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### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

STAGE STORES, INC., et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)

(Jointly Administered)

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on August 14, 2020, the Debtors filed their *Notice of Rejection of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* [ECF No. 702] (the "<u>Rejection Notice</u>").

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that on August 24, 2020, Creditor TGK Properties filed their Objection to the Debtors' Rejection Notice [ECF No. 729] (the "<u>TGK Objection</u>").

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that Court has scheduled a hearing on the Rejection Notice and TGK Objection for <u>September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)</u> before David R. Jones, Unites States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 400 of the United Stated Bankruptcy Court, 515 Rusk Street Houston, TX 77002.

### **Electronic Appearances**

Please note that on March 24, 2020, through the entry of General Order 2020-10, the Court invoked the Protocol for Emergency Public Health or Safety Conditions. The Order may be found at: <u>https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/Bankruptcy%20General%20Order%202020-04%</u> 20Adoption%20of%20Contingency%20Plan\_0.pdf.

Therefore, all persons will appear telephonically and also may appear via video at this hearing using the Court's electronic conference systems.

The Court will simultaneously use two technology methods to conduct electronic hearings. One method will provide audio communication. The other will provide video access to exhibits and materials presented to the Court. If a party wants to both view the documents presented to the Court and hear the proceeding, the party must 1) dial in through the audio system, and 2) log into the Court's video via GoToMeeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Stage Stores, Inc. (6900) and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (1900). The Debtors' service address is: 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027.



Hearing appearances should be made electronically and in advance of the hearing. You may make your electronic appearance by:

1) Going to the Southern District of Texas website;

2) Selecting "Bankruptcy Court" from the top menu;

3) Selecting "Judges' Procedures and Schedules";

4) Selecting "View Home Page" for Judge David R. Jones;

5) Under "Electronic Appearance" select "Click here to submit electronic appearance;"

6) Select STAGE STORES, INC., et al. from the list of electronic appearance links, and

7) After selecting STAGE STORES, INC., *et al.* from the list, complete the required fields and hit the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Submitting your appearance electronically in advance of the hearing will negate the <u>need</u> to make an appearance on the record at the hearing.

#### **Audio Communication**

Audio communication will conducted by use of the Court's regular dial-in number: +1 (832) 917-1510. At the start of the call, the caller will be asked to enter a six-digit conference code. The six-digit conference code for this hearing is Judge Jones conference room number: 205691. Each caller shall be responsible for its own long-distance charges.

Parties are encouraged to review the Court's procedures for telephonic appearances located at <u>https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/Court%20Procedures%20-%202-1-2020.pdf</u>.

Attorneys, witnesses, and parties-in-interest wishing to participate in the hearing must connect to each hearing by audio communication. Any person who wishes to attend the hearing may also dial in to the audio conference dial-in number.

Each person who speaks at the electronic hearing should be prepared to restate that person's name each time that the person speaks in order to assist any transcriber of the audio recording.

### **Video Communication:**

Parties may participate in electronic hearings by use of an internet connection. You may view video via GoToMeeting. To use GoToMeeting, the Court recommends that you download the free GoToMeeting application. To connect, you should enter the meeting code "JudgeJones" in the GoToMeeting app or click the link on Judge Jones's home page on the Southern District of Texas website. Once connected, click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

Any exhibit offered by the Debtors will be filed on the Court's docket. Any party may also obtain an electronic copy of the exhibits by request to counsel to the Debtors.

If any party wishes to offer exhibits, it is recommended that these exhibits be filed on CM/ECF. Each exhibit should be filed as a separate attachment to an Exhibit List in compliance with BLR 9013-2.

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Houston, Texas September 15, 2020

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# **<u>Certificate of Service</u>**

I certify that on September 15, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

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