## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

Case No.

Debtor(s).

## **ORDER APPROVING FEE APPLICATION**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Attorney Fee Application filed \_\_\_\_\_\_, doc. \_\_\_\_ (the "Fee Application"). The Court, being sufficiently advised, FINDS:

A. ("Attorney") is counsel for Debtor(s). This is Attorney's [first,

second, third, etc.] fee application.

B. Debtor(s) gave Attorney a pre-petition retainer of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the

"Retainer"). Of the retainer, \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be applied to amount sought herein.

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C. [*For fee applications for services through plan confirmation*] In the initial plan filed in the case (Doc. \_\_\_\_), Attorney disclosed receiving \$\_\_\_\_\_ pre-petition and estimated charging additional fees and costs of \$\_\_\_\_\_ through confirmation. The amount requested in this fee application [does not exceed] [OR] [exceeds] the estimated total charges. [If the total amount exceeds the estimated amount by more than \$500.00, an explanation is included in the Fee Application].

D. Attorney seeks approval of the following fees, costs, and gross receipts tax:

| 1. Attorney fees               | \$ |
|--------------------------------|----|
| 2. Paralegal fees              | \$ |
| 3. Gross receipts tax ("GRT")  | \$ |
| on attorney and paralegal fees |    |
| 4. Subtotal (lines 1, 2 and 3) | \$ |
| 5. Expenses and costs          | \$ |
| 6. GRT on expenses and costs   | \$ |
| 7. Subtotal (lines 5 and 6)    | \$ |
| 8. Total fees and expenses     | \$ |
| (lines 4 and 7) (the "Fees and |    |
| Expenses")                     |    |

E. All Fees and Expenses represent reasonable compensation to Attorney for representing the interests of the Debtor(s) in connection with this bankruptcy case. The Fees and Expenses are for actual and necessary services and costs that benefitted the Debtor(s) or the estate. The Fees and Expenses should be allowed and paid as an administrative expense.

F. [*If final fee application*] The Court grants final approval of Attorney's Fees and Expenses approved on an interim basis.

G. Notice of the Fee Application, and of a 21-day period to object thereto, were mailed on \_\_\_\_\_\_, to the parties on the Court's official mailing list for this case. Notice was sufficient in the particular circumstances.

H. The deadline to object to the Fee Application has expired. No objections were

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filed.

I. The Fee Application complies with Bankruptcy Code §§ 328 and 330 and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

J. The compensation sought by the Attorney under the Fee Application is reasonable and is for actual and necessary services that benefitted the estate.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. The Fees and Expenses are hereby allowed as a priority, administrative expense in this case, in the amount stated above.

2. The Chapter 13 Trustee is authorized to pay the Fees and Expenses to Attorney from estate funds, less the retainer, if applicable, and any previous, estate-fund payments.

## XXX END OF ORDER XXX

Respectfully submitted:

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