IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, et al., 1		Case No. 25-11034 ()
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)

MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF INTERIM AND FINAL ORDERS (I) APPROVING THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT FOR FUTURE UTILITY SERVICES, (II) PROHIBITING UTILITY PROVIDERS FROM ALTERING, REFUSING, OR DISCONTINUING SERVICES, (III) APPROVING THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE REQUESTS, AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") state as follows in support of this motion:²

Relief Requested

1. The Debtors seek entry of interim and final orders, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B** (the "Interim Order" and "Final Order," respectively), (a) approving the Debtors' proposed adequate assurance of payment for future U.S. utility services, (b) prohibiting U.S. utility providers from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services, (c) approving the Debtors' proposed procedures for resolving Adequate Assurance Requests

A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://www.veritaglobal.net/Marelli. The location of Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC's principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033.

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, including the circumstances giving rise to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, is set forth in the *Declaration of David Slump, Chief Executive Officer of Marelli Automotive Lighting USA, LLC, in Support of First Day Motions*, filed contemporaneously herewith (the "First Day Declaration"). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration. In support of this motion, the Debtors submit the *Declaration of Tony Simion, Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC, in Support of First Day Motions*, filed contemporaneously herewith.

(as defined herein), and (d) granting related relief. In addition, the Debtors request that the Court (as defined herein) schedule a final hearing approximately twenty-one days from the commencement of these chapter 11 cases to consider approval of this motion on a final basis.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 2. 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 Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (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.
 - 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 366 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (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

5. The Debtors, together with their non-Debtor affiliates (collectively, "Marelli" or the "Company") are one of the largest international automotive parts suppliers in the world and a pioneer in motorsports and in automobile manufacturing and design. With its headquarters in Saitama, Japan and over 46,000 employees located in twenty-four countries around the world,

Marelli designs and produces sophisticated technologies for leading automotive manufacturers, including lighting and sensor integrations, electronic systems, software solutions, and interior design products, and collaborates with motor sports teams and other industry leaders to research and develop cutting-edge, high-performance automotive components.

6. On June 11, 2025 (the "Petition Date"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their property as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrent with the filing of this motion, the Debtors filed a motion requesting procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no official committees have been appointed or designated.

The Utility Services

7. In the ordinary course of their business, the Debtors obtain electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, internet, water, and waste management (including sewer and trash), and other similar services from a number of utility providers or brokers in the United States (each, a "<u>Utility Provider</u>" and such services, the "<u>Utility Services</u>"). A nonexclusive list of the Utility Providers and their affiliates that provide Utility Services to the Debtors' various locations and their business as of the Petition Date (the "<u>Utility Services List</u>") is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.³

The descriptions of the Utility Services set forth in this motion constitute a summary only. The actual terms of the Utility Services and related agreements will govern in the event of any inconsistency with the description thereof set forth herein. Although <u>Exhibit C</u> is intended to be comprehensive for Utility Providers, the Debtors may have inadvertently omitted one or more Utility Providers. By this motion, the Debtors request relief applicable to all Utility Providers, regardless of whether such Utility Provider is specifically identified on <u>Exhibit C</u>. Additionally, the listing of an entity on the Utility Services List is not an admission that such entity is a "utility" within the meaning of section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Debtors reserve the right to contest any such characterization in the future.

- 8. Uninterrupted Utility Services are essential to the Debtors' ongoing business operations and, hence, the overall success of these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors receive Utility Services at six facilities in Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. The Debtors' U.S. facilities are just one component of the Debtors' global business footprint but are critical to the successful operation of their global businesses. The Utility Services are essential for the Debtors to operate their U.S. corporate offices and production plants. These facilities require electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, internet, water, and waste management (including sewer and trash). Given the high-precision nature of the Debtors' manufacturing operations and the strict timing requirements inherent in the Debtors' production processes, should any Utility Provider refuse or discontinue service, even for a brief period, the Debtors' business operations would be severely disrupted, jeopardizing the Debtors' ability to successfully operate and manage their reorganization efforts. Specifically, the Debtors must continue to operate their locations without interruption to generate revenue, which requires the dependable provision of Utility Services.
- 9. Although the Debtors pay for the majority of their Utility Services directly, certain Utility Services are billed directly to the Debtors' landlords (the "Landlords") and passed through to the Debtors as part of the Debtors' lease payments in accordance with the applicable lease agreements. The relief requested herein is with respect to all Utility Services provided and related fees payable within the United States, including through intermediaries such as the Landlords.⁴
- 10. To the best of the Debtors' knowledge, there are no defaults or arrearages with respect to the undisputed invoices from Utility Providers for prepetition Utility Services.

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The Debtors request authority to pay foreign vendors providing, and acting as intermediaries for payment of, Utility Services in the Motion of Debtors for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing Debtors to Pay Prepetition Claims of (A) Foreign Vendors, (B) Lien Claimants, (C) 503(B)(9) Claimants, and (D) Critical Vendors, (II) Confirming Administrative Expense Priority of Critical Outstanding Orders, and (III) Granting Related Relief filed contemporaneously herewith.

The Debtors pay approximately \$811,000 in the aggregate each month for Utility Services, calculated as the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024. This amount includes obligations on account of Utility Services paid directly by the Debtors but excludes amounts billed directly to the Landlords. The Debtors do not anticipate that this monthly average will change materially during the initial twenty-one days following the commencement of these chapter 11 cases.

