

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)	Chapter 11)	
AVENGER FLIGHT GROUP, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	Case No. 26-10183 (MFW))	
Debtors. ¹)	(Jointly Administered))	
)	Re: Docket Nos. 7 & 67)	

Objection Deadline: February 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)
Hearing Date: March 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. (ET)

**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF INTERIM ORDER AND FINAL HEARING
REGARDING MOTION FOR ENTRY OF INTERIM AND FINAL
ORDERS: (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES
AND FEES; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 11, 2026, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors presented certain first-day motions at a hearing before the Honorable Mary F. Walrath at the Bankruptcy Court on February 13, 2026. The Bankruptcy Court granted the relief requested by the *Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders: (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees; and (II) Granting*

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Related Relief [Docket No. 7], attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and entered the *Interim Order: (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees; and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 67], attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any response or objection to the entry of a final order with respect to the relief sought in the Motion must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before **February 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the same time, you must also serve a copy of the response or objection upon: (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801), Attn: Richard M. Pachulski (rpachulski@pszjlaw.com) and Mary F. Caloway (mcaloway@pszjlaw.com); (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Attn: Jon Lipshie, Esq. (jon.lipshie@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the DIP Lenders, (a) Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: David M. Hillman (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Matthew R. Koch (mkoch@proskauer.com)), and (b) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Matthew B. McGuire (mcguire@lrclaw.com)); (iv) counsel to the DIP Agent, (a) Alston & Bird LLP, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016 (Attn: William Hao (william.hao@alston.com) and Dylan S. Cassidy (dylan.cassidy@alston.com); and (v) counsel for any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the “Notice Parties”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE FINAL RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FINAL RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE MOTION WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 2026 AT 11:30 A.M. PREVAILING EASTERN TIME BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARY F. WALRATH, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE, AT THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 MARKET STREET, 5TH FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 4, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

Dated: February 13, 2026

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Exhibit 1

Motion

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

AVENGER FLIGHT GROUP, LLC, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-10183 (___)

(Joint Administration Requested)

MOTION FOR ENTRY OF INTERIM AND
FINAL ORDERS: (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
TAXES AND FEES; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors” or “AFG”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) hereby file this Motion (the “Motion”) for the entry of an interim order on an expedited basis, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Interim Order”) and, following a final hearing to be set by the Court (the “Final Hearing”), the entry of a final order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (the “Final Order”): (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees (as defined herein) in the ordinary course of business that are payable or become payable during these Chapter 11 Cases (including any obligations subsequently determined upon audit or otherwise to be owed for periods prior to the Petition Date); and (b) granting related relief. In support of this Motion, the Debtors rely upon and refer this Court to the *Declaration of Lawrence Perkins in Support of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Petitions and First*

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Day Relief (the “First Day Declaration”), incorporated herein by reference.² In further support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

Jurisdiction and Venue

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (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 District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local 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.

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 363(b), 507(a)(8), and 541 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rules 2002, 6003, and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Local Rules 2002-1 and 9013-1.

Background

4. On the date hereof (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are managing their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee

² A capitalized term used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the First Day Declaration.

or examiner has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

5. Avenger Flight Group, LLC (“AFG LLC”) and its affiliates (collectively, “Avenger” or the “Company”) is a global leader in the commercial aviation simulation and training business. Avenger provides a full suite of advanced flight simulator training solutions to their customers, which include blue-chip passenger airlines, regional airlines, charter operators, and training operators. As of the Petition Date, the Company owns, operates or services 50 full-flight simulators and 15 flight training devices across 11 training centers in 4 countries.

6. A detailed description of the Debtors’ business and facts precipitating the filing of the Debtors’ chapter 11 proceedings are set forth in the First Day Declaration.

Taxes and Fees Overview

7. In the ordinary course of business, the Debtors collect, withhold, and incur sales, use, and income taxes, as well as other governmental taxes, fees, and assessments (collectively, the “Taxes and Fees”).³ The Debtors pay or remit, as applicable, Taxes and Fees to various governmental authorities (each, an “Authority,” and collectively, the “Authorities”) on a periodic basis (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, and on an *ad hoc* basis depending on the Debtors’ reporting calendar), based on the nature and incurrence of a particular Tax or Fee and as required by applicable laws and regulations. A schedule identifying the Authorities is attached hereto as Exhibit C.⁴ The Debtors generally pay and remit Taxes and Fees through checks and

³ This Motion does not seek relief with respect to the Debtors’ collection and remittance of employee-related taxes and withholdings, which are instead addressed in the *Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing, but Not Directing, the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief*, filed contemporaneously herewith.

⁴ Although Exhibit C is intended to be comprehensive, the Debtors may have inadvertently omitted Authorities from Exhibit C. The Debtors request relief with respect to Taxes and Fees payable to all Authorities, regardless of whether such Authority is specifically identified in Exhibit C.

electronic transfers that are processed through their banks and other financial institutions or service providers. From time to time, the Debtors may also receive tax credits for overpayments or refunds in respect of Taxes or Fees. The Debtors generally use these credits in the ordinary course of business to offset against future Taxes or Fees, or the amount of such credits are refunded to the Debtors.

