

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:

NEW WEI, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 7

Case No. 15-02741-TOM7

Jointly Administered

**SUMMARY OF SIXTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF
DIRECT FEE REVIEW LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
THE PERIOD FROM
DECEMBER 01, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020**

Name of Applicant:

Direct Fee Review LLC

Authorized to Provide Professional Services
to:

Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention:

Effective as of May 22, 2017

Period for which compensation and
reimbursement is sought:

December 01, 2019 through April 30, 2020

Amount of Compensation sought as

actual, reasonable and necessary:

\$2,680.00

80% of compensation sought as actual,
reasonable and necessary:

\$2,144.00

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Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought

as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$0.00

This is a monthly application.

This application includes 1.1 hours and \$220.00 in fees incurred in connection with the preparation of fee applications.

Prior Applications:

Date Filed / Docket No	Fee Period	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses	Order Entered
10/22/18 3341	1/1/18 through 9/30/18	\$2,060.00	\$35.00	\$2,060.00	\$35.00	12/3/18
2/7/19 3383	10/1/18 through 1/31/19	\$2,680.00	\$0.00	\$2,060.00	\$0.00	3/13/19
5/6/19 3432	2/1/19 through 4/30/19	\$2,120.00	\$0.00	\$1,696.00	\$0.00	6/14/19
3588	5/1/19 through 11/30/19	\$3,760.00	\$42.50	\$3,008.00	\$42.50	1/28/20

Compensation by individual:

Name	Position	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
WJ Dryer (WJD)	Auditor	\$ 200.00	8.1	\$ 1,620.00
DF Oliver (DFO)	Auditor	\$ 200.00	5.3	\$ 1,060.00
Total			13.4	\$ 2,680.00

Cumulative Compensation Summary by Project Category:

Project Category	Total Hours for the Period 12/1/19 through 4/30/20	Total Hours from the Petition Date	Total Fees for the Period 12/1/19 through 4/30/20	Total Fees from the Petition Date
Auditing	12.3	98.9	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 19,780.00
Fee Application	1.1	3.5	\$ 220.00	\$ 700.00
Total	13.4	102.4	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 20,480.00

Cumulative Expense Summary:

Expense Category	Total Expense for the Period 12/1/19 through 4/30/20	Total Expense from the Petition Date
Court call	\$ 0.00	\$ 217.50
Delivery	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PACER	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Mileage	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tolls	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Parking	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 217.50

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ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 01, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020**

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Direct Fee Review LLC (hereinafter "DFR") hereby moves this Court for reasonable compensation for professional services rendered as Fee Examiner to the above-captioned Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession (the "Debtors") in the amount of \$2,680.00 together with reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$0.00 for the period commencing December 01, 2019 through and including April 30, 2020 (the "Fee Period"). In support of its Application, DFR respectfully represents the following:

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1. DFR was employed under a general retainer to act as Fee Examiner to examine the professional fees and expenses incurred in connection with these Chapter 7 cases, pursuant to an Order entered by this Court. The Order authorized DFR to be compensated for fees and expenses subject to application and review pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code and to be paid from the Debtors' estates as an administrative expense under section 503(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
2. All services for which compensation is requested by DFR were performed for or on behalf of the bankruptcy estate and not on behalf of any committee, creditor or other person.
3. There is no agreement or understanding between DFR and any other person other than members of DFR for sharing of compensation to be received for services in these cases.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are the DFR billing statements for the Fee Period showing the amount of \$2,680.00 due for fees and a detailed statement of expenses paid during the Fee Period showing the amount of \$0.00 for reimbursement of expenses. These statements contain detailed entries describing the time expended by each member of DFR.
5. Members of DFR have expended a total of 13.4 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period. The services were performed by WJ Dryer (WJD) and DF Oliver (DFO) and are identified as such in the billing statement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

DISBURSEMENTS

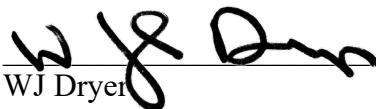
6. During this Fee Period, DFR has incurred out-of-pocket disbursements during the Fee Period in the amount of \$0.00. This disbursement sum is broken down into categories of charges

including court call, photocopies, supplies and document mailing expenses. A complete review by category of the expenses incurred for the Fee Period may be found in the attachment hereto as Exhibit A.