I. The Proposed Adequate Assurance.

- 11. The Debtors intend to pay postpetition obligations owed to the Utility Providers in the ordinary course of business and in a timely manner with cash on hand. Nonetheless, to provide additional assurance of payment, the Debtors propose to deposit approximately \$406,000 (the "Adequate Assurance Deposit") into a segregated account held at Citizens Bank, N.A. (the "Adequate Assurance Account"). The Adequate Assurance Deposit will be equal to approximately one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services, calculated as the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024, excluding Utility Services billed directly to the Landlords. While the proposed Adequate Assurance Deposit does not currently include amounts potentially owed to Utility Providers that bill the Landlords on account of Utility Services provided to the Debtors, out of an abundance of caution, the Debtors request authority to continue paying amounts owed to such Utility Providers in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice.
- 12. The Adequate Assurance Deposit will be held for the benefit of the Utility Providers for the duration of these chapter 11 cases, subject to the Debtors' right to terminate or discontinue the applicable Utility Services, and may be applied to any postpetition defaults in payment to the applicable Utility Providers. No liens senior to the interests of the Utility Providers will encumber the Adequate Assurance Deposit or the Adequate Assurance Account.

13. The Adequate Assurance Deposit, in conjunction with the Debtors' ability to pay for future Utility Services consistent with past practice (collectively, the "Proposed Adequate Assurance"), provides adequate assurance of payment as required by section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code.

II. The Adequate Assurance Procedures.

- 14. The Debtors request that the Court approve the procedures for requesting different or additional adequate assurance of future payment (each, an "<u>Adequate Assurance Request</u>") set forth in the Interim Order and the Final Order (the "<u>Adequate Assurance Procedures</u>"). Any Utility Provider that is not satisfied with the Proposed Adequate Assurance may make an Adequate Assurance Request pursuant to the procedures defined below.
 - a. The Debtors will serve a copy of the motion and the order granting the relief requested herein to each Utility Provider in accordance with these procedures.
 - b. Within twenty days of entry of the Interim Order, subject to paragraphs (f)-(l) below, the Debtors will deposit the Adequate Assurance Deposit, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$406,000, in the newly created, segregated, interest-bearing Adequate Assurance Account.
 - c. Each Utility Provider shall be entitled to the funds in the Adequate Assurance Account in the amount set forth for such Utility Provider in the column labeled "Proposed Adequate Assurance Deposit" on the Utility Services List, attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
 - d. If an amount relating to Utility Services provided postpetition by a Utility Provider is unpaid, and remains unpaid beyond any applicable grace period, such Utility Provider may request a disbursement from the Adequate Assurance Account by giving notice to: (i) the Debtors, Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Michigan 48033, Marisa Attn.: Iasenza (marisa.iasenza@marelli.com); (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Spencer A. Winters, P.C. (spencer.winters@kirkland.com), and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima (nicholas.adzima@kirkland.com) and Evan Swager (evan.swager@kirkland.com); (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street,

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e. The portion of the Adequate Assurance Deposit attributable to each Utility Provider (including any additional amount deposited upon request of any applicable Utility Provider) shall be returned to the Debtors upon the earlier of (i) the reconciliation and payment by the Debtors of the Utility Provider's final invoice in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law following the Debtors' termination of Utility Services from such Utility Provider and

- (ii) the effective date of any chapter 11 plan confirmed in these chapter 11 cases if there are no outstanding disputes related to postpetition payment.
- f. Any Utility Provider desiring additional assurances of payment in the form of deposits, prepayments, or otherwise must serve a request for additional assurance (an "Adequate Assurance Request") on the Adequate Assurance Notice Parties. An Adequate Assurance Request may be made at any time.
- g. Any Adequate Assurance Request must (i) be in writing, (ii) identify the location for which the Utility Services are provided, the account numbers for those location(s), and the outstanding balance for each account, (iii) certify the amount that is equal to one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services, calculated as the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024, (iv) provide evidence that the Debtors have a direct obligation to the Utility Provider, and (v) explain why the Utility Provider believes the Proposed Adequate Assurance is not sufficient adequate assurance of future payment.
- h. Unless and until a Utility Provider timely files an objection or serves an Adequate Assurance Request, such Utility Provider shall be: (i) deemed to have received adequate assurance of payment "satisfactory" to such Utility Provider in compliance with section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (ii) forbidden to discontinue, alter, or refuse services to, or discriminate against, the Debtors on account of any unpaid prepetition charges, or require additional assurance of payment other than the Proposed Adequate Assurance.
- i. Upon the Debtors' receipt of any Adequate Assurance Request, the Debtors shall promptly negotiate with such Utility Provider to resolve such Utility Provider's Adequate Assurance Request.
- j. The Debtors may, without further order from the Court, resolve any Adequate Assurance Request by mutual agreement with the relevant Utility Provider, and the Debtors may, in consultation with the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders, provide such Utility Provider with an additional adequate assurance of payment in connection with any such agreement, including, but not limited to, cash deposits, prepayments, or other forms of security if the Debtors determine that such additional adequate assurance is reasonable.
- k. If the Debtors and the Utility Provider are not able to reach an alternative resolution within twenty-one days of receipt of the Adequate Assurance Request, or if a Utility Provider was omitted from the Utility Services List and wishes to dispute that it received adequate assurance of future payment as required by section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors may request a hearing before the Court at the next regularly scheduled omnibus hearing to determine the adequacy of assurances of payment with respect to a