8. Additionally, the Debtors are and may become subject to routine audit investigations on account of tax returns or tax obligations in respect of prior years (“Audits”) during the Chapter 11 Cases. Audits may result in additional prepetition Taxes and Fees being assessed against the Debtors (such additional Taxes and Fees, “Assessments”).⁵ The Debtors seek authority to pay or remit tax obligations on account of the Audits as they arise in the ordinary course of the Debtors’ business, including as a result of any resolutions of issues addressed in an Audit.

9. The Debtors seek authority to pay and remit all prepetition and postpetition obligations on account of Taxes and Fees, including: (a) where Taxes and Fees accrue or are incurred postpetition; (b) Taxes and Fees that have accrued or were incurred prepetition but were not paid prepetition, or were paid in an amount less than actually owed; (c) where payments made prepetition by the Debtors were lost or otherwise not received in full by any of the Authorities; and (d) Taxes and Fees incurred for prepetition periods that become due and payable after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases. In addition, for the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors seek authority to pay Taxes and Fees for so-called “straddle” periods.⁶

⁵ Nothing in this Motion, or any related order, constitutes or should be construed as an admission of liability by the Debtors with respect to any Audit or Assessment. The Debtors expressly reserve all rights with respect to any Audit and the right to contest any Assessments claimed to be due as a result of any Audit.

⁶ The Debtors reserve their rights with respect to the proper characterization of any “straddle” Taxes and Fees and to seek reimbursement of any portion of any payment made that ultimately is not entitled to administrative or priority treatment.

10. Any failure by the Debtors to pay the Taxes and Fees could materially disrupt the Debtors' business operations in several ways, including (but not limited to): (a) the Authorities may initiate audits of the Debtors, which would unnecessarily divert the Debtors' attention from the Chapter 11 Cases; (b) the Authorities may attempt to suspend the Debtors' operations, file liens, seek to lift the automatic stay, or pursue other remedies that will harm the estates; and (c) in certain instances, the Debtors' directors and officers could be subject to claims of personal liability, which would likely distract those key individuals from their duties related to the Debtors' restructuring. Taxes and Fees not paid on the due date as required by law may result in fines and penalties, the accrual of interest, or both. The Debtors also collect and hold certain outstanding tax liabilities in trust for the benefit of the applicable Authorities, and these funds may not constitute property of the Debtors' estates. Accordingly, the Debtors seek authority to pay the Taxes and Fees in the ordinary course as they become due.

A. Sales and Use Taxes

11. The Debtors incur, collect, and remit sales and use taxes to the Authorities in connection with the sale, purchase, and use of goods and services (collectively, the "Sales and Use Taxes"). The Debtors generally pay Sales and Use Taxes on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis, depending on the relevant jurisdiction. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors estimate that the aggregate amount of accrued and unremitted Sales and Use Taxes is approximately \$90,000, all of which will become due in the interim period. The Debtors request authority to pay any accrued but unremitted Sales and Use Taxes in the ordinary course as they become due.

B. Property Taxes

12. Under applicable law, state and local governments in jurisdictions where the Debtors' operations are located may levy property taxes against the Debtors' personal property (the "Property Taxes"). The Debtors typically pay Property Taxes annually, quarterly, or semi-annually depending on how the relevant tax is assessed.

13. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors estimate that the aggregate amount of accrued and unremitted Property Taxes is approximately \$1,460,000, of which \$1,340,000 will become due during the interim period. The Debtors request the authority to pay the outstanding Property Taxes in the ordinary course of business as they become due.

C. Franchise Taxes

14. The Debtors are required to pay franchise taxes (the "Franchise Taxes") to certain Authorities to operate their businesses in the applicable taxing jurisdictions. Certain states may refuse to qualify a company to do business in a state or recognize a name change, merger, or other activity if franchise taxes have not been paid. Most jurisdictions assess franchise taxes on an annual basis, in arrears. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors estimate that the aggregate amount of accrued and unremitted Franchise Taxes is approximately \$110,000, none of which will become due during the interim period. The Debtors request authority to pay any Franchise Taxes in the ordinary course as they become due.

D. Business Licenses and Other Fees

15. The Debtors are required to pay various taxes and fees for business licenses, annual reports and other similar types of taxes and fees (the "Business Fees") in order to continue conducting their business pursuant to state and local laws. The Debtors remit the required amounts for the Business Fees on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis, depending on the requirements of

the particular Authority. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors do not believe any Business Fees are accrued and unpaid but request authority to pay any Business Fees in the ordinary course as they become due.

Relief Requested

16. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of the Interim Order and Final Order: (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees in the ordinary course of business that are payable or become payable during the Chapter 11 Cases (including any obligations subsequently determined upon audit or otherwise to be owed for periods prior to the Petition Date);⁷ and (b) granting related relief.⁸

17. The Debtors also request that all banks and other financial institutions on which checks to third parties are drawn or electronic payments are made pursuant to this Motion be authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all such checks (whether issued or presented prior to or after the Petition Date) and electronic payments, and to rely on the representations of the Debtors as to which checks are authorized to be paid.⁹

18. In addition, the Debtors request that the Court schedule a final hearing to consider approval of this Motion on a final basis.

⁷ The Debtors request authority to reissue any amounts paid by check prepetition that have not cleared as of the Petition Date and are dishonored.

⁸ Nothing in this Motion shall be deemed to constitute an admission to any asserted liability or obligation with respect to any tax. The Debtors reserve any and all rights to contest any tax asserted against them by any Authority.

