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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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      In re : Chapter 11
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RCN CORPORATION, et al., : Case No. 04-13638 (RDD)
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                      Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)
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**DEBTORS' EX PARTE MOTION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING SHORTENED
 NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO DEBTORS'
 MOTION FOR AN ORDER UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 AND 363 AUTHORIZING
 THE PURCHASE OF RENEWAL AND EXTENDED REPORTING DIRECTOR
 AND OFFICER LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

RCN Corporation ("RCN") and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries,
 debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"),
 hereby move for entry of an order shortening time (the "Motion to Shorten Notice") for the
 hearing on their Motion for an Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363(b) Authorizing the
 Purchase of Renewal and Extended Reporting Director & Officer Liability Insurance
 Coverage. A copy of the Motion is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. The Debtors request approval of shortened notice and objection procedures for the Motion to Shorten Notice in accordance with section 102 of the Bank-

ruptcy Code, this Court's Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 105 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 9006 and 9007 Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures (the "Case Management Order"), and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 9006, and 9007.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

2. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(2) requires that notice of the proposed use of estate property outside the ordinary course of business be afforded to all creditors and other parties in interest. The hearing on such proposed use may not occur on less than 20 days notice. However, Rules 9006(c) and 9007 authorize this Court to shorten the 20 day notice period and limit the parties to whom notice must be given "for cause." Similarly, this Court's Case Management Order, which sets hearing dates and notice deadlines for presenting matters in connection with such dates, allows matters to be heard on shortened time "for cause."

3. There is cause for modifying the notice procedures with respect to the Motion to Shorten Notice. The Debtors' current D&O policies will expire on **October 15, 2004**, in accordance with their terms, unless the policies are renewed. The Debtors customarily undertake the process of renewing their D&O policies every year. The final terms of new D&O policies, however, often are not agreed upon until the final few days before expiration of the old policies. This timing is a result of various pricing/premium considerations by the D&O carriers and the insured that frequently cannot be finalized until just before the insured's final acquisition of the new policies. Thus, the timing of the Motion to Shorten Notice is not a reflection of any lack of diligence in procuring new policies, but is a consequence of the normal process of renewing D&O policies. Indeed, the Motion to

Shorten Notice was filed immediately after the terms of the proposed D&O coverage were finalized.

4. The Debtors have kept the Creditors' Committee closely apprized of the D&O policies negotiation and renewal process. Because of the significant involvement of the Creditors' Committee in the D&O policy process, the shortened notice should not prejudice their rights and interests. The Debtors believe that these notification and objection procedures strike a fair balance between ensuring the Debtors' ability to maintain director and officer insurance coverage as part of their normal business operations, and affording those parties that may have an objection to the Motion to Shorten Notice a fair opportunity to raise any objection they may have thereto.

5. The Creditors' Committee supports the relief requested herein.

6. The Debtors submit that no new or novel issue of law is presented with respect to the matters contained herein. Thus, the Debtors request that the requirement of the service and filing of a separate memorandum of law under Local Bankr. R. 9013-1(b) be deemed satisfied.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order shortening time for the hearing on the Motion to Shorten Notice so that it may be heard on October 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated: New York, New York
September 30, 2004

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EXHIBIT A

**Objection Deadline: October __, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
Hearing Date: October __, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**

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OFFICER LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

RCN Corporation ("RCN") and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby move for entry of an order under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and

363(b) authorizing the Debtors to purchase renewal and extended reporting director and officer liability insurance. In support of this motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On May 27, 2004 (the "Petition Date"), RCN, TEC Air, Inc., RLH Property Corporation, RCN Finance, LLC and Hot Spots Productions, Inc., the debtors and debtors-in-possession in case number 04-13638 (RDD) (collectively, the "Initial Debtors"), filed voluntary petitions in this Court for reorganization relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). On August 5, 2004 RCN Cable TV of Chicago, Inc., the debtor and debtor-in-possession in case number 04-15120 (RDD), filed a voluntary petition in this Court for reorganization relief under the Bankruptcy Code. On August 20, 2004, 21st Century Telecom Services, Inc., RCN Telecom Services of Virginia, Inc., RCN Entertainment, Inc. and ON TV, Inc. (collectively with RCN Cable TV of Chicago, Inc., the "Affiliate Debtors"), the debtors and debtors-in-possession in case numbers 04-15505 (RDD) through 04-15508 (RDD), filed voluntary petitions in this Court for reorganization relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The bankruptcy cases of the Initial Debtors and the Affiliate Debtors are jointly administered under case number 04-13638 (RDD). The Debtors continue to manage and operate their businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.

2. On June 10, 2004, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") was appointed by the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "United States Trustee") for the Initial Debtors. No trustee, examiner or official committee has been appointed in the Affiliate Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

3. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

4. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 102, 105(a) and 363(b), and Rules 2002, 6004, 9006 and 9007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

RELIEF REQUESTED

5. By this motion, the Debtors request entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to purchase the Proposed Coverage (as defined below) and to pay all premiums associated therewith, pursuant to sections 105 and 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

6. In the ordinary course of the Debtors' business, the Debtors, like all major corporations, maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance that provides certain liability coverage with respect to the acts of the members of the Debtors' boards of directors and their officers. The Debtors' current coverage affords

coverage in an aggregate amount of \$60 million, and is provided by various insurance providers (the "D&O Policies").