- particular Utility Provider (a " $\underline{\text{Determination Hearing}}$ ") pursuant to section 366(c)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1. Pending resolution at any such Determination Hearing, the Utility Provider filing such Adequate Assurance Request shall be prohibited from altering, refusing, or discontinuing Utility Services to the Debtors on account of: (i) unpaid charges for prepetition services; (ii) a pending Adequate Assurance Request; or (iii) on account of any objections to the Proposed Adequate Assurance.
- 15. The Adequate Assurance Procedures provide a streamlined process for a Utility Provider to address potential concerns with respect to the Proposed Adequate Assurance, while at the same time allowing the Debtors to continue their business operations uninterrupted during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases. Specifically, the Adequate Assurance Procedures permit a Utility Provider to object to the Proposed Adequate Assurance by filing and serving an Adequate Assurance Request upon certain notice parties.
- 16. The Debtors may, in their discretion, then resolve any Adequate Assurance Request by mutual agreement with the applicable Utility Provider and without further order of the Court. If the Debtors determine that the Adequate Assurance Request cannot be resolved by mutual agreement, the Debtors may seek resolution of the Adequate Assurance Request by the Court. Moreover, unless and until a Utility Provider files a timely objection or serves an Adequate Assurance Request, such Utility Provider shall be (a) deemed to have received adequate assurance of payment "satisfactory" to such Utility Provider in compliance with section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code and (b) forbidden from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services to, or discriminating against, the Debtors on account of any unpaid prepetition charges, or require additional assurance of payment other than the Proposed Adequate Assurance.

III. Modifications to the Utility Services List.

17. The Debtors have made an extensive and good-faith effort to identify all Utility Providers and include them on the Utility Services List. To the extent the Debtors identify new or

additional Utility Providers or discontinue services from existing Utility Providers, the Debtors seek authority, in their sole discretion, to amend the Utility Services List to add or remove any Utility Provider. For any Utility Provider that is subsequently added to the Utility Services List, the Debtors will serve such Utility Provider with a copy of the Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, including the Adequate Assurance Procedures. The Debtors request that the terms of the Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, and the Adequate Assurance Procedures apply to any subsequently identified Utility Provider. For any Utility Provider that is subsequently removed from the Utility Services List, the Debtors request the authority to decrease the Adequate Assurance Deposit by an amount equal to the lesser of (a) one half of the average monthly cost of such Utility Services, calculated based on the aforementioned historical average, to align with the go-forward average monthly cost of Utility Services and (b) the amount of the Adequate Assurance Deposit then attributable to the applicable Utility Provider; provided that the Debtors shall provide the applicable Utility Provider with seven-days' notice thereof and the opportunity to respond to such removal.

Basis for Relief

18. Section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, which protects a debtor against the immediate termination or alteration of utility services after the petition date, provides the debtor thirty days following the petition date to provide "adequate assurance" of payment for postpetition services in a form "satisfactory" to the utility provider before the utility provider may alter, refuse, or discontinue service. 11 U.S.C. § 366(c)(2). For purposes of section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, "assurance of payment" can be provided in the form of a cash deposit, letter of credit, certificate of deposit, surety bond, prepayment, or other mutually agreed form of security. 11 U.S.C. § 366(c)(1). "Adequate assurance of payment" need not constitute an absolute guarantee of the debtors' ability to pay. See, e.g., In re Great Atl. & Pac. Tea Co.,

Nos. 11-cv-1338, 11-cv-1339, 11-cv-1512, 11-cv-1153, 2011 WL 5546954, at *5 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 14, 2011) ("Courts will approve an amount that is adequate enough to insure against unreasonable risk of nonpayment but are not required to give the equivalent of a guaranty of payment in full.") (citation omitted); *In re Caldor, Inc.*, 199 B.R. 1, 3 (S.D.N.Y. 1996) ("Section 366(b) requires . . . 'adequate assurance' of payment. The statute does not require an 'absolute guarantee of payment.") (citation omitted), *aff'd sub nom. Va. Elec. & Power Co. v. Caldor, Inc.*, 117 F.3d 646 (2d Cir. 1997).

19. When considering whether a given assurance of payment is "adequate," courts examine the totality of the circumstances to make an informed decision as to whether the utility provider will be subject to an unreasonable risk of nonpayment. See Mass. Elec. Co. v. Keydata Corp. (In re Keydata Corp.), 12 B.R. 156, 158 (B.A.P. 1st Cir. 1981) ("The phrase 'adequate assurance of payment' is not defined in the Code. Its meaning depends upon the facts and circumstances of each case, keeping in mind the intent of Congress to protect the utility company while preventing discrimination against the debtor."); In re Adelphia Bus. Sols., Inc., 280 B.R. 63, 87 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2002) ("That, the Court believes, is the key to the analysis—to look at the totality of the circumstances to see the extent to which utilities are subjected to unreasonable risk of payment."). In determining the level of adequate assurance, however, a bankruptcy court must "focus upon the *need* of the utility for assurance, and . . . require that the debtor supply no more than that, since the debtor almost perforce has a conflicting need to conserve scarce financial resources." In re Penn. Jersey Corp., 72 B.R. 981, 985 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1987); see also In re Penn. Cent. Transp. Co., 467 F.2d 100, 103–04 (3d Cir. 1972) (affirming the bankruptcy court's ruling that no utility deposits were necessary where such deposits likely would "jeopardize the continuing operation of the [debtor] merely to give further security to suppliers who already are reasonably protected"). Accordingly, demands by a Utility Provider for a guarantee should be refused when the Debtors' specific circumstances already afford adequate assurance of payment.