⁹ Contemporaneously herewith, the Debtors have filed the *Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue Operating Cash Management System, (B) Honor Certain Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (C) Maintain Existing Business Forms, and (D) Granting Related Relief* (the "Cash Management Motion"). Details regarding accounts used by the Debtors to pay all obligations in the ordinary course, including taxes, are described in the Cash Management Motion.

Basis for Relief

19. The Court should grant the relief requested herein because: (a) portions of the Taxes and Fees are not property of the estate; (b) the Authorities or the parties who ordinarily collect the Taxes and Fees may file liens, initiate audits, or otherwise proceed against the Debtors for unpaid Taxes and Fees, and such actions will result in unnecessary expense and distraction from the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of their estates; (c) portions of the Taxes and Fees are entitled to priority status pursuant to section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) failure to pay Business Fees may adversely affect current operations; and (e) section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Court's general equitable powers permit the Court to grant such relief.

A. Certain of the Taxes and Fees Are Not Property of the Debtors' Estates

20. The Debtors' payment of the Taxes and Fees, though arguably a payment of a prepetition claim, is justified in part because certain of these amounts are not property of the Debtors' estates pursuant to section 541(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, section 541(d) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that "[p]roperty in which the debtor holds, as of the commencement of the case, only legal title and not an equitable interest . . . becomes property of the estate under subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section **only** to the extent of the debtor's legal title to such property, but not to the extent of any equitable interest in such property that the debtor does not hold." 11 U.S.C. § 541(d) (emphasis added).

21. Consistent with section 541(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, courts have held that certain types of taxes are not part of a debtor's estate. *See, e.g., Begier v. Internal Revenue Serv.*, 496 U.S. 53, 57–60 (1990) (holding that any prepetition payment of trust fund taxes is not a transfer subject to avoidance because such funds are not the debtor's property); *DuCharmes & Co., Inc. v. Michigan (In re DuCharmes & Co.)*, 852 F.2d 194 (6th Cir. 1988) (per curiam) (same); *Shank v. Wash. State Dept. of Revenue (In re Shank)*, 792 F.2d 829, 833 (9th Cir. 1986) (holding that sales

tax required by state law to be collected by sellers from their customers is a “trust fund” tax and is not released by a bankruptcy discharge); *DeChiaro v. N.Y. State Tax Comm’n*, 760 F.2d 432, 435–36 (2d Cir. 1985) (same); *Rosenow v. Ill. Dept. of Revenue (In re Rosenow)*, 715 F.2d 277, 279–82 (7th Cir. 1983) (same); *Western Surety Co. v. Waite (In re Waite)*, 698 F.2d 1177, 1179 (11th Cir. 1983) (same).

22. Here, the Sales and Use Taxes constitute amounts held in trust, which the Debtors are required to collect and hold in trust for payment to the Authorities. To the extent these Sales and Use Taxes constitute “trust fund” taxes, they are not property of the Debtors’ estates under section 541(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. See *In re Am. Int’l Airways, Inc.*, 70 B.R. 102, 104–05 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1987); *In re Dameron*, 155 F.3d 718, 721–22 (4th Cir. 1998) (holding that funds from various lenders held by a closing agent in trust for designated third parties were not property of the debtor’s estate). Given that the Debtors do not have an equitable interest in such Sales and Use Taxes, the Debtors should be permitted to remit these Sales and Use Taxes to the Authorities as they become due, irrespective of the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

B. Payment of the Taxes and Fees Will Avoid Unnecessary Distractions

23. Any regulatory dispute or delinquency that impacts the Debtors’ ability to conduct business in a particular jurisdiction could have a wide-ranging and adverse effect on the Debtors’ business operations and restructuring efforts. Specifically, the Debtors’ failure to remit the Taxes and Fees could adversely affect the Debtors’ remaining business operations because, among other things: (a) the Authorities could initiate audits of the Debtors or prevent the Debtors from continuing their business and administering their estates, which, even if unsuccessful, would unnecessarily divert the Debtors’ attention from the process of maximizing the value of their estates; (b) the Authorities could attempt to suspend the Debtors’ operations, file liens, seek to lift the automatic stay, and pursue other remedies that will harm the Debtors’ estates; and (c) certain

directors, officers, and persons might be subject to personal liability—even if such a failure to remit such Taxes and Fees was not a result of malfeasance on their part—which would undoubtedly distract these key employees from their duties related to the Debtors’ restructuring. In fact, the Authorities may take such actions regardless of these chapter 11 filings. *See, e.g.*, 11 U.S.C. § 362(b)(9) (permitting tax audits and assessments); 11 U.S.C. § 362(b)(18) (allowing the creation or perfection of liens for property taxes).

24. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request the authority to remit the Taxes and Fees as they become due to ensure that the Debtors remain focused on their business operations and restructuring efforts.

C. Certain of the Taxes and Fees May be Secured or Constitute Priority Claims

25. Claims for certain of the Taxes and Fees are or may be priority claims entitled to payment before general unsecured claims. See 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8) (describing taxes entitled to priority treatment). Moreover, to the extent that such amounts are entitled to priority treatment under the Bankruptcy Code, the respective Authorities may attempt to assess interest and penalties if such amounts are not paid. See 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8)(G) (granting eighth priority status to “a penalty related to a claim of a kind specified in this paragraph and in compensation for actual pecuniary loss”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors are not seeking to make any payments pursuant to this motion for tax periods that would be older than those entitled to priority treatment.

