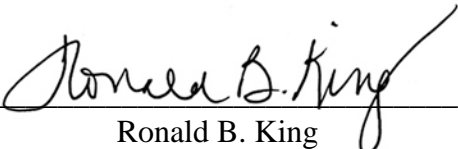




The relief described hereinbelow is SO ORDERED.

Signed March 09, 2016.

  
Ronald B. King  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

In re: § Chapter 11  
BUFFETS, LLC, *et al.*<sup>1</sup> §  
Debtors. § Case No. 16-50557-rbk  
§ (Jointly Administered)

**ORDER GRANTING COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE TREATMENT**

These bankruptcy cases were filed on March 7, 2016. A Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Case was filed. After review of the initial pleadings filed in these cases, the Court concludes that these cases appear to be complex Chapter 11 cases.

Accordingly, unless the Court orders otherwise,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Buffets, LLC (2294); Hometown Buffet, Inc. (3002); OCB Restaurant Company, LLC (7607); OCB Purchasing, Co. (7610); Ryan's Restaurant Group, LLC (7895); Fire Mountain Restaurants, LLC (8003); and Tahoe Joe's, Inc. (7129). The address for all of the Debtors is 120 Chula Vista Drive, Hollywood Park, Texas 78232.

1. The Debtors shall maintain a service list identifying the parties that must be served whenever a motion or other pleading requires notice. Unless otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code or Rules, notices of motions and other matters will be limited to the parties on the service list.

- a. The service list shall initially include the Debtors, Debtors' counsel, counsel for the unsecured creditors' committee (if any), the U.S. Trustee, all secured creditors, the 30 largest unsecured creditors of Debtors, on a consolidated basis, any indenture trustee, and any party that requests notice.
- b. Any party in interest that wishes to receive notice, other than as listed on the service list, shall be added to the service list by filing and serving the Debtors and Debtors' Counsel with a notice of appearance and request for service.
- c. Parties on the service list, who have not otherwise consented to service by email, through the act of becoming a registered e-filer in this district, are encouraged to provide an e-mail address for service of process and to authorize service by email; consent to e-mail service may be included in the party's notice of appearance and request for service; in the event a party has not consented to email service, a "hard copy" shall be served by fax or by regular mail.
- d. The initial service list shall be filed within 3 days after entry of this order. A revised list shall be filed 7 days after the initial service list is filed. The debtor shall update the service list, and shall file a copy of the updated

service list, (i) at least every 7 days during the first 30 days of the cases; (ii) at least every 15 days during the next 60 days of the cases; and (iii) at least every 30 days thereafter throughout the cases.

2. The Court will set hearings as needed. The Court's internet schedule is available at [www.txwb.uscourts.gov](http://www.txwb.uscourts.gov).

- a. All motions and other matters requiring hearing, but not requiring expedited or emergency hearing, shall be noticed for hearing, on the next hearing day that is at least 21 days after the notice is mailed. As a preface to each pleading, just below the case caption, in lieu of the language required by any Local Bankruptcy Rule, the pleading shall state:

**A hearing will be conducted on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm in courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, [courthouse name & address], \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.**

**If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing, specifically answering each paragraph of this pleading. Unless otherwise directed by the court, you must file your response with the clerk of the bankruptcy court within 21 days from the date you were served with this pleading. You must serve a copy of your response on the person who sent you the notice; otherwise, the court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.**

b. All motions and other matters requiring expedited or emergency hearing shall comply with the usual Court requirements for explanation and verification of the need for emergency or expedited hearing. Specifically, if a party in interest has a situation that it believes requires consideration on less than 7 days' notice, then the party should file and serve a separate, written motion for expedited hearing, with respect to the underlying motion. The Court will make its best effort to rule on the motion for expedited or emergency hearing within 24 hours of the time it is presented. If the Court grants the motion for expedited or emergency hearing, the underlying motion will be set by the Courtroom Deputy at the next available preset hearing day or at some other appropriate shortened date approved by the Court. The party requesting the hearing shall be responsible for providing proper notice in accordance with this order and the Bankruptcy Code and Rules.

3. Emergency and expedited hearings (and other hearings in limited circumstances) in this case may be conducted by telephone or, where available, video. Parties must request permission to participate by telephone by calling the Courtroom Deputy for the particular division at the number listed on the Court's website at [www.txwb.uscourts.gov](http://www.txwb.uscourts.gov).

4. If a matter is properly noticed for hearing and the parties reach a settlement of the dispute before the final hearing, the parties may announce the settlement at the scheduled hearing. If the Court determines that the notice of the dispute and the hearing is adequate notice of the effects of the settlement, (i.e., that the terms of the settlement are not materially different

from what parties in interest could have expected if the dispute were fully litigated) the Court may approve the settlement at the hearing without further notice of the terms of the settlement.

5. The debtor shall give notice of this order to all parties in interest within 7 days. If any party in interest, at any time, objects to the provisions of this order, that party shall file a motion articulating the objection and the relief requested. After hearing the objection and any responses the Court may reconsider any part of this order and may grant relief, if appropriate.

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