- 20. Here, the Utility Providers are adequately assured against any risk of nonpayment for future services. The Adequate Assurance Deposit and the Debtors' ongoing ability to meet obligations as they come due in the ordinary course provide assurance that the Debtors will pay their future obligations to the Utility Providers. In contrast, terminating the Utility Services could render the Debtors unable to operate their business and negatively impact the value of the Debtors' estates to the detriment of all stakeholders. *See In re Monroe Well Serv., Inc.*, 83 B.R.317, 321-22 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1988) (noting that without utility service the debtors "would have to cease operations" and that section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code "was intended to limit the leverage held by utility companies, not increase it").
- Assurance Procedures proposed herein, to implement the protections afforded under section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code. *See, e.g., In re Cir. City Stores Inc.*, No. 08-35653, 2009 WL 484553, at *5 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Jan. 14, 2009) (stating that "the plain language of § 366 of the Bankruptcy Code allows the court to adopt the Procedures set forth in the Utility Order"). Such procedures are important because, without them, the Debtors "could be forced to address numerous requests by utility companies in an unorganized manner at a critical period in their efforts to reorganize." *Id.* Moreover, any rights the Utility Providers believe they have under sections 366(b) and (c)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code are fully preserved under the Adequate Assurance Procedures because the Utility Providers may choose to request modification of the Proposed Adequate Assurance. *See id.* at *5–6. The Adequate Assurance Procedures avoid a haphazard and chaotic process whereby each Utility Provider could make an extortionate, last-minute demand for adequate

assurance that would force the Debtors to pay under the threat of losing critical Utility Services. *See id.* at *5.

- 22. The Adequate Assurance Procedures are reasonable and consistent with the purposes of section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code. Similar procedures have been approved by courts in this district. *See, e.g., In re Liberated Brands*, No. 25-10168 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 28, 2025) (approving adequate assurance procedures on a final basis); *In re Joann Inc.*, No. 25-10068 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 14, 2025) (same); *In re Am. Tire Distribs., Inc.*, No. 24-12391 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 18, 2024) (same); *In re Accuride Corp.*, No. 24-12289 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 13, 2024) (same); *In re Wheel Pros, LLC*, No. 24-11939 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct. 15, 2024) (same).
- 23. Furthermore, the Court possesses the power, under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." The Adequate Assurance Procedures and the Proposed Adequate Assurance are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, particularly section 366 thereof. Accordingly, the Court should exercise its powers under sections 105(a) and 366 and of the Bankruptcy Code and approve both the Adequate Assurance Procedures and the Proposed Adequate Assurance.

Processing of Checks and Electronic Fund Transfers Should Be Authorized

24. The Debtors have sufficient funds to pay the amounts described in this motion in the ordinary course of business by virtue of expected cash flows from ongoing business operations and anticipated access to debtor-in-possession financing. In addition, under the Debtors' existing

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

cash management system, the Debtors can readily identify checks or wire transfer requests as relating to any authorized payment in respect of the relief requested herein. Accordingly, the Debtors do not believe that checks or wire transfer requests, other than those relating to authorized payments, will be inadvertently honored. Therefore, the Debtors request authority to 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 in this motion.

The Requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) Are Satisfied

25. Bankruptcy Rule 6003 empowers a court to grant certain relief within the first twenty-one days after the petition date only "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." For the reasons discussed above, an immediate and orderly transition into chapter 11 is critical to the viability of the Debtors' operations. Failure to receive the requested relief during the first twenty-one days of these chapter 11 cases would severely disrupt the Debtors' operations at this critical juncture and cause immediate and irreparable harm. The requested relief is necessary for the Debtors to operate their businesses in the ordinary course, preserve the ongoing value of their operations, and maximize value of their estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Debtors have demonstrated that the requested relief is "necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm," as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003, and the Court should grant the requested relief.

Reservation of Rights

26. Nothing contained in this motion or any order granting the relief requested in this motion, and no action taken by the Debtors pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with any such order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount, validity, or priority of, or basis for, any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law;

(b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) 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 motion or any order granting the relief requested by this motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law. If the Court grants the relief sought herein, any payment made pursuant to the Court's order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)

27. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors seek a waiver of the notice requirements under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the fourteen-day stay of an order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

Notice

28. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the **Debtors** (on a consolidated basis); (c) the office of the attorney general for each of the states in which the Debtors operate; (d) United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (e) the Internal Revenue Service; (f) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (g) the United States Department of Justice; (h) Mayer Brown LLP, as counsel to the DIP Agent; (i) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent; (j) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as Prepetition Agent; (k) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Cole Schotz P.C., as counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders; (l) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, as counsel to the Sponsors; (m) the Utility Providers; and (n) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (the "Notice Parties"). As this motion is seeking "first day" relief, the Debtors will serve copies of this motion and any order entered in respect to this motion as required by Local Rule 9013-1(m). In light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

29. No prior request for the relief sought in this motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors request entry of the Interim Order and Final Order, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B**, (a) granting the relief requested herein and (b) granting such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: June 11, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

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Exhibit A

Proposed Interim Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

)	Re: Docket No
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, et al., 1)	Case No. 25-11034 ()
In re:)	Chapter 11

INTERIM ORDER (I) APPROVING
THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF
PAYMENT FOR FUTURE UTILITY SERVICES, (II) PROHIBITING UTILITY
PROVIDERS FROM ALTERING, REFUSING, OR DISCONTINUING SERVICES,
(III) APPROVING THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING
ADEQUATE ASSURANCE REQUESTS, AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order"), (a) approving the Debtors' proposed adequate assurance of payment for future Utility Services, (b) prohibiting Utility Providers from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services, (c) approving the Adequate Assurance Procedures, (d) scheduling a final hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, and (e) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon 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

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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 relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and 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 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 herein.

