

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:) Chapter 11
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MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION,) Case No. 03-12676 (MFW)
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) Debtor.)
) **Objections Due by: December 26, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.**

**FIRST APPLICATION OF JONATHAN F. SYKES FOR COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS HYDROLOGY
EXPERT AND CONSULTANT TO ERIC GREEN, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
FUTURE CLAIMANTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH
OCTOBER 31, 2003**

Name of Applicant: Jonathan F. Sykes

Authorized to Provide
Professional Services to: Hydrology Expert and Consultant for
Legal Representative for Future Claimants

Date of Retention: Order dated November 18, 2003,
nunc pro tunc to October 1, 2003

Period for which compensation and
reimbursement is sought: October 1, 2003 through
October 31, 2003

Amount of Compensation sought as
actual, reasonable and necessary: \$20,105.00

Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$1,403.13

This is an: interim final application

This application includes 0.00 hours of time with a value of \$0.00 for time incurred in connection with the preparation of interim fee applications.

Prior Applications:

			Requested		Approved	
	Date Filed	Period Covered	Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENT B TO FEE APPLICATION

Name of Professional Person	Position of the Applicant, Number of Years in that Position, Prior Relevant Experience, Year of Obtaining License to Practice, Area of Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate (including changes)	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Jonathan F. Sykes		\$150.00	129.50	\$19,425.00
S.D. Normani		\$85.00	8.0	\$680.00
Grand Total:			137.5	\$20,105.00
Blended Rate:				\$146.20 / hour

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Meetings (1008)	11.50	\$1,725.00
Asset Analysis (1016)	113.20	\$16,910.00
Travel (1019)	9.80	\$1,470.00
TOTAL	137.5	\$20,105.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses Category	Total Expenses
Travel	\$1,403.13
TOTAL	\$1,403.13

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**FIRST APPLICATION OF JONATHAN F. SYKES
FOR INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Dr. Jonathan F. Sykes (hereinafter "Dr. Sykes") hereby moves this Court for reasonable compensation for professional services rendered as hydrology expert and consultant to Eric Green, Legal Representative of Future Claimants (the "Future Claimants' Representative") in the amount of \$20,105.00 together with reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$1,403.13 for the period commencing October 1, 2003 through and including October 31, 2003 (the "Fee Period"). In support of his Application, Dr. Sykes respectfully represents as follows:

1. Dr. Sykes was employed under a general retainer to represent Eric Green as Future Claimants' Representative in connection with this chapter 11 case, pursuant to an Order dated November 18, 2003, effective as of October 1, 2003. The Order authorized Dr. Sykes to be compensated on an hourly basis and to be reimbursed for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

COMPENSATION PAID AND ITS SOURCE

2. All services for which compensation is requested by Dr. Sykes were performed for or on behalf of Future Claimants' Representative and not on behalf of any debtor, creditor or other person.

3. During the period covered by this Application, Dr. Sykes has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with these cases. There is no agreement or understanding between Dr. Sykes and any other person for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these cases.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed statement of fees incurred during the period October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003 showing the amount of \$20,105.00 due for fees.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

5. Dr. Sykes and S.D. Normani have rendered professional services in this case during the Fee Period.

6. The services rendered by Dr. Sykes and S.D. Normani during the Fee Period are grouped into the categories set forth in Exhibit A, along with the number of hours and the total compensation sought for each category, in the attachments hereto.

DISBURSEMENTS


7. Dr. Sykes has incurred out-of-pocket disbursements during the Fee Period in the amount of \$1,403.13. A complete review by category of the expenses incurred for the Fee Period may be found in the attachments hereto as Exhibit B.

VALUATION OF SERVICES

9. Dr. Sykes and S.D. Normani have expended a total of 137.5 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.
10. The amount of time spent by Dr. Sykes and S.D. Normani providing services to the Future Claimants' Representative for the Fee Period is fully set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. These are Dr. Sykes' and S.D. Normani's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. The reasonable value of the services rendered by Dr. Sykes and S.D. Normani for the Fee Period as hydrology expert and consultant for Eric Green, Legal Representative of Future Claimants in these cases under Chapter 11 is \$20,105.00.
11. Dr. Sykes believes that the time entries included in Exhibit A attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.
12. In accordance with the factors enumerated in 11 U.S.C. § 330, the amount requested is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of this case, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (d) the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

WHEREFORE, Dr. Sykes requests that allowance be made to him in the sum of \$20,105.00 as compensation for necessary professional services rendered to the Future Claimants Representative for the Fee Period, and the sum of \$1,403.13 for reimbursement of actual necessary costs and expenses incurred during that period, and further requests such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: December __, 2003



Jonathan F. Sykes

Consultant to Eric Green, Legal Representative for Future Claimants