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

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RAAM GLOBAL ENERGY COMPANY,	§
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CASE NO. 15-35615

(Chapter 11)

**DEBTORS.** 

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

On November 18, 2015, the Court considered on a final basis 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 "<u>Debtors</u>").<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; and (e) 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 Franchise/Income Taxes (collectively, the "<u>Pre-Petition Taxes</u>") incurred or collected by the

<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].

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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 \$800,000 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 "<u>Post-Petition Taxes</u>" and, together with the Pre-Petition Taxes, the "<u>Taxes</u>"). 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 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 Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry of this 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 Order. 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 Order.

Dated: November 18, 2015.

UNITED STATES BANKBUPTCY JUDGE

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United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas

In re: RAAM Global Energy Company Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC Debtors Case No. 15-35615-mi Chapter 11

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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 20, 2015

Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

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