156(c) Application.

4. KCC shall serve as the custodian of court records and shall be designated as the authorized repository for all proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases and is authorized and directed to maintain official claims registers for each of the Debtors, to provide public access to every proof of claim unless otherwise ordered by the Court and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon the request of the Clerk.

5. KCC is authorized and directed to provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim.

6. KCC is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Section 156(c) Application.

7. The Debtors are authorized to compensate KCC in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement upon the receipt of reasonably detailed invoices setting forth the services provided by KCC and the rates charged for each, and to reimburse KCC for all reasonable and necessary expenses it may incur, upon the presentation of appropriate documentation, without the need for KCC to file fee applications or otherwise seek Court approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses.

8. KCC shall maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee, if any, monitoring the expenses of the Debtors, and any party in interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.

9. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise relating to the Engagement Agreement or monthly invoices; provided that the parties may seek resolution of the matter from this Court if resolution is not achieved.

10. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(1)(A), the fees and expenses of KCC under this Order shall be an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates.

11. KCC may apply its advance to all prepetition invoices, which advance shall be replenished to the original advance amount, and thereafter, KCC may hold its advance under the Engagement Agreement during the Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

12. The Debtors shall indemnify KCC under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

13. All requests by KCC for the payment of indemnification as set forth in the Engagement Agreement shall be made by means of an application to the Court and shall be subject to review by the Court to ensure that payment of such indemnity conforms to the terms of the Engagement Agreement and is reasonable under the circumstances of the litigation or settlement in respect of which indemnity is sought, provided however, that in no event shall

KCC be indemnified in the case of its own bad-faith, self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty (if any), gross negligence or willful misconduct.

14. In the event that KCC seeks reimbursement from the Debtors for attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the payment of an indemnity claim pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, the invoices and supporting time records for the attorneys' fees and expenses shall be included in KCC's own applications, both interim and final, but determined by this Court after notice and a hearing.

15. In the event KCC is unable to provide the services set out in this Order, KCC will immediately notify the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel and, upon approval of this Court, cause to have all original proofs of claim and computer information turned over to another claims and noticing agent with the advice and consent of the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel.

16. The Debtors may submit a separate retention application, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327 and/or any applicable law, for work that is to be performed by KCC but is not specifically authorized by this Order.

17. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Order, (a) any payment to be made, or authorization contained, hereunder shall be subject to the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the DIP Financing Orders approved by this Court in the Chapter 11 Cases, and (b) to the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of such DIP Financing Orders and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of such DIP Financing Orders shall control.

18. Notice of the Section 156(c) Application satisfies the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a).

19. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

20. KCC shall not cease providing claims processing services during the Chapter 11 Cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of this Court.

21. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Section 156(c) Application and the Order, the Order shall govern.

22. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

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

24. 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

EXHIBIT B

Gershbein Declaration

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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<i>In re</i>	:	Chapter 11
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THE McCLATCHY COMPANY, et al.,	:	Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)
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Debtors.¹	:	(Joint Administration Pending)
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**DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS’
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER APPOINTING KURTZMAN CARSON
CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO
THE PETITION DATE**

I, Evan Gershbein, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:

1. I am an Executive Vice President, Corporate Restructuring Services of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“KCC”),² a chapter 11 administrative services firm whose headquarters are located at 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, California 90245. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. This Declaration is made in support of the *Debtors’ Application for Order Appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims and Noticing Agent Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* (the “**Section 156(c) Application**”) which was filed contemporaneously herewith.

¹ The last four digits of Debtor The McClatchy Company’s tax identification number are 0478. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, for which the Debtors have requested joint administration, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ proposed claims and noticing agent at <http://www.kccllc.net/McClatchy>. The location of the Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 2100 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95816.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Section 156(c) Application.