7. DFR submits that the time entries included in the attached Exhibit A are in compliance with the requirements of Local rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama. In accordance with the factors enumerated in Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, it is respectfully submitted that the amount requested by DFR is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of the case, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (d) the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

WHEREFORE, DFR respectfully requests an award of compensation for professional services rendered as Fee Examiner during the Fee Period in the amount of \$2,680.00, and the sum of \$0.00 for reimbursement of actual necessary costs and expenses incurred during the period and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DIRECT FEE REVIEW LLC
FEE EXAMINER

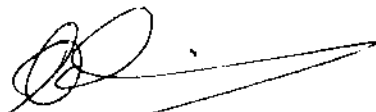
By: 
WJ Dryer

1000 N. West Street, Suite 1200
Wilmington, DE 19801
Telephone: 302.287.0955
dfr.wjd@gmail.com

VERIFICATION

D F Oliver, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am a principal in the applicant Firm, Direct Fee Review LLC.
2. I have personally performed many of the services rendered by Direct Fee Review LLC, as Fee Examiner in these cases and am thoroughly familiar with all other work performed by the fee auditors in the firm.
3. I have reviewed the foregoing Application and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



D F Oliver

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy or validity of that document.

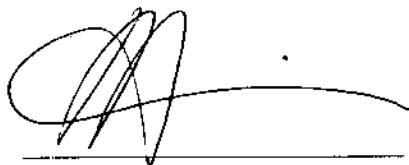
State of California
County of Sonoma

On this MAY 26, 2020 before me, SHONA L. WEIR, Notary Public

personally appeared DF OLIVER
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



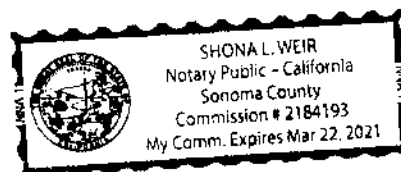


EXHIBIT A

Payment Remittance Address:

Direct Fee Review LLC
1000 N. West Street,
Suite 1200

FEIN: 27-0822707**Wilmington, DE 19801**

Invoice to:
WEI Trust
Attn:
3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 1700
Birmingham, Alabama 35244-2359

Invoice Date: 5/15/2020
Invoice Number: 1030-0420
Project: NEW WEI, INC.
 Bankruptcy Professional Fee Exam

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For Services 12/01/19 Through 04/30/20						
12/11/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re data files	200.00	0.20 40.00
12/11/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review billing entry	3rd interim	200.00	0.50 100.00
12/11/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	detail	3rd interim	200.00	0.40 80.00
12/12/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Update and revise initial	From dfo re draft report	200.00	0.20 40.00
12/12/2019	WJD Client administration	Fee hearing	report	From dfo re court call	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/16/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re draft report	200.00	0.30 60.00
12/16/2019	WJD Sirote & Permutt	Fee hearing	Attend fee hearing	8th interim	200.00	0.30 60.00
12/17/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Update and revise report	3rd interim final report	200.00	0.20 40.00
12/17/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re draft report	200.00	0.20 40.00
12/17/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re response to	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/17/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Prepare and file	report	200.00	0.30 60.00
12/17/2019	WJD Client administration	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	3rd interim final report	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/18/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Prepare and file	From dfo re new	200.00	0.30 60.00
12/18/2019	WJD Denaburg	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	professional	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/19/2019	WJD DFR	Monthly fee application	Draft fee application	3rd interim	200.00	0.30 60.00
12/19/2019	WJD Client administration	Monthly fee application	Review e-mail	From sp sp re final report	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/20/2019	WJD Client administration	Monthly fee application	Review e-mail	5th monthly fee	200.00	0.10 20.00
12/24/2019	WJD Client administration	Court docket	Review e-mail	application	200.00	0.10 20.00
1/9/2020	WJD Client administration	Monthly fee application	Prepare for hearing	From dfo re review	200.00	0.10 20.00
1/20/2020	WJD Client administration	Court docket	Review e-mail	From sp sp re fee app	200.00	0.10 20.00
				From dfo re new	200.00	0.10 20.00
				application	200.00	0.10 20.00
				Set up call	200.00	0.10 20.00
				From dfo re objection	200.00	0.10 20.00

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1/22/2020	WJD	Client administration	Fee hearing	Review e-mail	From dfo re fee hearing	200.00 0.10 20.00
1/23/2020	WJD	Client administration	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From cc re fee hearing	200.00 0.10 20.00
					From cc re dfo fee	
1/28/2020	WJD	Client administration	Fee hearing	Review e-mail	hearing	200.00 0.10 20.00
1/29/2020	WJD	Client administration	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From sp sp re fee order	200.00 0.10 20.00
2/17/2020	WJD	Client administration	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re objection	200.00 0.20 40.00
					From dfo re objection	
2/18/2020	WJD	Client administration	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	issues	200.00 0.10 20.00
4/14/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From sp sp re data files	200.00 0.30 60.00
4/20/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re data files	200.00 0.20 40.00
4/20/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review documents filed	9th interim	200.00 0.20 40.00
				Review billing entry		
4/21/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	detail	9th interim	200.00 0.70 140.00
				Update and revise initial		
4/21/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	report	9th interim	200.00 0.20 40.00
4/21/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re draft report	200.00 0.20 40.00
4/22/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re draft report	200.00 0.10 20.00
4/22/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Update and revise report	Final report	200.00 0.30 60.00
4/23/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Review e-mail	From dfo re report	200.00 0.20 40.00
4/23/2020	WJD	Sirote & Permutt	Interim fee application	Prepare and file	9th interim	200.00 0.20 40.00
					8.10 \$	1,620.00
12/02/19	DFO	Christian & Denaburg	8th Quarter	math check & data correlation		200.00 1.70 340.00
12/16/19	DFO	Christian & Denaburg	3rd Quarter	Draft Final Report	review Firm response & draft report	200.00 0.30 60.00
12/17/19	DFO	Christian & Denaburg	3rd Quarter	Draft Final Report	edit, convert & fwd to E Denaburg	200.00 0.20 40.00

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For Services 12/01/19 Through 04/30/20							
12/19/19	DFO	Client Administration	3rd Quarter	Review Fee Application	Review & notarize DFR		
12/11/20	DFO	Christian & Denaburg	3rd Quarter	Draft Initial Report	Fee app	200.00	20.00
						0.30	60.00
12/12/20	DFO	Christian & Denaburg	3rd Quarter	Draft Initial Report	edit, convert & fwd to E		
01/13/20	DFO	Client Administration	7th Quarter	Attend Fee Hearing	Denaburg	200.00	40.00
01/27/20	DFO	Client Administration	7th Quarter	Attend Fee Hearing		200.00	20.00
				Read email & download			
04/14/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	files	S Porterfield w fee files	200.00	20.00
				math check & data			
04/15/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	correlation		200.00	280.00
04/20/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	Draft Initial Report		200.00	40.00
					edit, convert & fwd to S		
04/21/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	Draft Initial Report	Porterfield	200.00	40.00
04/22/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	Draft Final Report		200.00	40.00
					edit, convert & fwd to S		
04/22/20	DFO	Sirote & Permutt	9th Quarter	Draft Final Report	Porterfield	200.00	40.00
						5.30	\$ 1,060.00
						13.40	\$ 2,680.00

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For Services 12/01/19 Through 04/30/20

Cost Reimbursement:					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Rate</u>		<u>Amount</u>
	Courtcall	1	\$	-	-
		0	\$	-	-
		0	\$	-	-
		0	\$	-	-
			\$	-	-
Total Costs					<u>\$ -</u>

Please remit to:	Invoice Total	<u>\$ 2,680.00</u>
Direct Fee Review LLC WJ Dryer 1000 N. West Street, Suite 1200 Wilmington, DE 19801	Total Amount Payable	<u>\$ 4,362.50</u>

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For Services 12/01/19 Through 04/30/20								
Statement:								
	<u>INVOICES/PAYMENTS</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>20 Percent Holdback</u>	<u>80 Percent Payable</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
							\$	-
10/15/2018	1030-0918	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 35.00		\$	2,095.00
01/02/2019	PAYMENT					\$ 2,095.00	\$	-
02/15/2019	1030-0119	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 536.00	\$ 2,144.00	\$ -		\$	2,680.00
04/18/2019	PAYMENT					\$ 2,680.00	\$	-
05/01/2019	1030-0419	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 1,696.00	\$ -		\$	2,120.00
07/09/2019	PAYMENT					\$ 2,120.00	\$	-
07/18/2019	PAYMENT					\$ 2,120.00	\$	(2,120.00)
12/15/2019	1030-1119	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 752.00	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 42.50		\$	1,682.50
05/15/2020	1030-0420	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 536.00	\$ 2,144.00	\$ -		\$	4,362.50
TOTAL		\$ 13,300.00	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 10,640.00	\$ 77.50	\$ 9,015.00		