

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE:

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

ALAN D. HALPERIN, solely as Plan
Administrator of the Wind-Down Estates of
Briggs & Stratton Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, NEBRASKA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT and
ZURICH-AMERICAN INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Defendants.

In Proceedings Under Chapter 11
Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States

Case No. 20-43597-659
(Jointly Administered)

Adversary No. 25-04044-659

THIRD MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

COME NOW the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court and the State of Nebraska (collectively, the "Movants") and in support of their *Third Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint* (the "Motion"), state to this honorable Court as follows:

1. Plaintiff commenced this action on August 1, 2025. In its Complaint, Plaintiff purports to seek declaratory relief, turnover, damages, and additional relief against Movants and against a surety bond issuer.

2. Movants are the state of Nebraska and the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, a judicial branch of the state of Nebraska.



3. On August 6, 2025 this Court issued a Summons [Doc. No.4] which provides that Movants are to file a motion or answer to the Complaint on or before the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of the Summons. As such, Movants' initial response deadline under Rules 7007, 7012, 7013, and 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure was September 5, 2025 (the "Response Date").

4. Movants are a sovereign state and a judicial branch of that sovereign state. In order to appropriately respond to the Complaint in this action, Movants will need to review applicable statutes and rules, communications between and among them and Debtor, communications between and among them and Plaintiff in this matter, and relevant documents. In addition, prior to submitting a response to the Complaint, appropriate approvals will be required from officials of the state of Nebraska. The law firm representing Movants has experienced significant technical issues with its cloud-based document management system that has prevented counsel from finalizing its response in a manner that would allow receipt, review, and approval of same by Movants in time for filing.

5. Equally important, and perhaps more so, Movants have engaged with Plaintiff as well as with the co-defendant Zurich-American Insurance Company (Zurich) in an effort to develop the fundamental facts of the transactions involved in this matter. These facts will, the parties believe, allow for a resolution of the matter or will clarify what the claims for relief in the Complaint may be. Movants understand that Plaintiff has granted an informal extension to Zurich while this investigation continues. Movants respectfully request that the Response Date in this action be extended for Movants through and including November 3, 2025.

6. The undersigned represents to this Court that counsel for Plaintiff consents to this request.

7. This request is made timely under Rule 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

8. Movants respectfully submit that the foregoing constitutes good and sufficient cause under Rule 9006(b) and further that this request is not made for an improper purpose. Rather, the request is made, with consent of Plaintiff and in order to allow Movants sufficient time to fully respond to the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Movants respectfully request that this honorable Court grant this Motion, that the Court extend the Response Date through and including November 3, 2025, and that the Court grant Movants such additional and further relief as is just and proper.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served this 17th day of October, 2025, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the following parties, unless said parties received service by electronic means:

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