Docket #0001 Date Filed: 7/15/2015

B1 (Official Form 1) (04/13) UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT VOLUNTARY PETITION Northern District of Alabama Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle): Walter Natural Gas, LLC All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): (include married, maiden, and trade names): Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN)/Complete EIN Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN)/Complete EIN (if more than one, state all): (if more than one, state all): 27-2441198 Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): 3000 Riverchase Galleria, Ste. 1700 Birmingham, AL ZIP CODE ZIP CODE 35244 County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Jefferson County, Alabama Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP CODE ZIP CODE Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): ZIP CODE Jefferson County, Alabama Nature of Business Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which Type of Debtor the Petition is Filed (Check one box.) (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) (Check one box.) Chapter 15 Petition for Health Care Business Chapter 7 $\bar{\Box}$ Recognition of a Foreign Chapter 9 Single Asset Real Estate as defined in Individual (includes Joint Debtors) Main Proceeding See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form. 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Chapter 15 Petition for Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) Railroad Chapter 13 Recognition of a Foreign Partnership Stockbroker Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check Commodity Broker Nonmain Proceeding Clearing Bank this box and state type of entity below.) Other Nature of Debts Tax-Exempt Entity Chapter 15 Debtors (Check one box.) (Check box, if applicable.) Country of debtor's center of main interests: Debts are Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. primarily Debtor is a tax-exempt organization § 101(8) as "incurred by an business debts. Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or under title 26 of the United States against debtor is pending: Code (the Internal Revenue Code). individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." **Chapter 11 Debtors** Filing Fee (Check one box.) Check one box: Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Full Filing Fee attached. Z Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is Check if: Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,490,925 (amount subject to adjustment Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must on 4/01/16 and every three years thereafter). attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B. Check all applicable boxes: A plan is being filed with this petition. Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b) Statistical/Administrative Information THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors Estimated Number of Creditors П П П 50,001-200-999 1,000-5,001-10,001-25,001-Over 50-99 100-199 1-49 50,000 100,000 100,000 10,000 25,000 5,000 Estimated Assets * П \$50,001 to \$100,001 to \$500,001 \$1,000,001 \$10,000,001 \$50,000,001 \$100,000,001 \$500,000,001 More than \$0 to \$1 billion to \$500 to \$1 billion to \$100 \$50,000 \$100,000 \$500,000 to \$1 to \$10 to \$50 million million million million million Estimated Liabilities П \$50,000,001 \$1,000,001 \$10,000,001 \$50.001 to \$100,001 to \$500,001 \$0 to to \$50 to \$100 to \$ to \$10 \$100,000 \$500,000 to \$1 \$50,000 1502765150715000000000001 million million million million million

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Voluntary Petition	od in every case)	Name of Debtor(s): Walter Natural Gas, LLC		
(This page must be completed and file A	All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8	Years (If more than two, attach additional shee Case Number:	t.) Date Filed:	
Location Where Filed:			Date Filed:	
Location N/A		Case Number:		
Pending Bankr	uptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Aff	Case Number:	additional sheet.) Date Filed:	
Name of Debtor: See Attachmen	t 1	Not yet assigned	Judge:	
District: Northern District of Alabama		Relationship: Affiliates	Not yet assigned	
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). X Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)		
·	Exhit	oit C		
Does the debtor own or have possess	ion of any property that poses or is alleged to pose	a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to p	sublic health or safety?	
Yes, and Exhibit C is attached	and made a part of this petition.			
☑ No.				
If this is a joint petition:	ed by the debtor, is attached and made a part of this			
Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue				
Debtor has been preceding the date	(Check any applicable box.) Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.			
	There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.			
	Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.)				
Landlord has	Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)			
	(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)			
		(Address of landlord)		
entire moneta	Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and			
	Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.			
•	Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(1)).			

to the appropriate official form for each person.

both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or

ATTACHMENT 1

PENDING OR CONCURRENT BANKRUPTCY CASES FILED BY AFFILIATES

On the date hereof, each of the affiliated entities listed below (including the debtor in this chapter 11 case) filed a voluntary petition for relief under title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama. A motion has been filed with the Court requesting that the chapter 11 cases of these entities be jointly administered.

Entity Name	Case Number	Judge
Atlantic Development and Capital, LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Atlantic Leaseco, LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Blue Creek Coal Sales, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Blue Creek Energy, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
J.W. Walter, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Jefferson Warrior Railroad Company, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Jim Walter Homes, LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Jim Walter Resources, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Maple Coal Co., LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
SP Machine, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Tuscaloosa Resources, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
V Manufacturing Company	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Black Warrior Basin LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Coke, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Energy Holdings, LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Energy, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Exploration & Production LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Home Improvement, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Land Company	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Minerals, Inc.	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned
Walter Natural Gas, LLC	Not Yet Assigned	Not Yet Assigned

ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SOLE MEMBER OF WALTER NATURAL GAS, LLC

July 14, 2015

The undersigned, being the sole member of Walter Natural Gas, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company does hereby unanimously consent to and adopt the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the sole member (the "Governing Body") of Walter Natural Gas, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), has reviewed and considered the materials prepared and presented by the Company's management team and its financial and legal advisors regarding the Company's liabilities and liquidity, the strategic alternatives available to it, and the impact of the foregoing on the Company's business; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has consulted with the Company's management team and its financial and legal advisors, and fully considered each of the Company's strategic alternatives available to it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in the judgment of the Governing Body, and subject to the board of directors of Walter Energy, Inc. (the "Parent") duly authorizing the Parent to file for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), it is desirable and in the best interests of the Company, its creditors and other interested parties for the Company to file a voluntary petition (the "Petition") for relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, subject to the Parent's board of directors duly authorizing the Parent to file for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Company shall be, and it hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered (i) to file the Petition, and (ii) to perform any and all such acts as are reasonable, advisable, expedient, convenient, proper or necessary to effect any of the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the President, General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Controller, and Assistant Secretary (each, individually a "<u>Designated Officer</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Designated Officers</u>") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered, on behalf of and in the name of the Company (i) to execute and verify the Petition as well as all other ancillary documents and to cause the Petition to be filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama and to make or cause to be made prior to the execution thereof any modifications to the Petition or ancillary documents as such Designated Officers, in their sole discretion, deem necessary or desirable, and (ii) to execute, verify and file or cause to be filed all

petitions, schedules, lists, motions, applications, pleadings, and other papers or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the Designated Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered, on behalf of and in the name of the Company in its capacity as sole member of Walter Exploration & Production LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Subsidiary"), to take any and all actions as may be reasonable, advisable, expedient, convenient, proper or necessary to cause the Subsidiary to file a voluntary petition for relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court, including but not limited to (i) the filing of any petitions, schedules, lists, motions, applications, pleadings, and other papers or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing, and (ii) the employment of counsel, financial advisors, investment bankers, accountants, and other professionals in connection with the foregoing, and in furtherance of such filing, to authorize and consent to, on behalf of the Company in its capacity as sole shareholder of such Subsidiary, the filing of such voluntary petition for relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court and ratifying, approving and confirming the actions of the directors of such Subsidiary in authorizing the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP ("Paul Weiss") be, and hereby is, retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company as its counsel in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code and all related matters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP be, and hereby is, retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company, as co-counsel with Paul Weiss, in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Ogletree Deakins LLP be, and hereby is retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company as its special counsel with respect to any labor and employment matters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. be, and hereby is retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company as its special counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Blackstone Advisory Services, L.P. be, and hereby is, retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company as its

investment banker and financial advisor in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AlixPartners, LLP be, and hereby is, retained, authorized, empowered and directed to represent the Company as its financial advisor and consultant in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC be, and hereby is, retained, authorized, empowered and directed to serve as the notice, claims, solicitation and balloting agent in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Designated Officers be, and they each hereby are, authorized to cause the Company to employ other special counsel, financial advisors, investment bankers, accountants and other professionals as such Designated Officers deem appropriate in connection with any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the specific authorizations heretofore conferred upon the Designated Officers, each of the officers of the Company be, and each of them acting alone hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to do or cause to be done any and all such further acts and things, including the payment of all fees and expenses and other amounts payable by the Company with respect to the foregoing, and to execute and deliver any and all such other instruments, certificates, agreements and documents as they or any of them may consider necessary or appropriate to enable the Company to carry out the intent and to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each and every officer of the Company be, and each of them acting alone, and hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered from time to time in the name and on behalf of the Company, to (i) take all such further actions and execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments, guaranties, notices, agreements and other documents as may be required or as such officer may deem necessary, advisable or proper to carry out the intent and purpose of the foregoing resolutions, including without limitation the execution and delivery of any credit or security agreements, pledges, financing statements and the like, and (ii) perform the obligations of the Company under the Bankruptcy Code, with all such actions to be performed in such manner, and all such certificates, instruments, guaranties, notices and documents to be executed and delivered in such form as the officer performing or executing the same shall approve, and the performance or execution thereof by such officer shall be conclusive evidence of the approval thereof by such officer and by the Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken or performed by any officer, director, employee or agent of the Company in connection with the foregoing resolutions be, and they hereby are, confirmed, ratified and approved in all respects.

This Action by Unanimous Written Consent may be executed, by facsimile or otherwise, by the undersigned, in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same document. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Action by Unanimous Written Consent by telecopier, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic transmission (e.g., a "PDF" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually signed executed counterpart.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being a duly authorized officer of the sole member of Walter Natural Gas, LLC, has executed this written consent as of the date first written above.

Walter Energy, Inc., Sole Member

Name: Earl Doppelt

Title: Executive Vice-President, General

Counsel, & Secretary

[Signature Page to Action by Written Consent of Walter Natural Gas, LLC]

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

In re:	Chapter 11	
WALTER NATURAL GAS, LLC,	Case No. 15	
Debtor.	Joint Administration Requested	

CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT

In accordance with rule 1007(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Walter Natural Gas, LLC (the "Company"), the debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-styled case, hereby states that all corporations, other than a governmental unit, that directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%) or more of any class of the Company's equity interests, are listed below:

• Walter Energy, Inc.

I, the undersigned authorized officer of the Company, named as the debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed the foregoing and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, with reliance on appropriate corporate officers.

Date: Birmingham, Alabama July 5, 2015

By: CH V