3. KCC is comprised of leading industry professionals with significant experience in both the legal and administrative aspects of large, complex chapter 11 cases. KCC's professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases and experience in matters of this size and complexity. KCC's professionals have acted as debtor's counsel or official claims and noticing agent in many large bankruptcy cases in this District and in other districts nationwide. *See, e.g., In re The College of New Rochelle*, No. 19-23694 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sep. 20, 2019); *In re Windstream Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-22313 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2019); *In re Waypoint Leasing Holdings Ltd., et al.*, No. 18-13648 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 25, 2018); *In re 21st Century Oncology Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 17-22770 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 26, 2019); *In re Westinghouse Electric Company LLC*, No. 17-10751 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 30, 2017); *In re Toisa Limited, et al.*, No. 17-10184 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 29, 2017); *In re AOG Entertainment, Inc.*, No. 16-11090 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2016); *In re MPM Silicones, LLC*, No. 14-22503 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 13, 2014).³

4. As agent and custodian of Court records pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), KCC will perform, at the request of the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the "**Clerk**"), the services specified in the Section 156(c) Application and the Engagement Agreement, and, at the Debtors' request, any related administrative, technical and support services as specified in the Section 156(c) Application and the Engagement Agreement. In performing such services, KCC will charge the Debtors the rates set forth in the Engagement Agreement attached as **Exhibit C** to the Section 156(c) Application.

³ Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, they are not attached hereto. Copies of these orders, however, are available on request.

5. KCC represents, among other things, the following:
- (a) KCC is not a creditor of the Debtors;
 - (b) KCC will not consider itself employed by the United States government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States government in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (c) By accepting employment in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States government in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (d) In its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
 - (e) KCC will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (f) KCC is a “disinterested person” as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the matters upon which it is engaged;
 - (g) In its capacity as Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person;
 - (h) KCC shall be under the supervision and control of the Clerk’s office with respect to the receipt and recordation of claims and claim transfers;
 - (i) KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk’s office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c); and
 - (j) None of the services provided by KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk’s office.

6. The Debtors have many creditors and contract counterparties and, accordingly, KCC may have rendered and may continue to render services to certain of these creditors in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases, either as vendors or in cases where KCC serves in a neutral capacity as a bankruptcy claims and noticing agents or class action settlement administrator. KCC has not and will not represent the separate interests of any such creditor in these Chapter 11 Cases. To the best of my knowledge, neither KCC, nor any of its professional

personnel, have any relationship with the Debtors that would impair KCC's ability to serve as claims and noticing agent or administrative agent. KCC has working relationships with certain of the professionals retained by the Debtors and other parties herein, but such relationships, except to the extent that KCC has communicated with the Debtors' other professionals concerning the preparation of these cases, are completely unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases. Francine Gordon-Durrer, a Managing Director of Corporate Restructuring Services at KCC, is married to Van C. Durrer, II, a partner with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, proposed counsel to the Debtors. Ms. Durrer will not be utilized by KCC to perform services for the Debtors. In addition, KCC personnel may have relationships with some of the Debtors' creditors and other parties in interest. Such relationships are, however, of a personal or financial nature and are wholly unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases. KCC has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases and has had and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals and other parties in interest in connection with matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases.

7. KCC is an indirect subsidiary of Computershare Limited ("**Computershare**"). Computershare is a financial services and technologies provider for the global securities industry. Within the Computershare corporate structure, KCC operates as a separate, segregated business unit. As such, any relationships that Computershare and its affiliates maintain do not create an interest of KCC that is materially adverse to the Debtors' estates or any class of creditors or security holders.

8. To the best of my knowledge, and based solely upon information provided to me by the Debtors, and except as provided herein, neither KCC, nor any of its professionals, has any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates in connection with any matter on which it

would be employed and that it is a “disinterested person,” as referenced in section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and as defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require disclosure.

9. I am not related or connected to and, to the best of my knowledge, no other employee of KCC is related or connected to any United States Bankruptcy Judge or District Judge for the Southern District of New York, the Office of the United States Trustee or to any employees in the offices thereof.

10. KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk’s Office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

11. KCC will comply with all of its obligations and responsibilities under the *Protocol for the Employment of Claims and Noticing Agents under 28 U.S.C. §156(c)*, dated November 15, 2011, as amended June 17, 2013, issued by the Clerk of the Court.

12. In performing the services of notice and claims agent, KCC will charge the Debtors the rates set forth in the Agreement, which is attached as **Exhibit C** to the Section 156(c) Application. The compensation arrangement provided for in the Agreement is consistent with and typical of arrangements entered into by KCC and other such firms with respect to rendering similar services to chapter 11 clients.

13. KCC will maintain records of all services performed in these cases, which, at a minimum, show dates, categories of services, fees charged and expenses incurred.

14. The Debtors will pay KCC's fees and expenses in the ordinary course of business upon the submission of invoices summarizing, in reasonable detail, the services for which compensation is sought.

15. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided KCC an advance in the amount of \$30,000. KCC seeks to first apply the advance to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, to have the advance replenished to the original advance amount, and thereafter, to hold the advance under the Engagement Agreement during the Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

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

Executed on February 12, 2020

By: /s/ Evan Gershbein
Evan Gershbein
Executive Vice President
Corporate Restructuring Services
Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

EXHIBIT C

Engagement Agreement



KCC AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement is entered into as of the 20th day of December 2019, between The McClatchy Company (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the “Company”),¹ and Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, “KCC”). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions

I. SERVICES

A. KCC agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.

B. KCC further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) KCC’s standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the “KCC Fee Structure”).

C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, KCC may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by KCC and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

D. The price listed for each service in the KCC Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by KCC.

E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that KCC will often take direction from the Company’s representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the “Company Parties”) with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that KCC may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that KCC shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

¹ The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company’s chapter 11 case.



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II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

A. KCC agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay KCC for its services at the rates and prices set by KCC that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the KCC Fee Structure. KCC's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. KCC reserves the right to reasonably increase its prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, KCC will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay KCC's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.

C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to KCC (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by KCC and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by KCC or paid by KCC to a taxing authority.

D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of KCC, or are otherwise not provided for in the KCC Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.

E. KCC agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. KCC's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and non-hourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month and KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid, KCC may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Company further agrees to pay a late charge, calculated as one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the total amount unpaid every thirty (30) days. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, the Company shall give written notice to KCC within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts in dispute or any amounts unable to be paid due to Court order or applicable law. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred.

F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that KCC shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention



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Order”). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to KCC. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, KCC will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, KCC shall receive a retainer in the amount of \$30,000 (the “Retainer”) that may be held by KCC as security for the Company’s payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. KCC shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, KCC shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by KCC pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by KCC are the sole property of KCC. The term “program” shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or KCC’s performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by KCC shall be the exclusive property of KCC. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company’s use during and in connection with the services provided by KCC under this Agreement.

IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of KCC during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless KCC provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of KCC and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days’ written notice to the other party, release the required information.



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VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay KCC invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by KCC where KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid.

B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, KCC shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and KCC shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance with KCC's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to KCC) that discharges KCC from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.

C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to KCC or received by KCC in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by KCC until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by KCC. KCC shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay KCC for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized KCC's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, KCC may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by KCC shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

KCC strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. KCC, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the KCC data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.



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VIII. BANK ACCOUNTS

At the Company's request and subject to Court approval following any chapter 11 filing, KCC may be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Company. To the extent that certain financial products are provided to the Company pursuant to KCC's agreement with financial institutions, KCC may receive compensation from such financial institutions for the services KCC provides pursuant to such agreement.

IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Company and KCC shall each indemnify and hold the other party, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to the other party's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from the indemnified party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any indemnified party. The indemnifying party shall notify the indemnified party in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the indemnifying party becomes aware of with respect to the services provided by the indemnified party under this Agreement. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

B. Except as provided herein, KCC's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if KCC has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall KCC be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall KCC's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to KCC for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.

C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to KCC and for the output of such information. KCC does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; KCC bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to KCC.

D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, KCC makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or



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express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

X. FORCE MAJEURE

Whenever performance by KCC of any of its obligations hereunder is materially prevented or impacted by reason of any act of God, strike, lock-out or other industrial or transportation disturbance, fire, lack of materials, law, regulation or ordinance, war or war condition, or by reason of any other matter beyond KCC's reasonable control, then such performance shall be excused and this Agreement shall be deemed suspended during the continuation of such prevention and for a reasonable time thereafter.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and KCC are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

XII. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor
El Segundo, CA 90245
Attn: Drake D. Foster
Tel: (310) 823-9000
Fax: (310) 823-9133
E-Mail: dfoster@kccllc.com

Company: The McClatchy Company
Address: 2100 Q Street
City, ST Zip: Sacramento, CA 95816
Attn: Elaine Lintecum, CFO
Tel: 916-321-1846
E-Mail: elintecum@mcclatchy.com

Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

XIII. APPLICABLE LAW

The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/ MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other



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agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of KCC.

XV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

XVI. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by KCC to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of KCC.

XVII. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

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