26. Some of the Taxes and Fees may be entitled to secured status with respect to property owned by the Debtors. Moreover, certain of the Taxes and Fees may be subject to priming liens on the Debtors’ property under state law. As secured claims, these Taxes and Fees would be entitled to immediate payment upon a sale or priority treatment under a chapter 11 plan. See 11 U.S.C. §§ 506(a), 1129(a)(9)(C); 1129(b)(2)(A) (requiring that any plan of reorganization “crammed down” over a class of secured creditors pay those creditors in full or allow those

creditors to retain their liens). Moreover, such secured claims could accrue interest if not timely paid. Thus, paying such secured Taxes and Fees only affects the timing of the payments, may reduce the ultimate amount owed with respect to such Taxes and Fees, and does not prejudice the rights of other creditors of the Debtors.

27. Further, the failure to pay certain of the Taxes and Fees may adversely affect the Debtors' ability to maintain their good standing to operate in the jurisdictions in which they do business, to conduct business in those jurisdictions, and to administer their estates for the benefit of their creditors.

28. In sum, payment of the Taxes and Fees is in the best interest of the Debtors and their estates, will not harm unsecured creditors and other parties in interest, and will reduce harm and administrative expense to the Debtors' estates.

29. Similar relief is routinely granted by courts in this district and elsewhere. *See, e.g., In re American Signature, Inc.*, No. 25-12105 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 31, 2025); *In re Marelli Auto. Lighting USA LLC*, No. 25-11034 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. July 23, 2025) (authorizing debtors to pay prepetition taxes and fees in the ordinary course of business); *In re Am. Tire Distribs., Inc.*, No. 24-12391 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 18, 2024) (same); *In re Amyris, Inc.*, No. 23-11131 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Sept. 8, 2023); *In re GigaMonster Networks, LLC*, No. 23-10051 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 9, 2023) (same); *In re Medly Health Inc.*, No. 22-11257 (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 6, 2023) (same); *In re Carestream Health, Inc.*, No. 22-10778 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Sept. 22, 2022) (same); *In re RTI Holding Co., LLC*, No. 20-12456 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 17, 2020) (same); *In re Blackhawk Mining LLC*, No. 19-11595 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 9, 2019) (same); *In re iPic-Gold Class Entm't LLC*, No. 19-11739 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Sept. 10, 2019) (same, on

a final basis); *In re Z Gallerie, LLC*, No. 19-10488 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 9, 2019) (same); *In re Things Remembered, Inc.*, No. 19-10234 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 26, 2019) (same).

D. Payment of the Taxes and Fees is Warranted Under the Doctrine of Necessity

30. Courts generally acknowledge that, under appropriate circumstances, they may authorize a debtor to pay or provide special treatment for certain prepetition obligations. *See, e.g., In re Just for Feet, Inc.*, 242 B.R. 821, 824–25 (Bankr. D. Del. 1999) (noting that, in the Third Circuit, debtors may pay prepetition claims that are essential to the continued operation of the debtor’s business); *In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc.*, 98 B.R. 174, 175 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989) (granting the debtor the authority to pay prepetition wages); *Armstrong World Indus., Inc. v. James A. Phillips, Inc. (In re James A. Phillips, Inc.)*, 29 B.R. 391, 398 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1983) (granting the debtor the authority to pay prepetition claims of suppliers who were potential lien claimants). When authorizing payments of certain prepetition obligations, courts have relied upon several legal theories rooted in sections 105(a) and 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

31. Consistent with a debtor’s fiduciary duties, where there is a sound business purpose for the payment of prepetition obligations, and where the debtor is able to “articulate some business justification, other than the mere appeasement of major creditors,” courts have authorized debtors to make such payments under section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See, e.g., Ionosphere Clubs*, 98 B.R. at 175 (finding that a sound business justification existed to pay prepetition wages); *James A. Phillips, Inc.*, 29 B.R. at 397 (relying upon section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code as a basis to allow a contractor to pay the prepetition claims of suppliers who were potential lien claimants).

32. Courts have also authorized payment of prepetition claims in appropriate circumstances pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which codifies the inherent equitable powers of the bankruptcy court and empowers it to “issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title.” 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). Under

section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, courts may permit payments of prepetition obligations when such payments are essential to the continued operation of the debtor's business, and in particular where nonpayment of a prepetition obligation would trigger a withholding of goods or services essential to the debtor's business reorganization plan. *See In re UNR Indus.*, 143 B.R. 506, 520 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1992) (permitting the debtor to pay prepetition claims of suppliers or employees whose continued cooperation is essential to the debtors' successful reorganization); *Ionosphere Clubs*, 98 B.R. at 177 (finding that section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code empowers bankruptcy courts to authorize payments of prepetition debts when such payments are needed to facilitate the rehabilitation of the debtor).

