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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

CERTIFICATION OF NO OBJECTION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the date hereof, he is not aware of any answer, objection or other responsive pleading to the *First Interim Application of NERA Economic Consulting, Inc. for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred for the Period from October 10, 2024 through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1032] (“**NERA Fee Application**”) which was filed by Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (“**Committee**”) on July 16, 2025.

The undersigned certifies that the NERA Fee Application was filed and served in accordance with the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 162] (the “**Interim Compensation Order**”) and Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Eastern District of Virginia, as adopted by Rule 1075-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for



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the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order and the notice served with the NERA Fee Application, all objections to the approval of the relief requested the NERA Fee Application were due on or before August 14, 2025.

The undersigned further certifies that the notice filed with the NERA Fee Application includes a statement that the NERA Fee Application may be granted and an order entered without a hearing unless a timely objection is made. The undersigned further certifies that he has caused a review of the Court's docket in this case and no answer, objection or other responsive pleading to the NERA Fee Application appears thereon, nor is he aware of any informal answer or objection to the NERA Fee Application.

Therefore, pursuant to the notice filed with the NERA Fee Application and the Interim Compensation Order, the Committee is authorized, and intends, to submit the Order approving the NERA Fee Application to the Court for entry, without further notice or hearing. The Office of the United States Trustee has authorized the Committee to add his endorsement to the Order approving the NERA Fee Application.

Dated: August 19, 2025

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer
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EXHIBIT

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**ORDER GRANTING FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION OF
NERA ECONOMIC CONSULTING, INC. FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR
THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 10, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Upon consideration of the First Interim Application (the “**Application**”)¹ of NERA Economic Consulting, Inc. (“**NERA**”), insurance allocation expert for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for the period from October 10, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (the “**Application Period**”); and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Monthly Statement that was served by NERA, and finding that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and determining that proper and adequate notice has been given and

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. NERA is hereby granted allowance of compensation for professional services in the amount of \$333,941.00 and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$8,024.00 as requested in the Application.
3. The Debtor is hereby authorized and directed to remit to NERA the full amount of the fees and expenses set forth in paragraph 2 of this Order less any amounts previously paid to NERA on account of monthly fee statements filed for the Application Period.
4. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.
5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the entry of the within Order, including the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the within Order.
6. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

Dated: _____, 2025
Richmond, Virginia

HONORABLE KEITH L. PHILLIPS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer

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**CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT
UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)**

I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer