Exhibit A

Blended Rate Comparison Table

A. The blended hourly rate for hours worked by Porter Hedges timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals, but excluding professionals and paraprofessionals who practice primarily in bankruptcy matters) was, in the aggregate, approximately $339.91 per hour (the "Non-Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate").

B. The blended hourly rate for hours worked by all Porter Hedges timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals) who billed to the Debtors during the Compensation Period was approximately $466.18 per hour (the "Committee Blended Hourly Rate").

C. The Committee Blended Hourly Rate is higher than the Non-Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate due to the high degree of complexity in these chapter 11 cases requiring a greater amount of involvement by more senior associates and partners at higher billing rates.

D. A detailed comparison of these rates is as follows:

Position at Porter Hedges	Committee Blended Hourly Rate for This Application	Non-Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate
Partners	$566.26	$655.18
Associates	$382.27	N/A
Paralegals	$227.69	$240.75