33. In addition to the authority granted to a debtor in possession under sections 105(a) and 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, courts have developed the "doctrine of necessity" or the "necessity of payment" rule, which originated in the landmark case of *Miltenberger v. Logansport, C. & S.W.R. Co.*, 106 U.S. 286 (1882). Since *Miltenberger*, courts have expanded their application of the doctrine of necessity to cover instances of a debtor's reorganization. *See Dudley v. Mealey*, 147 F.2d 268, 271 (2d Cir. 1945) (holding, in a hotel reorganization matter, that the court was not "helpless" to apply the rule to supply creditors where the alternative was the cessation of operations). The Third Circuit recognized the doctrine in *In re Lehigh & New England Ry. Co.*, 657 F.2d 570, 581 (3d Cir. 1981).

34. In *Lehigh*, the Third Circuit held that a court could authorize the payment of prepetition claims if such payment was essential to the continued operation of the debtor. *See id.* (stating that a court may authorize payment of prepetition claims when there "is the possibility that the creditor will employ an immediate economic sanction, failing such payment"); *see also In re Penn Cent. Transp. Co.*, 467 F.2d 100, 102 n.1 (3d Cir. 1972) (holding that the necessity of

payment doctrine permits “immediate payment of claims of creditors where those creditors will not supply services or material essential to the conduct of the business until their pre-reorganization claims have been paid”); *Just for Feet*, 242 B.R. at 824–25 (noting that debtors may pay prepetition claims that are essential to the continued operation of their business); *In re Columbia Gas Sys., Inc.*, 171 B.R. 189, 191–92 (Bankr. D. Del. 1994) (same).

35. The necessity of payment doctrine is designed to foster the rehabilitation of a debtor in reorganization cases, which courts have recognized is “the paramount policy and goal of Chapter 11.” *Ionosphere Clubs*, 98 B.R. at 176; *see also Just for Feet*, 242 B.R. at 826 (finding that payment of prepetition claims to certain trade vendors was “essential to the survival of the debtor during the chapter 11 reorganization”); *In re Quality Interiors, Inc.*, 127 B.R. 391, 396 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1991) (noting that “payment by a debtor-in-possession of pre-petition claims outside of a confirmed plan of reorganization is generally prohibited by the Bankruptcy Code,” but also observing that “[a] general practice has developed . . . where bankruptcy courts permit the payment of certain pre-petition claims, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105, where the debtor will be unable to reorganize without such payment”); *In re Eagle-Picher Indus., Inc.*, 124 B.R. 1021, 1023 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 1991) (approving payment of prepetition unsecured claims of toolmakers as “necessary to avert a serious threat to the Chapter 11 process”); *Burchinal v. Cent. Wash. Bank (In re Adams Apple, Inc.)*, 829 F.2d 1484, 1490 (9th Cir. 1987) (finding that it is appropriate to provide for the “unequal treatment of pre-petition debts when [such treatment is] necessary for rehabilitation”); 3 *Collier on Bankruptcy* ¶ 105.04[5][a] (15th ed. rev. 2004) (discussing cases in which courts have relied upon the “doctrine of necessity” or the “necessity of payment” rule to pay prepetition claims immediately).

36. Here, the Debtors' payment of the Taxes and Fees is an exercise of sound business judgment, is vital to the Debtors' restructuring efforts, and is necessary to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of their creditors. If the Debtors do not continue paying the Taxes and Fees when they come due on a timely basis, it is possible that Authorities or those parties who ordinarily collect the Taxes and Fees may seek to interfere with the Debtors' business and the efficient administration of the Debtors' estates.

E. Cause Exists to Authorize the Debtors' Financial Institutions to Honor Checks and Electronic Fund Transfers

37. In connection with the payment of the Taxes and Fees, the Debtors also request that all applicable banks and other financial institutions be authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all checks presented for payment and to honor all electronic payment requests made by the Debtors related to the prepetition obligations described herein, whether such checks were presented or electronic requests were submitted prior to or after the Petition Date. The Debtors further request that all such banks and financial institutions be authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved pursuant to this Motion. The Debtors intend to pay all tax and regulatory obligations in a timely manner in accordance with their ordinary business practices and as authorized by the Order approving this Motion.

38. The Debtors have made or will make arrangements to identify checks or wire transfer requests as relating to an authorized payment in respect of the Taxes and Fees. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that checks or wire transfer requests, other than those relating to authorized payments, will not be honored inadvertently, and the Court should authorize all applicable financial institutions, when requested by the Debtors, to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all checks or wire transfer requests in respect of the relief requested herein.

39. Prompt payment of Sales and Use Taxes will permit the Debtors to avoid interest and penalties.

40. The Debtors believe that they are entitled to immediate authorization for the relief contemplated by this Motion. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, “[e]xcept to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm, the court shall not, within 21 days after the filing of the petition, issue an order granting the following: . . . (b) a motion to use, sell, lease, or otherwise incur an obligation regarding property of the estate, including a motion to pay all or part of a claim that arose before the filing of the petition, but not a motion under Rule 4001.” To the extent that the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 are applicable to the relief requested in the Motion, the Debtors submit that for the reasons already set forth herein, the relief requested in this Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm. For reasons discussed above and in the First Day Declaration, the relief requested herein is integral to the Debtors’ administrative activities in these Chapter 11 Cases and necessary to preserve the value of their business and maximize the value of their estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. Failure to receive such authorization and other relief prior to a final hearing on the Motion would severely disrupt the administration of the Debtors’ estates at this critical juncture. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the “immediate and irreparable harm” standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 to support granting the relief requested herein.

