# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION



IN RE:

\$ CASE NO. 15-35615

RAAM GLOBAL ENERGY COMPANY, \$ (Chapter 11)

BEBTORS.

\$ JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

# INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO PAY SALES, USE, PRODUCTION, AND OTHER TAXES AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS

On October 28, 2015, the Court considered the *Emergency Motion for an Order Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Sales, Use, Property, Production, and Other Taxes and Related Obligations* [Docket No. 17] (the "Motion"),<sup>1</sup> filed by the above-captioned debtors (the "Debtors").<sup>2</sup> The Court finds that: (a) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b); (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); (c) the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates, creditors, and equity security holders; (d) pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a), proper and adequate notice of the Motion and hearing thereon has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; (e) the relief granted herein is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to these estates; and (f) good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief requested in the Motion after having given due deliberation upon the Motion and all of the proceedings before the Court in connection with the Motion. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay and remit to the Taxing Authorities the pre-petition Sales and Use Taxes, Production Taxes, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Motion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Debtors are RAAM Global Energy Company [2973], Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC [4948], Century Exploration Houston, LLC [9624], and Century Exploration Resources, LLC [7252].

Franchise/Income Taxes (collectively, the "Pre-Petition Taxes") incurred or collected by the

Debtors, when such Pre-Petition Taxes become due, in the ordinary course of business pursuant

to and in accordance with any order authorizing the use of the Debtors' cash collateral; provided,

however, the payment of the Pre-Petition Taxes by the Debtors shall not exceed \$2,750,000 in

the aggregate. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Debtors are authorized to pay and remit to the Taxing Authorities

the following post-petition taxes: Sales and Use Taxes, Production Taxes, and Franchise/Income

Taxes (collectively, the "Post-Petition Taxes" and, together with the Pre-Petition Taxes, the

"Taxes"). The Debtors are authorized to pay and remit to the Taxing Authorities the Post-

Petition Taxes incurred or collected by the Debtors, when such Post-Petition Taxes become due,

in the ordinary course of business pursuant to and in accordance with any order authorizing the

use of the Debtors' cash collateral. It is further

**ORDERED** that nothing in this Interim Order shall authorize the payment of Property

Taxes. It is further

**ORDERED** that the banks on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests

made in payment of the Pre-Petition Taxes approved herein are authorized to: (a) receive,

process, honor, and pay all checks presented for payment that are related to such Pre-Petition

Taxes; and (b) rely on the representations of the Debtors as to which checks are permitted to be

paid pursuant to this Order. The Debtors are authorized to re-issue any check or electronic

payment that was drawn in payment of any pre-petition amount that is not cleared by a

depository. It is further

**ORDERED** that nothing herein shall impair the Debtors' ability to contest the amount,

basis, or validity of the Taxes owing to the Taxing Authorities. It is further

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**ORDERED** that, notwithstanding any applicability of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry of this Interim Order. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Debtors are authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Interim Order. It is further

**ORDERED** that a final hearing on the Motion shall be held on November 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time). It is further

**ORDERED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and consider all disputes arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Interim Order.

Signed:

November 09, 2015

Marvin Isgur

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas

In re:

RAAM Global Energy Company
Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC

Case No. 15-35615-mi
Chapter 11

Debtors

### **CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE**

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 9): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Nov 11, 2015 Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

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