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- 3. The Adequate Assurance Deposit and the Debtors' ability to pay for future Utility Services in the ordinary course of business subject to the Adequate Assurance Procedures shall constitute adequate assurance of future payment as required under section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code.
 - 4. The following Adequate Assurance Procedures are hereby approved:
 - a. The Debtors will serve a copy of the motion and the order granting the relief requested herein to each Utility Provider in accordance with these procedures.
 - b. Within twenty days of entry of this Interim Order, subject to paragraphs (f)-(l) below, the Debtors will deposit the Adequate Assurance Deposit, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$406,000, in the newly created, segregated, interest-bearing Adequate Assurance Account.

- c. Each Utility Provider shall be entitled to the funds in the Adequate Assurance Account in the amount set forth for such Utility Provider in the column labeled "Proposed Adequate Assurance Deposit" on the Utility Services List, attached to the Motion as **Exhibit C**.
- d. If an amount relating to Utility Services provided postpetition by a Utility Provider is unpaid, and remains unpaid beyond any applicable grace period, such Utility Provider may request a disbursement from the Adequate Assurance Account by giving notice to: (i) the Debtors, Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Marisa Attn.: Iasenza (marisa.iasenza@marelli.com); (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Spencer A. Winters, P.C. (spencer.winters@kirkland.com), and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima (nicholas.adzima@kirkland.com) and Evan Swager (evan.swager@kirkland.com); (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Courier 19801), Attn.: Laura Davis Jones (ljones@pszjlaw.com), Timothy P. Cairns (tcairns@pszjlaw.com), and Edward A. Corma (ecorma@pszjlaw.com); (iv) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Jane Leamy Timothy (Jane.M.Leamy@usdoj.gov) and J. Fox. Jr. (timothy.fox@usdoj.gov); (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1001, Attn.: Jason Elder (jason.elder@mayerbrown.com); (vi) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn.: Timothy Graulich (timothy.graulich@davispolk.com) and Richard J. Steinberg (richard.steinberg@davispolk.com); (vii) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as Prepetition Agent, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Robert S. Brady (rbrady@ycst.com) and Andrew L. Magaziner (amagaziner@ycst.com); (viii) counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders: (a) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Ira S. Dizengoff (idizengoff@akingump.com) and Anna Kordas (akordas@akingump.com), (b) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2001 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn.: Scott L. Alberino (salberino@akingump.com), Kate Doorley (kdoorley@akingump.com), and Alexander F. Antypas (aantypas@akingump.com), and (c) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Justin R. Alberto (jalberto@coleschotz.com) and Stacy (snewman@coleschotz.com); (ix) counsel to the Sponsors, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York. New York 10019-6064, Attn.: Brian S. Hermann

- (bhermann@paulweiss.com) and Jacob A. Adlerstein (jadlerstein@paulweiss.com); and (x) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Adequate Assurance Notice Parties"). The Debtors shall honor such request within seven business days after the date the request is received by the Debtors, subject to the ability of the Debtors and any such requesting Utility Provider to resolve any dispute regarding such request without further order of the Court. To the extent a Utility Provider receives a disbursement from the Adequate Assurance Account, the Debtors shall replenish the Adequate Assurance Account in the amount disbursed.
- e. The portion of the Adequate Assurance Deposit attributable to each Utility Provider (including any additional amount deposited upon request of any applicable Utility Provider) shall be returned to the Debtors upon the earlier of (i) the reconciliation and payment by the Debtors of the Utility Provider's final invoice in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law following the Debtors' termination of Utility Services from such Utility Provider and (ii) the effective date of any chapter 11 plan confirmed in these chapter 11 cases if there are no outstanding disputes related to postpetition payment.
- f. Any Utility Provider desiring additional assurances of payment in the form of deposits, prepayments, or otherwise must serve a request for additional assurance (an "Adequate Assurance Request") on the Adequate Assurance Notice Parties. An Adequate Assurance Request may be made at any time.
- g. Any Adequate Assurance Request must (i) be in writing, (ii) identify the location for which the Utility Services are provided, the account numbers for those location(s), and the outstanding balance for each account, (iii) certify the amount that is equal to one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services, calculated as the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024, (iv) provide evidence that the Debtors have a direct obligation to the Utility Provider, and (v) explain why the Utility Provider believes the Proposed Adequate Assurance is not sufficient adequate assurance of future payment.
- h. Unless and until a Utility Provider timely files an objection or serves an Adequate Assurance Request, such Utility Provider shall be: (i) deemed to have received adequate assurance of payment "satisfactory" to such Utility Provider in compliance with section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (ii) forbidden to discontinue, alter, or refuse services to, or discriminate against, the Debtors on account of any unpaid prepetition charges, or require additional assurance of payment other than the Proposed Adequate Assurance.