Reservation of Rights

41. Nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed as: (a) an admission as to the validity of any prepetition claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the Debtors’ or any other party in interest’s rights to dispute any prepetition claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay a prepetition claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is

of a type specified or defined in this Motion or any order granting the relief requested by this Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (f) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004

42. The Debtors seek a waiver of any stay of the effectiveness of any order granting this Motion. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), “[a]n order authorizing the use, sale or lease of property other than cash collateral is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise.” As set forth in the Motion, the relief requested herein is essential to prevent immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors' business operations. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that ample cause exists to justify a waiver of the fourteen (14) day stay imposed by Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent that it applies.

Notice

43. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to: (a) the Office of the U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lock Box 35, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, Attn: Jon Lipshie, Esq. (jon.lipshie@usdoj.gov); (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) counsel to the DIP Lenders, (i) Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: David M. Hillman (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Matthew R. Koch (mkoch@proskauer.com)), and (ii) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Matthew B. McGuire (mcguire@lrclaw.com)); (d) counsel to the DIP Agent, (a) Alston & Bird LLP, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016 (Attn: William Hao (william.hao@alston.com) and Dylan S. Cassidy (dylan.cassidy@alston.com)); (e) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of

Delaware; (f) the state attorneys general for all states in which the Debtors conduct business; (g) the Securities Exchange Commission; (h) the Authorities; and (i) any party that requests service pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. As this Motion is seeking “first day” relief, within two business days of the hearing on the Motion, the Debtors will serve copies of the Motion and any order entered in respect to this Motion as required by Local Rule 9013-1(m).

No Prior Request

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

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Conclusion

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Interim Order and Final Order, substantially in the forms attached hereto respectively as Exhibit A and Exhibit B: (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees in the ordinary course of business that are payable or become payable during the Chapter 11 Cases (including any obligations subsequently determined upon audit or otherwise to be owed for periods prior to the Petition Date); (b) granting related relief; (c) scheduling a final hearing; and (d) granting such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: February 11, 2026

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EXHIBIT A
(Proposed Interim Order)

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

AVENGER FLIGHT GROUP, LLC, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-10183 (___)

(Joint Administration Requested)

Re Docket No. ___

**INTERIM ORDER: (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF
CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), for the entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”): (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having 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 District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), 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 Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing

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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 an interim hearing before this Court (the “Hearing”); and upon the Debtors’ representation that the amounts authorized to be paid pursuant to this Interim Order are consistent with the Debtors’ debtor-in-possession financing budget; 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 on an interim basis as set forth in this Interim Order.
2. The final hearing (the “Final Hearing”) on the Motion shall be held on _____, 2026, at __:__.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed with the Court, and served so as to be received by the following parties, by no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on _____, 2026: (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801), Attn: Richard M. Pachulski (rpachulski@pszjlaw.com) and Mary F. Caloway (mcaloway@pszjlaw.com); (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Attn: Jon Lipshie, Esq. (jon.lipshie@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the DIP Lenders, (a) Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: David M. Hillman (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Matthew R. Koch (mkoch@proskauer.com)), and (b) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Matthew B. McGuire (mcguire@lrclaw.com)); (iv) counsel to the DIP Agent, (a) Alston & Bird LLP, 90 Park

Avenue, New York, New York 10016 (Attn: William Hao (william.hao@alston.com) and Dylan S. Cassidy (dylan.cassidy@alston.com); and (v) counsel for any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases. In the event that no objections to entry of a final order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such final order without need for the Final Hearing.

3. Pending entry of the Final Order, and subject to the Approved Budget (as defined in the *Interim Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Senior Secured Postpetition Financing, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (III) Granting Liens and Providing Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (IV) Granting Adequate Protection, (V) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (VI) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VII) Granting Related Relief* (the “Interim DIP Order”) or the Final Order (as defined in the Interim DIP Order), as applicable), the Debtors are (a) authorized, but not directed, on an interim basis, to negotiate, pay, or remit (or use tax credits to offset), or otherwise satisfy, as applicable, the Taxes and Fees that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date, and (b) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis—including, for the avoidance of doubt, posting collateral or a letter of credit in connection with any dispute related to Audits, or paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of Audits, provided that such amounts shall not, pending entry of the Final Order, exceed the amounts below:

Taxes and Fees	Interim Amount
Sales and Use Taxes	\$90,000
Property Taxes	\$1,340,000
Franchise Taxes	\$0
Business Fees	\$0
Total	\$1,430,000

4. All applicable banks and other financial institutions are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all prepetition checks or by automated clearinghouse payment issued by the Debtors for the payment of Taxes and Fees approved herein, whether prior to or after commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

5. The Debtors are authorized, subject to and consistent with this Interim Order, to issue postpetition checks or to effect postpetition automated clearinghouse requests in replacement of any checks or automated clearinghouse requests relating to Taxes and Fees that were dishonored or rejected.

6. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in this Interim Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities.

7. Nothing in the Motion, this Interim Order, or the Debtors' payment of any claims pursuant to this Interim Order, shall be construed as: (i) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any claim against any Debtor or the existence of any lien against the Debtors' properties; (ii) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Order; (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any claim or lien on any grounds; (iv) a promise to pay any claim; (v) an implication or admission that any particular claim would constitute an allowed claim; (vi) an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (vii) a limitation on the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract with any party subject to this Interim Order. Nothing contained herein or in

the Motion shall be deemed to increase, decrease, reclassify, elevate to an administrative expense status, or otherwise affect any claim to the extent that it is not paid.

