

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:)	Case No. 10-50494
)	
FAIR FINANCE COMPANY)	Chapter 7
)	
Debtor.)	Chief Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum
)	

STATUS REPORT FOR MARCH 12, 2010 STATUS CONFERENCE

Brian A. Bash, Trustee herein, submits the following summary of the status of the Trustee's administration of the estate:

Since the Trustee's appointment, effective February 24, 2010, the Trustee, with the assistance of his professionals, has accomplished the following:

- (a) Engaged professionals:
 - Baker & Hostetler LLP (as counsel to the Trustee), approved March 11, 2010;
 - Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (as claims and noticing agent), pending approval;
 - Howard L. Klein Co. (as forensic accountant), pending approval;
 - Vestige Digital Investigations (as computer forensic expert), pending approval;
 - Clerical and administrative personnel, pending approval.
- (b) Taken possession of and secured the Debtor's facilities and electronic data.
- (c) Established a website for this proceeding, accessible through either www.kccllc.net/fairfinance or www.fairfinancetrustee.com.
- (d) Obtained Debtor's stipulation to the chapter 7 proceeding.
- (e) Accessed and identified the records necessary to enable the Trustee to return accounts serviced (not owned) by Fair Finance to the account owners, in order to prevent the continued disruption of their businesses. The Trustee intends to file a notice of abandonment, in the interest of caution, in respect of any incidental interest the estate may have in its former capacity of servicing agent for such accounts.
- (f) Commenced preparing the information necessary to complete and file Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Financial Affairs.
- (g) Issued notices regarding the automatic stay to banks, utilities and state courts in proceedings involving the Debtor.



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- (h) Monitored and reviewed the issues in the CLST (“CellStar”) dissolution proceedings pending in Texas state court.
- (i) Contacted utility companies regarding adequate assurance (the Trustee will file a motion as necessary with respect to utility services).
- (j) Responded to Court’s request in pending Second Circuit appeal of judgment against the Debtor regarding the Trustee’s position with respect to the automatic stay.

The Trustee intends to focus on the following key issues in the near term:

- (a) Finalizing and filing Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Financial Affairs.
- (b) Retaining special litigation counsel to pursue claims on behalf of the estate.
- (c) Obtain turnover of funds held in Debtor’s accounts.
- (d) Pursue estate’s interest in bond funds posted by Debtor in connection with Second Circuit appeal.
- (e) Determine which real property leases to reject and file appropriate motion(s).
- (f) Identify assets available for immediate sale and pursue sales of such assets.
- (g) Address issues in connection with Debtor’s insurance policies.
- (h) Take necessary steps to terminate or otherwise administer Debtor’s employee benefit programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing has been served via ECF or regular, U.S. Mail, on March 12, 2010, on the attached service list.

/s/ *Brian A. Bash*

Brian A. Bash

SERVICE LIST

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