- i. Upon the Debtors' receipt of any Adequate Assurance Request, the Debtors shall promptly negotiate with such Utility Provider to resolve such Utility Provider's Adequate Assurance Request.
- j. The Debtors may, without further order from the Court, resolve any Adequate Assurance Request by mutual agreement with the relevant Utility Provider, and the Debtors may, in consultation with the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders, provide such Utility Provider with an additional adequate assurance of payment in connection with any such agreement, including, but not limited to, cash deposits, prepayments, or other forms of security if the Debtors determine that such additional adequate assurance is reasonable.
- k. If the Debtors and the Utility Provider are not able to reach an alternative resolution within twenty-one days of receipt of the Adequate Assurance Request, or if a Utility Provider was omitted from the Utility Services List and wishes to dispute that it received adequate assurance of future payment as required by section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code as provided by this Interim Order, the Debtors may request a hearing before the Court at the next regularly scheduled omnibus hearing to determine the adequacy of assurances of payment with respect to a particular Utility Provider (a "Determination Hearing") pursuant section 366(c)(3) to of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1. Pending resolution at any such Determination Hearing, the Utility Provider filing such Adequate Assurance Request shall be prohibited from altering, refusing, or discontinuing Utility Services to the Debtors on account of: (i) unpaid charges for prepetition services; (ii) a pending Adequate Assurance Request; or (iii) on account of any objections to the Proposed Adequate Assurance.
- 5. The Utility Providers are prohibited from requiring additional adequate assurance of payment other than pursuant to the Adequate Assurance Procedures.
- 6. Absent further order of the Court, all Utility Providers, including any Utility Providers paid by the Landlords, 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 Proposed Adequate Assurance.
- 7. The Debtors are authorized to cause the Adequate Assurance Deposit to be held in a segregated account during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases.

- 8. The Debtors' service of the Motion upon the Utility Services List shall not constitute an admission or concession that any such entity is a "utility" within the meaning of section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Debtors reserve all rights and defenses with respect thereto.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized to add or remove such parties from the Utility Services List; *provided* that the Debtors shall provide notice of any such addition or removal to the Adequate Assurance Notice Parties; *provided*, *further*, that if a Utility Provider is removed from the Utility Services List, the Debtors shall provide the applicable Utility Provider with seven days' notice thereof and the opportunity to respond to such removal. To the extent that there is any dispute as to the postpetition amounts owed to a Utility Provider, such Utility Provider shall not be removed from the Utility Services List, and no funds shall be removed from the Adequate Assurance Deposit, until such dispute has been resolved. For any Utility Provider that is subsequently added to the Utility Services List, the Debtors shall serve such Utility Provider a copy of this Interim Order, including the Adequate Assurance Procedures. The terms of this Interim Order and the Adequate Assurance Procedures shall apply to any subsequently identified Utility Provider.
- 10. To the extent the Debtors seek to pay any Utility Service to any Utility Provider not identified on Exhibit C attached to the Motion, the Debtors shall provide five business days' prior written notice to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders.
- 11. The Debtors shall provide the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders with a matrix/schedule of payments made pursuant to this Interim Order on a monthly basis following entry of this Interim Order. The Debtors shall provide a copy of such matrix/schedule for the prior month to counsel for the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders by the last day of each month beginning upon entry of this Interim Order.

- 12. Any Landlord or third party that pays directly for Utility Services for the benefit of the Debtors pursuant to a nonresidential real property lease must continue paying for such Utility Services in the ordinary course of business and may not cease, reduce, delay, or otherwise interfere with the payment or delivery of such Utility Services, regardless of any nonpayment, deferral, or waiver of rent, or any defaults with respect to the applicable lease.
- 13. Pursuant to the Adequate Assurance Procedures, upon the Debtors' termination of Utility Services, the Debtors may, in their discretion and without further order of this Court, reduce the Adequate Assurance Deposit by an amount not exceeding, for each of the Utility Services being discontinued, the lesser of (a) one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services previously provided, calculated based on the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024 and (b) the amount of the Adequate Assurance Deposit then attributable to the applicable Utility Provider. Upon the effective date of a plan in these chapter 11 cases, the Adequate Assurance Deposit shall be returned to the Debtors, less any amount owed on account of unpaid, postpetition Utility Services, by no later than seven business days following the date upon which the plan becomes effective.
- 14. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Interim Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Interim Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount, validity, or priority of, or basis for, any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) 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 the Motion or this Interim

Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

- 15. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order.
- 16. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.
- 17. Nothing in this Interim Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due prior to the date of the Final Hearing.
 - 18. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).
- 19. 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 the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

- 20. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 21. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 22. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

Exhibit B

Proposed Final Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

)	Re: Docket No
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, et al., ¹))	Case No. 25-11034 ()
In re:)	Chapter 11

FINAL ORDER (I) APPROVING
THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF
PAYMENT FOR FUTURE UTILITY SERVICES, (II) PROHIBITING UTILITY
PROVIDERS FROM ALTERING, REFUSING, OR DISCONTINUING SERVICES,
(III) APPROVING THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING
ADEQUATE ASSURANCE REQUESTS, AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an final order (this "Final Order"), (a) approving the Debtors' proposed adequate assurance of payment for future Utility Services, (b) prohibiting Utility Providers from altering, refusing, or discontinuing services, (c) approving the Adequate Assurance Procedures, and (d) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon 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 this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and

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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 relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate 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 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 herein.
- 2. The Adequate Assurance Deposit and the Debtors' ability to pay for future Utility Services in the ordinary course of business subject to the Adequate Assurance Procedures shall constitute adequate assurance of future payment as required under section 366 of the Bankruptcy Code.
 - 3. The following Adequate Assurance Procedures are hereby approved:
 - a. The Debtors will serve a copy of the motion and the order granting the relief requested herein to each Utility Provider in accordance with these procedures.
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 - c. Each Utility Provider shall be entitled to the funds in the Adequate Assurance Account in the amount set forth for such Utility Provider in the column labeled "Proposed Adequate Assurance Deposit" on the Utility Services List, attached to the Motion as **Exhibit C**.

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If an amount relating to Utility Services provided postpetition by a Utility Provider is unpaid, and remains unpaid beyond any applicable grace period, such Utility Provider may request a disbursement from the Adequate Assurance Account by giving notice to: (i) the Debtors, Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Attn.: Marisa Iasenza (marisa.iasenza@marelli.com); (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Spencer A. Winters, P.C. (spencer.winters@kirkland.com), and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima (nicholas.adzima@kirkland.com) and Evan Swager (evan.swager@kirkland.com); (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Courier 19801), Attn.: Laura Davis Jones (ljones@pszjlaw.com), Timothy P. Cairns (tcairns@pszjlaw.com), and Edward A. Corma (ecorma@pszjlaw.com); (iv) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, 19801. Wilmington, Delaware Attn.: Jane Leamy (Jane.M.Leamy@usdoj.gov) and J. Fox. Timothy Jr. (timothy.fox@usdoj.gov); (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1001, Attn.: Jason Elder (jason.elder@mayerbrown.com); (vi) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn.: Timothy Graulich (timothy.graulich@davispolk.com) and Richard J. Steinberg (richard.steinberg@davispolk.com); (vii) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as Prepetition Agent, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Robert S. Brady (rbrady@ycst.com) and Andrew L. Magaziner (amagaziner@ycst.com); (viii) counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders: (a) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Ira S. Dizengoff (idizengoff@akingump.com) and Anna Kordas (akordas@akingump.com), (b) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2001 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn.: (salberino@akingump.com), Scott L. Alberino Kate Doorley (kdoorley@akingump.com), and Alexander F. Antypas (aantypas@akingump.com), and (c) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Justin R. Alberto (jalberto@coleschotz.com) and Stacy L. Newman (snewman@coleschotz.com); (ix) counsel to the Sponsors, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York. New York 10019-6064, Attn.: Brian S. Hermann (bhermann@paulweiss.com) and Jacob A. Adlerstein (jadlerstein@paulweiss.com); and (x) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Adequate Assurance Notice Parties"). The Debtors shall honor such request within seven business days

after the date the request is received by the Debtors, subject to the ability of the Debtors and any such requesting Utility Provider to resolve any dispute regarding such request without further order of the Court. To the extent a Utility Provider receives a disbursement from the Adequate Assurance Account, the Debtors shall replenish the Adequate Assurance Account in the amount disbursed.

- e. The portion of the Adequate Assurance Deposit attributable to each Utility Provider (including any additional amount deposited upon request of any applicable Utility Provider) shall be returned to the Debtors upon the earlier of (i) the reconciliation and payment by the Debtors of the Utility Provider's final invoice in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law following the Debtors' termination of Utility Services from such Utility Provider and (ii) the effective date of any chapter 11 plan confirmed in these chapter 11 cases if there are no outstanding disputes related to postpetition payment.
- f. Any Utility Provider desiring additional assurances of payment in the form of deposits, prepayments, or otherwise must serve a request for additional assurance (an "<u>Adequate Assurance Request</u>") on the Adequate Assurance Notice Parties. An Adequate Assurance Request may be made at any time.
- g. Any Adequate Assurance Request must (i) be in writing, (ii) identify the location for which the Utility Services are provided, the account numbers for those location(s), and the outstanding balance for each account, (iii) certify the amount that is equal to one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services, calculated as the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024, (iv) provide evidence that the Debtors have a direct obligation to the Utility Provider, and (v) explain why the Utility Provider believes the Proposed Adequate Assurance is not sufficient adequate assurance of future payment.
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Senior Lenders, provide such Utility Provider with an additional adequate assurance of payment in connection with any such agreement, including, but not limited to, cash deposits, prepayments, or other forms of security if the Debtors determine that such additional adequate assurance is reasonable.