8. Nothing contained in this Interim Order shall be construed to accelerate payments that are not otherwise due and payable.

9. Nothing herein shall impair any right of the Debtors or any other party in interest to dispute or object to any taxes asserted as owing to the Taxing Authorities or those parties who ordinarily collect the Prepetition Tax Obligations as to amount, liability, classification, or otherwise.

10. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004, the terms and conditions of this Interim Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied by the Motion. To the extent the 14-day stay of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) may be construed to apply to the subject matter of this Order, such stay is hereby waived.

11. 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 Local Rule 9013-1(m) are satisfied by such notice.

12. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized to seek a refund or credit.

13. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

14. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of this Interim Order.

EXHIBIT B
(Proposed Final Order)

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

AVENGER FLIGHT GROUP, LLC, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-10183 (___)

(Jointly Administered)

Re Docket No. ___

**FINAL ORDER: (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF
CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), for the entry of a final order (this “Final Order”): (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees; and (b) granting related relief all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having 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 District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), 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 Debtors’ notice of the Motion and

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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 upon the Debtors’ representation that the amounts authorized to be paid pursuant to this Final Order are consistent with the Debtors’ debtor-in-possession financing budget; 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 on a final basis as set forth in this Final Order.
2. Subject to the Approved Budget (as defined in the *Interim Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Senior Secured Postpetition Financing, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (III) Granting Liens and Providing Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (IV) Granting Adequate Protection, (V) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (VI) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VII) Granting Related Relief* (the “Interim DIP Order”) or the Final Order (as defined in the Interim DIP Order), as applicable), the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to: (a) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset), or otherwise satisfy, the Taxes and Fees that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date and that will become due and owing in the ordinary course of business during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases at such time when the Taxes and Fees are payable; and (b) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis—including, for the avoidance of doubt, posting collateral or a letter of credit in connection with any dispute related to Audits or paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of Audits.

3. All applicable banks and other financial institutions are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all prepetition checks or by automated clearinghouse payment issued by the Debtors for the payment of Taxes and Fees approved herein, whether prior to or after commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

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5. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in this Final Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities.

6. Nothing in the Motion, this Final Order, or the Debtors' payment of any claims pursuant to this Final Order, shall be construed as: (i) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any claim against any Debtor or the existence of any lien against the Debtors' properties; (ii) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Order; (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any claim or lien on any grounds; (iv) a promise to pay any claim; (v) an implication or admission that any particular claim would constitute an allowed claim; (vi) an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (vii) a limitation on the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract with any party subject to this Final Order. Nothing contained herein or in the

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10. 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 Local Rule 9013-1(m) are satisfied by such notice.

11. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized to seek a refund or credit.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.

13. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of this Final Order.

EXHIBIT C
(Authorities)

Taxing Authorities

Creditor Name	Creditor Notice Name	Address1	Address2	City	State	Zip
Delaware Department of Revenue	Division of Revenue/Bankruptcy Services	820 N French St 8th Floor	Carvel State Building	Wilmington	DE	19801
Delaware State Treasurer		820 Silver Lake Boulevard - Suite 100		Dover	DE	19904
State of Delaware	Division of Revenue	820 N. French Street	P.O. Box 8750	Wilmington	DE	19899-8750
Broward County	Broward County Tax Collector	115 S. Andrews Ave, A100		Fort Lauderdale	FL	33301
Florida Department of Financial Services		200 East Gaines Street		Tallahassee	FL	32399
Florida Department of Revenue	Attn Bankruptcy Dept	5050 West Tennessee St		Tallahassee	FL	32399-0112
Florida Department of Revenue	General Counsel, Mark Hamilton	PO Box 6668		Tallahassee	FL	32314-6668
Orange County	Orange County Tax Collector	P.O. Box 545100		Orlando	FL	32854
Orange County		425 N. Orange Ave.		Orlando	FL	32801
Seminole County	Seminole County Tax Collector	P.O. Box 630		Sanford	FL	32772-0630
Dakota County		1590 Highway 55		Hastings	MN	55033
Minnesota Department of Revenue		600 North Robert St.		St. Paul	MN	55146
Clark County	Office of the County Treasurer	500 S Grand Central Pkwy	Box 551220	Las Vegas	NV	89155-1220
Nevada Department of Taxation	Attn Bankruptcy Dept	1550 College Pkwy Ste 115		Carson City	NV	89706
Nevada Department of Taxation	Attn Bankruptcy Dept	700 E. Warm Springs Rd. 2nd Floor		Las Vegas	NV	89119
Nevada State Treasurer's Office		101 N. Carson Street, Suite 4		Carson City	NV	89701
Dallas County	Dallas County Treasurer's Office	500 Elm Street, Suite 4400		Dallas	TX	75202
Irving Independent School District	Tax Office	P.O. Box 152021		Irving	TX	75015-2021
Irving Independent School District		2621 W. Airport Freeway		Irving	TX	75062
Tarrant County	Office of Rick D. Barnes, Tax Assessor-Collector	100 E. Weatherford Street		Fort Worth	TX	76196
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Attn Bankruptcy Section	Lyndon B Johnson State Office Building	111 East 17th St	Austin	TX	78774
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts		PO Box 149348		Austin	TX	78714-9348

