

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:
New WEI, Inc., et al.,¹

Case No. 15-02741-TOM7

Debtor.

Jointly Administered

BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT OF REVIEW REGARDING THE ELEVENTH
APPLICATION FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION FILED BY DIRECT FEE REVIEW LLC FOR
THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

COMES NOW the Bankruptcy Administrator for the Northern District of Alabama ("BA"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits this review regarding the Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Fee Application") [Doc. 3907] filed by Direct Fee Review LLC (the "Applicant") and hereby provides the following:

1. The Bankruptcy Administrator has reviewed the fee application filed by the Applicant for the period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.
2. The review conducted by the BA included whether the descriptions of services were complete; whether minimum time blocks of .1 hour (six minutes) were used; whether the application contained lumping of services; whether the compensation requested was correctly computed; whether the narrative explaining the application was detailed and complete; whether there was any duplication of efforts in meetings, depositions, conferences, or hearings; whether the services were performed and expenses incurred before or after court authorization of employment; whether all expenses were particularly described and mathematically sound; whether the services rendered were reasonably likely to benefit the estate; whether the services rendered and expenses incurred were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the services were rendered and expenses incurred toward the completion of this case; and whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time.
3. Based on the review of the Fee Application, the BA notes that on page #1 of the summary and in the first paragraph of page #4, (Doc. 3907), the Applicant states that the requested compensation amount is \$2,480.00. This appears to be a clerical error and is the compensation amount requested in a prior

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: New WEI, Inc. (f/k/a Walter Energy, Inc.) (9953); Atlantic Development and Capital, LLC (8121); Atlantic Leaseco, LLC (5308); Blue Creek Coal Sales, Inc. (6986); Blue Creek Energy, Inc. (0986); New WEI 7, LLC (f/k/a J.W. Walter, Inc.) (0648); Jefferson Warrior Railroad Company, Inc. (3200); New WEI 2, LLC (f/k/a Jim Walter Homes, LLC) (4589); New WEI 13, Inc. (f/k/a Jim Walter Resources, Inc.) (1186); Maple Coal Co., LLC (6791); Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company (4884); SP Machine, Inc. (9945); Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc. (8731); Tuscaloosa Resources, Inc. (4869); V Manufacturing Company (9790); New WEI 19, LLC (f/k/a Walter Black Warrior Basin LLC) (5973); New WEI 18, Inc. (f/k/a Walter Coke, Inc.) (9791); New WEI 22 LLC (f/k/a Walter Energy Holdings, LLC) (1596); New WEI 20, LLC (f/k/a Walter Exploration & Production LLC) (5786); New WEI 1, Inc. (f/k/a Walter Home Improvement, Inc.) (1633); New WEI 6 Company (f/k/a Walter Land Company) (7709); New WEI 16, Inc. (f/k/a Walter Minerals, Inc.) (9714); and New WEI 21, LLC (f/k/a Walter Natural Gas, LLC) (1198). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 2100 Southbridge Parkway, Suite 650, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.



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application and approved by order of the Court. *See* Doc. #3889.

4. The BA notes that in the body of the Fee Application and the prayer for relief, the Applicant requests approval of compensation of \$1,780.00, which is the amount supported by the billing records in Exhibit A.
5. Compensation in the amount of \$1,780.00 appears to be reasonable, and the services provided appear to be reasonable, necessary, and beneficial to the estate.

WHEREFORE, the BA recommends approval of interim compensation in the amount of \$1,780.00 and expenses of \$0.00.

Respectfully submitted this the 25th day of November, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on November 25, 2025, I have served a copy of the foregoing Bankruptcy Administrator's Review on the parties listed below by electronic mail, or if the party being served is a registered participant in the CM/ECF System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, service has been made by a "Notice of Electronic Filing" as set forth below pursuant to FRBP 9036 in accordance with the Court's Administrative Procedures.

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