IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
F21 OPCO, LLC, et al., 1	Case No. 25-10469 (MFW)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
	Ref: Docket Nos. 5, 73, 128, 129, 204, and 205

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING
REVISED PROPOSED FINAL ORDER (I) (A) PROHIBITING UTILITY COMPANIES
FROM DISCONTINUING, ALTERING, OR REFUSING SERVICE, (B) DEEMING
UTILITY COMPANIES TO HAVE ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF FUTURE
PAYMENT, (C) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING REQUESTS FOR
ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE, AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

On March 16, 2025, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) (A) Prohibiting Utility Companies from Discontinuing, Altering, or Refusing Service, (B) Deeming Utility Companies to Have Adequate Assurance of Future Payment, (C) Establishing Procedures for Resolving Requests for Additional Assurance, and (II) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 5] (the "<u>Motion</u>"). A proposed form of order approving the Motion on a final basis was attached to the Motion as Exhibit B (the "**Proposed Final Order**").

On March 18, 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>") entered an order approving the Motion on an interim basis [D.I. 73] (the "<u>Interim</u> <u>Order</u>"). Pursuant to the Interim Order, any objections or responses to entry of the Proposed Final

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Order were to be filed and served by April 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline"), as may have been extended for certain parties.

Prior to the Objection Deadline, the Debtors received to formal objections to the relief requested in the Motion: (i) the Objection of Certain Utility Companies to Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) (A) Prohibiting Utility Companies from Discontinuing, Altering, or Refusing Service, (B) Deeming Utility Companies to Have Adequate Assurance of Future Payment, (C) Establishing Procedures for Resolving Requests for Additional Assurance, and (II) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 128] and (ii) the Joinder of Certain FirstEnergy Operating Companies to the Objection of Certain Utility Companies to Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) (A) Prohibiting Utility Companies from Discontinuing, Altering, or Refusing Service, (B) Deeming Utility Companies to Have Adequate Assurance of Future Payment, (C) Establishing Procedures for Resolving Requests for Additional Assurance, and (II) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 129] (together, the "Objections," and the objecting parties, the "Objecting Parties"). Additionally, the Debtors received informal comments to the Proposed Final Order from the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee" and together with the Objecting Parties, the "Responding Parties"). The Debtors did not receive any other informal responses or objections to the Motion.

Following the Objection Deadline, the Debtors and the Objecting Parties successfully worked to resolve the Objections. Accordingly, on April 14, 2025, the Objecting Parties each withdrew their Objections. [D.I. 204, 205].

To resolve the Committee's comments, the Debtors have agreed to revise the Proposed Final Order, as reflected in the revised Proposed Final Order attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Revised Proposed Final Order**"). For the convenience of the Court and other interested

parties, a blackline comparing the Revised Proposed Final Order against the Proposed Final Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

As the Debtors did not receive any objections or responses other than those described herein, and as the Responding Parties do not object to entry of the Revised Proposed Final Order, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Revised Proposed Final Order without further notice or hearing at the Court's earliest convenience.

Dated: April 14, 2025 YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

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EXHIBIT A

Revised Proposed Final Order

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with 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 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 it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED on a final basis, as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtors shall serve a copy of the Motion and this Final Order on each Utility Company listed on the Utility Services List no later than two business days after the date this Final Order is entered.
- 3. To the extent not already done, Debtors are authorized to cause the Utility Deposit to be held in a segregated account during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases, subject to the Adequate Assurance Procedures, which Utility Deposit shall not be subject to any liens granted to the Debtors' post-petition lender(s) under any order entered by this Court authorizing the Debtors' use of cash collateral.
- 4. The Utility Deposit shall constitute adequate assurance of future payment as required by section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 5. All Utility Companies are prohibited from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services on account of any unpaid prepetition charges, the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, or any perceived inadequacy of the Adequate Assurance.
 - 6. The following Adequate Assurance Procedures are hereby approved:
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 - iii. Upon the Debtors' receipt of any Adequate Assurance Request, the Debtors shall promptly negotiate with the requesting Utility Company in an effort to resolve its Adequate Assurance Request.
 - iv. The Debtors are authorized to resolve, in their sole discretion, any Adequate Assurance Request by mutual agreement with a Utility Company and without further order of this Court and, in connection with any such agreement, in their sole discretion, provide a Utility Company with alternative adequate assurance of payment, including cash deposits, prepayments, or other forms of security, without further order of this Court, if the Debtors believe such alternative assurance is reasonable.
 - v. If the Debtors determine that a timely received Adequate Assurance Request is not reasonable and are unable to reach an alternative resolution with the applicable Utility Company, the Debtors shall request a hearing before the Court

- to determine the adequacy of assurance of payment pursuant to section 366(c)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>Determination Hearing</u>"). Pending resolution of such Adequate Assurance Request at the Determination Hearing, the Utility Company shall be prohibited from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services to the Debtors on account of unpaid charges for prepetition services or on account of any objections to the Adequate Assurance.
- 7. The Utility Companies that have received notice, and for whose benefit Utility Deposits are being made, are prohibited from requiring additional adequate assurance of payment other than pursuant to the Adequate Assurance Procedures.
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- 9. The Debtors are authorized, in their sole discretion and in consultation with the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), to add any Utility Company to the Utility Services List, and the Debtors shall add an amount equal to 50% of the Debtors' estimated monthly cost for each subsequently-added Utility Company as soon as practicable. For Utility Companies that are added to the Utility Services List, the Debtors will serve a copy of this Final Order, including the Adequate Assurance Procedures, on such subsequently-added Utility Company. Any Utility Company subsequently added to the Utility Services List shall be bound by the Adequate Assurance Procedures, provided that any subsequently-added Utility Company must serve on the Notice Parties, any Adequate Assurance Request.

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- 12. To the extent not already done, the Debtors are authorized to satisfy prepetition amounts owed to the Aggregator, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, in the ordinary course of business.
- 13. All objections to the entry of this Final Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.
- 14. Nothing in the Motion, the Interim Order, or this Final Order, or the relief granted herein (including any actions taken or payments made by the Debtors), is to be construed as: (a) an implication or admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors

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