Exhibit 2

Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

AVENGER FLIGHT GROUP, LLC, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-10183 (MFW)

(Joint Administration Requested)

Re Docket No. 7

**INTERIM ORDER: (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF
CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), for the entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”): (a) authorizing the Debtors to remit and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having 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 District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), 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 Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and the last four digits of their respective federal tax identification numbers are: Avenger Flight Group, LLC (1216); AFG Dallas III, LLC (5615); AFG Dallas IV, LLC (5558); AFG Dallas, LLC (3418); AFG EU Operations Corp. (9406); AFG FLL, LLC (6470); AFG Latam Holding Corp. (6475); AFG Latam Sim Holdings II, LLC (0473); AFG Latam Sim Holdings III, LLC (2592); AFG Latam Sim Holdings IV, LLC (0093); AFG Latam Sim Holdings, LLC (6475); AFG Latam, LLC (9545); AFG Mexico Corp. (1402); AFG Orlando, LLC (8409); AFG Sanford, LLC (6661); AFG Sim Holding Corp. (3325); Avenger Flight Group Europe, Corp. (5908); Avenger Flight Group Topco, LLC (5643); Avenger Flight Training, LLC (5640); Avenger Flight Group Mexico II, S. de R.L. de C.V. (N/A); and Papi Flight Training, LLC (6206). The location of the Debtors’ corporate headquarters and the Debtors’ service address is Avenger Flight Group LLC, 1450 Lee Wagener Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315.

² A capitalized term used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Motion.

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 an interim hearing before this Court (the “Hearing”); and upon the Debtors’ representation that the amounts authorized to be paid pursuant to this Interim Order are consistent with the Debtors’ debtor-in-possession financing budget; 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 on an interim basis as set forth in this Interim Order.
2. The final hearing (the “Final Hearing”) on the Motion shall be held on March 6, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed with the Court, and served so as to be received by the following parties, by no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on February 27, 2026: (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801), Attn: Richard M. Pachulski (rpachulski@pszjlaw.com) and Mary F. Caloway (mcaloway@pszjlaw.com); (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Attn: Jon Lipshie, Esq. (jon.lipshie@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the DIP Lenders, (a) Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: David M. Hillman (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Matthew R. Koch (mkoch@proskauer.com)), and (b) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Matthew B. McGuire (mcguire@lrclaw.com)); (iv) counsel to the DIP Agent, (a) Alston & Bird LLP, 90 Park

Avenue, New York, New York 10016 (Attn: William Hao (william.hao@alston.com) and Dylan S. Cassidy (dylan.cassidy@alston.com); and (v) counsel for any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases. In the event that no objections to entry of a final order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such final order without need for the Final Hearing.

3. Pending entry of the Final Order, the Debtors are (a) authorized, but not directed, on an interim basis, to negotiate, pay, or remit (or use tax credits to offset), or otherwise satisfy, as applicable, the Taxes and Fees that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date, and (b) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis—including, for the avoidance of doubt, posting collateral or a letter of credit in connection with any dispute related to Audits, or paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of Audits, provided that such amounts shall not, pending entry of the Final Order, exceed the amounts below:

Taxes and Fees	Interim Amount
Sales and Use Taxes	\$90,000
Property Taxes	\$1,340,000
Franchise Taxes	\$0
Business Fees	\$0
Total	\$1,430,000

4. All applicable banks and other financial institutions are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all prepetition checks or by automated clearinghouse payment issued by the Debtors for the payment of Taxes and Fees approved herein, whether prior to or after commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

5. The Debtors are authorized, subject to and consistent with this Interim Order, to issue postpetition checks or to effect postpetition automated clearinghouse requests in replacement

of any checks or automated clearinghouse requests relating to Taxes and Fees that were dishonored or rejected.

6. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in this Interim Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities.

7. Nothing in the Motion, this Interim Order, or the Debtors' payment of any claims pursuant to this Interim Order, shall be construed as: (i) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any claim against any Debtor or the existence of any lien against the Debtors' properties; (ii) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Order; (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any claim or lien on any grounds; (iv) a promise to pay any claim; (v) an implication or admission that any particular claim would constitute an allowed claim; (vi) an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (vii) a limitation on the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract with any party subject to this Interim Order. Nothing contained herein or in the Motion shall be deemed to increase, decrease, reclassify, elevate to an administrative expense status, or otherwise affect any claim to the extent that it is not paid.

8. Nothing contained in this Interim Order shall be construed to accelerate payments that are not otherwise due and payable.

9. Nothing herein shall impair any right of the Debtors or any other party in interest to dispute or object to any taxes asserted as owing to the Taxing Authorities or those parties who

ordinarily collect the Prepetition Tax Obligations as to amount, liability, classification, or otherwise.

10. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004, the terms and conditions of this Interim Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied by the Motion. To the extent the 14-day stay of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) may be construed to apply to the subject matter of this Order, such stay is hereby waived.

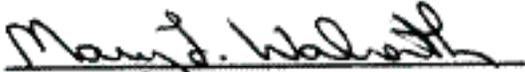
11. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and Local Rule 9013-1(m) are satisfied by such notice.

12. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized to seek a refund or credit.

13. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

14. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of this Interim Order.

Dated: February 13th, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware


MARY F. WALRATH
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE