

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
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WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 18-35672 (MI)
)	
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	(Emergency Hearing Requested)

**DEBTORS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ENTRY OF
AN ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SCHEDULES OF CURRENT INCOME
AND EXPENDITURES, SCHEDULES OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS
AND UNEXPIRED LEASES, AND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

THIS MOTION SEEKS ENTRY OF AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE MOTION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE MOTION AT THE HEARING.

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. IF THE COURT CONSIDERS THE MOTION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, THEN YOU WILL HAVE LESS THAN 21 DAYS TO ANSWER. IF YOU OBJECT TO THE REQUESTED RELIEF OR IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU SHOULD FILE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THIS MATTER ON OCTOBER 9, 2018, AT 2:30 P.M. (CT) BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID R. JONES, 515 RUSK STREET, COURTROOM 400, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”)² respectfully state the following in support of this motion (this “Motion”).

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² A detailed description of the Debtors’ businesses and the reasons for commencing the chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Jeffrey S. Stein, Chief Restructuring Officer of Westmoreland Coal Company, in*

Relief Requested

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Order”), extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs (collectively, the “Schedules and Statements”) by 31 days, for a total of 45 days from the Petition Date, through and including November 23, 2018, without prejudice to the Debtors’ ability to request additional extensions for cause shown.

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”) has 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 Texas*, dated May 24, 2012 (the “Amended Standing Order”). The 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 Motion 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. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Bankruptcy Rules

Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings, to be filed in connection herewith (the “First Day Declaration”). The terms “WLB Debtors” and “WMLP Debtors” shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

1007(c), 6003, and 9006(b), and rule 9013-1(b) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Local Rules”).

Background

4. Westmoreland Coal Company and its Debtor and non-Debtor affiliates operate the sixth-largest coal-mining enterprise in North America, including 19 coal mines in six states and Canada. The Debtors primarily produce and sell thermal coal to investment grade power plants under long-term, cost-protected contracts, as well as to industrial customers and barbeque charcoal manufacturers. Headquartered in Englewood, Colorado, the Debtors and their non-Debtor subsidiaries employ approximately 2,971 individuals. The Debtors’ revenue for the twelve-month period that ended August 31, 2018, totaled approximately \$850 million. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors’ aggregate prepetition indebtedness totaled approximately \$1.1 billion.

5. On the date hereof (the “Petition Date”), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

Basis for Relief

I. Cause Exists to Extend the Time to File the Schedules and Statements.

6. The requirements of section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) ordinarily require debtors to file their Schedules and Statements within 14 days after their petition date. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b), the Court has authority to extend the time required for filing of the Schedules and Statements “for cause.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c) and 9006(b).

7. The Debtors submit that ample cause exists to grant the relief requested herein. To prepare their Schedules and Statements, the Debtors will have to compile information from books, records, and documents relating to hundreds of claims, assets, and contracts from each Debtor entity. Accordingly, collection of the necessary information will require a significant expenditure of time and effort on the part of the Debtors and their employees. Additionally, because numerous invoices related to prepetition goods and services have not yet been received and entered into the Debtors' accounting system, it may be some time before the Debtors have access to all of the information required to prepare the Schedules and Statements.

8. In the days leading up to the Petition Date, the Debtors' primary focus has been preparing for these chapter 11 cases. Focusing the attention of key personnel on critical operational and chapter 11 compliance issues during the early days of these chapter 11 cases will facilitate the Debtors' smooth transition into chapter 11, thereby maximizing value for their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest.

9. Courts in this district have granted similar relief to that requested herein in a number of cases. *See, e.g., In re iHeartMedia, Inc.*, No. 18-31274(MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 15, 2018) (granting a 28-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements); *In re EXCO Res., Inc.*, No. 18-30155 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 18, 2018) (granting a 30-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements); *In re Seadrill Ltd.*, No. 17-60079 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Sept. 13, 2017) (granting a 45-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements); *In re Goodman Networks, Inc.*, No. 17-31575 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 14, 2017) (granting a 60-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements); *In re CJ Holding Co.*, No. 16-33590 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. July 21, 2016) (granting a 30-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements); *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc.*, No.

16-32488 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 18, 2016) (granting a 30-day extension of the deadline to file schedules and statements).³

Emergency Consideration

10. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Local Rule 9013-1(i), the Debtors respectfully request emergency consideration of this Motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which empowers a court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case “to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm.” As set forth in this Motion, the Debtors believe an immediate and orderly transition into chapter 11 is critical to the viability of their operations and that any delay in granting the relief requested could hinder the Debtors’ operations and cause irreparable harm. Furthermore, the failure to receive the requested relief during the first 21 days of these chapter 11 cases could severely disrupt the Debtors’ operations at this critical juncture and imperil the Debtors’ restructuring. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the “immediate and irreparable harm” standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and, therefore, respectfully request that the Court approve the relief requested in this Motion on an emergency basis.

Reservation of Rights

11. Nothing contained in this Motion or any actions taken by the Debtors pursuant to relief granted in the Order is intended or should be construed as: (a) an admission as to the validity of any particular claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the Debtors’ rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease

³ Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors’ proposed counsel.

pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) satisfied pursuant to this Motion are valid, and the Debtors expressly reserve their rights to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens.

Notice

12. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to the following parties or their respective counsel (collectively, the "Notice Parties"): (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 50 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the indenture trustee under the WLB Debtors' 8.75% senior secured notes due 2022; (d) the ad hoc group of lenders under the WLB Debtors' prepetition term loan facility due 2020 and the WLB Debtors' 8.75% senior secured notes due 2022; (e) the administrative agent under the WLB Debtors' prepetition term loan facility due 2020; (f) the administrative agent under the WLB Debtors' bridge loan facility due 2019; (g) the administrative agent under the WMLP Debtors' term loan facility due 2018; (h) the ad hoc committee of certain lenders under the WMLP Debtors' term loan facility due 2018; (i) the administrative agent under the WLB Debtors' proposed debtor-in-possession financing facility; (j) the lenders under the WLB Debtors' proposed debtor-in-possession financing facility; (k) any statutory committee appointed in these cases; (l) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; (m) the Internal Revenue Service; (n) the Environmental Protection Agency and similar state environmental agencies for states in which the Debtors conduct business; (o) the offices of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (p) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (q) the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and (r) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The

Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

13. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Order granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Houston, Texas
October 9, 2018

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on October 9, 2018, 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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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

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Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”) extending the deadline to file the Schedules and Statements, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; 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 Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the

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Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. The time within which the Debtors must file the Schedules and Statements is extended for an additional 31 days, for a total of 45 days after the Petition Date, through and including November 23, 2018, without prejudice to the Debtors' right to seek an additional extension upon cause shown therefor.
3. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
4. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
5. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
6. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

7. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2018
Houston, Texas

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE