

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
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EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC, et al.,¹) Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
))
) JOINTLY ADMINISTERED
_____ Debtors.

**MOTION PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 9006(c) FOR ORDER
SETTING APPLICATION TO EMPLOY KROGER, GARDIS & REGAS, LLP AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR HEARING ON
MARCH 12, 2012 ON SHORTENED AND LIMITED NOTICE**

James A. Knauer, the chapter 11 trustee appointed in this case ("Trustee"), hereby moves the Court for the entry of an order ("Order") setting an expedited hearing on the *Application To Employ Kroger, Gardis & Regas, LLP as Special Counsel for the Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket No. 1056] (the "Application") and shortening and limiting notice thereon. The relief requested in the Application, the pursuit of claims to recover preferences and certain notes held by the bankruptcy estate has been discussed in previous hearings in this cause. The Application was filed yesterday, February 21, 2012 and a Notice of the filing of the Application was inadvertently omitted. Should the Court choose to grant this motion creditors will still have nineteen days in which to file any objections to the proposed employment which is ample time for consideration of the Application. In order to pursue claims of the bankruptcy estate in a timely fashion, the Trustee feels it is necessary that this Application be heard at the Court's next omnibus hearing on March 12, 2012.

¹ The Debtor entities are Eastern Livestock Co., LLC and Okie Farms, L.L.C.

In order to maximize the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all creditors, the Trustee, pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(c) and Local Bankruptcy Rule B-9006-1, requests that the Court set the Application for hearing on March 12, 2012. The Trustee further requests that the Court authorize parties in interest to participate telephonically in the hearing on the Employment Application.

The Trustee will provide notice of the Application, the Order setting a hearing thereon and the telephonic dial-in number on the date that the Court enters such Order by electronic mail through the Court's CM/ECF system (if applicable) and overnight mail or electronic mail to all parties listed on the attached certificate of service.

THEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order (1) setting the Application for hearing on March 12, 2012, (2) allowing telephonic participation therein, (3) shortening notice thereon and (4) granting the Trustee such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: February 22, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ James A. Knauer, Chapter 11 Trustee

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