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- 4. The Utility Providers are prohibited from requiring additional adequate assurance of payment other than pursuant to the Adequate Assurance Procedures.
- 5. Absent further order of the Court, all Utility Providers, including any Utility Providers paid by the Landlords, 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 Proposed Adequate Assurance.
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- 8. The Debtors are authorized to add or remove such parties from the Utility Services List; *provided* that the Debtors shall provide notice of any such addition or removal to the Adequate Assurance Notice Parties; *provided*, *further*, that if a Utility Provider is removed from the Utility Services List, the Debtors shall provide the applicable Utility Provider with seven days' notice thereof and the opportunity to respond to such removal. To the extent that there is any dispute as to the postpetition amounts owed to a Utility Provider, such Utility Provider shall not be removed from the Utility Services List, and no funds shall be removed from the Adequate Assurance Deposit, until such dispute has been resolved. For any Utility Provider that is subsequently added to the Utility Services List, the Debtors shall serve such Utility Provider a copy of this Final Order, including the Adequate Assurance Procedures. The terms of this Final Order and the Adequate Assurance Procedures shall apply to any subsequently identified Utility Provider.
- 9. To the extent the Debtors seek to pay any Utility Service to any Utility Provider not identified on Exhibit C attached to the Motion, the Debtors shall provide five business days' prior written notice to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders.
- 10. The Debtors shall provide the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders with a matrix/schedule of payment made pursuant to this Final Order on a monthly basis following entry of this Final Order. The Debtors shall provide a copy of such matrix/schedule for the prior month to counsel for the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders by the last day of each month beginning upon entry of this Final Order.
- 11. Any Landlord or third party that pays directly for Utility Services for the benefit of the Debtors pursuant to a nonresidential real property lease must continue paying for such Utility Services in the ordinary course of business and may not cease, reduce, delay, or otherwise interfere

with the payment or delivery of such Utility Services, regardless of any nonpayment, deferral, or waiver of rent, or any defaults with respect to the applicable lease.

- 12. Pursuant to the Adequate Assurance Procedures, upon the Debtors' termination of Utility Services, the Debtors may, in their discretion and without further order of this Court, reduce the Adequate Assurance Deposit by an amount not exceeding, for each of the Utility Services being discontinued, the lesser of (a) one-half of the Debtors' average monthly cost of Utility Services previously provided, calculated based on the historical average payment for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024 and (b) the amount of the Adequate Assurance Deposit then attributable to the applicable Utility Provider. Upon the effective date of a plan in these chapter 11 cases, the Adequate Assurance Deposit shall be returned to the Debtors, less any amount owed on account of unpaid, postpetition Utility Services, by no later than seven business days following the date upon which the plan becomes effective.
- 13. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Final Order.
- 14. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.
- 15. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Final

Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount, validity, or priority of, or basis for, any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) 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 the Motion or this Final Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

- 16. 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 the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 17. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 18. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 19. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

Exhibit C

Utility Services List

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Utility Provider	Account Number(s)	Service (s)	Mailing Address	Average Monthly Spend	Proposed Adequate Assurance
123.NET	502605	Telecommunications / Data	24700 Northwestern Highway, Suite 700, Southfield, MI 48075	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,750
Atmos Energy Corporation	3014134570; 3048938595	Gas	321 Lane Pkwy Shelbyville, TN 37160	\$ 14,300	\$7,150
City of Bowling Green, OH	1000351-002	Electricity / Power; Water / Sewer	304 N Church St Drive Bowling Green, OH	\$ 30,300	\$ 15,150
City of Southfield, MI	011544-001	Water / Sewer	2600 Evergreen Rd Southfield, MI 48076	\$ 1,700	\$ 850
Columbia Gas of Ohio	20919345	Gas	2371 WoodStream Drive, Bowling Green, OH	\$ 1,900	\$ 950
Comcast	930005781	Telecommunications / Data	PO Box 37601, Philadelphia, PA 19101-0601	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,400
Consumers Energy	1030426840944	Gas	One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201	\$ 12,900	\$ 6,450
DTE Energy	920037295598	Electricity / Power	One Energy Plaza Detroit, MI 48226	\$ 47,500	\$ 23,750
GFL Environmental Inc.	N/A	Waste / Trash	26999 Central Park Blvd. Suite 200 Southfield, MI 48076	\$ 42,100	\$ 21,050
Lewisburg Electric	5269001	Electricity / Power	599 Ellington Pkwy, Lewisburg TN	\$ 180,400	\$ 90,200
Lewisburg Gas Dept	800-02010-01	Gas	505 N Ellington Pkwy, Lewisburg TN	\$ 6,700	\$ 3,350
Lewisburg Water	610-01479-01	Water / Sewer	100 Water Street, PO Box 2787 Lewisburg, TN	\$ 7,600	\$ 3,800
PES Energize	23555005; 23555006	Electricity / Power; Telecommunications / Data	128 S 1st Street, Pulaski TN	\$ 153,600	\$ 76,800
Pulaski Natural Gas	0099-226975-01	Gas; Water / Sewer	203 1st St. Suite 104 Pulaski TN	\$ 13,200	\$ 6,600

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Utility Provider	Account Number(s)	Service (s)	Mailing Address	Average Monthly Spend	Proposed Adequate Assurance
Shelbyville Power System	207577-107621; 205042- 105091; 205043-105092; 205094-105142; 205428- 105485; 205429-105486; 001440-020235; 205430- 105487; 205579-105636; 201671-101713; 205427- 105484	Electricity / Power; Water / Sewer	308 S Main St Shelbyville, TN 37160	\$ 186,500	\$ 93,250
United Communications	23555006	Telecommunications / Data	120 Taylor St Chapel Hill TN	\$ 1,600	\$ 800
Verizon	U0195786; U0261653; U0194138	Telecommunications / Data	500 Technology Drive Suite 550 Weldon Spring, MD 63304	\$ 42,700	\$ 21,350
Waste Management	7342	Waste / Trash	800 Capitol St. Houston, TX 77002	\$ 62,200	\$ 31,100