7. The Debtors' current D&O Policies will expire on **October 15, 2004**, in accordance with their terms, unless the policies are renewed. The D&O Policies are claims made policies, meaning that such insurance covers only those claims actually made during the policy periods. Thus, once the Debtors' current D&O Policies expire, no further claims can be made under the policies, regardless of whether the claims arose during the policy terms, unless there is a renewal of the D&O Policies or an extension of the reporting period.

8. In light of the upcoming expiration date, the Debtors, together with their insurance brokers, Aon Financial Services Group and Aon Risk Services, Inc., have negotiated and obtained (i) renewal director and officer liability coverage that would extend and enhance existing coverage from October 15, 2004 through April 15, 2004, (ii) extended reporting coverage that would extend the period for reporting claims for six years from the date of emergence from chapter 11 (the "Proposed Coverage"), and (iii) a pricing indication regarding post-emergence director and officer liability insurance for a 12 month period from the date of emergence from chapter 11. By negotiating all three types of coverage together as a single package rather than individually, the Debtors were able to achieve more favorable

pricing and better terms and conditions for the renewal and extended reporting policies and in connection with the post-emergence policy.

9. The Debtors have kept the Creditors' Committee closely apprised of this process. The Creditors' Committee indicated that it would not oppose the purchase of extended coverage for the Debtors' directors and officers provided that such individuals would withdraw any claims filed against the Debtors for indemnification as of the effective date. Accordingly, the Debtors and the directors and officers that filed proofs of claim in these chapter 11 cases have agreed that such claims will be withdrawn (or deemed withdrawn) as of the effective date of the Debtors' plan of reorganization, provided that the Proposed Coverage is procured as contemplated in this Motion. Based upon this mutual agreement, the Creditors' Committee does not oppose the relief requested herein and has agreed that the Debtors may purchase such insurance, as more particularly described in the summary of the Proposed Coverage attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10. In sum, the premium for the renewal of the existing D&O Policy through the effective date of the Debtors' plan of reorganization is estimated to be between approximately \$1,246,000 and 1,261,000 for coverage in the amount of \$60 million, which is the amount of coverage under the existing D&O Policies. The premium for the extended reporting coverage is \$2 million for fresh aggregate coverage in the amount of \$22 million for six years.

11. The acquisition and maintenance of D&O insurance is a normal and customary part of every major corporation's business, and has been a part of the Debtors' ordinary course of business for many years. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that they may obtain the Proposed Coverage, and pay the premiums associated therewith, without an order of this Court authorizing it to do so under section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Debtors have filed this motion to request such authorization.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

12. The Debtors request that this Court authorize its purchase of the Proposed Coverage, and the payment of premiums associated therewith, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a) and 363(b), as a use of estate property "other than in the ordinary course of business." Such authorization is appropriate if the Debtors demonstrate a sound business justification for doing so. See In re Lionel Corp., 722 F.2d 1063, 1071 (2d Cir. 1983); In re Delaware Hudson Ry. Co., 124 B.R. 169, 179 (Bankr. D. Del. 1991).

13. Once the Debtors articulate a valid business justification, "the business judgment rule 'is a presumption that in making a business decision the directors of a corporation acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action was in the best interests of the company.'" In re Integrated

Resources, Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992)(quoting Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858, 872 (Del. 1985)).

14. The business judgment rule has vitality in chapter 11 cases and shields the Debtors' management from judicial second-guessing. See In re Integrated Resources, Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992)(quoting Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858, 872 (Del. 1985)); In re Johns-Manville Corp., 60 B.R. 612, 615-16 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986) ("The Code favors the continued operation of a business by a debtor and a presumption of reasonableness attaches to a Debtors' management decisions.").

15. The Debtors submit that the premiums for the Proposed Coverage are reasonable in light of the market rates for such policies, and that sound business justifications exist for the purchase of the Proposed Coverage. The continued participation of the Debtors' current officers and directors remains critical to the Debtors' normal business operations and successful reorganization. The remainder of these cases will require difficult decisions on the part of the Debtors' directors and officers. Without the assurance that future litigation for actions taken on behalf of the Debtors will be covered by D&O policies, the current directors and officers of the Debtors may seek to avoid these necessary decisions or resign in order to avoid personal responsibility. The continuation of directors' and officers' insurance there-

fore is necessary in order to ensure that the Debtors' reorganization efforts are successful.

16. The Debtors also submit that the premiums for the Proposed Coverage are reasonable in light of the market for such policies and the circumstances of this case. Several weeks ago, the Debtors, with the assistance of their insurance broker, approached numerous potential insurance providers and began negotiations of renewal, extended reporting, and new policies for the reorganized Debtors as contemplated by the plan of reorganization filed with this Court on August 20, 2004. Based upon the extensive efforts of the Debtors and their broker, the Debtors have been advised that the premiums for the Proposed Coverage affords significant value to the company. Indeed, as discussed above, the Debtors were able to capitalize on advantageous pricing by procuring the Proposed Coverage in conjunction with a new D&O Policy for the directors of the reorganized Debtors under the proposed plan of reorganization.¹

17. As pointed out above, the Debtors believe that the use of estate funds to purchase the Proposed Coverage and to pay the premiums associated therewith is within the ordinary course of business and does not require Court approval. Nevertheless, the Debtors make this formal request out of an abundance of

¹ The Debtors do not seek authority at this time to use estate funds in connection with such new policies. The cost of such policies will be incurred by the reorganized Debtors after confirmation of the plan of reorganization.

caution and at the request of carriers, and reserve their rights to assert that the relief requested is in the ordinary course and so Court approval is unnecessary in the event that a party in interest files an objection to this motion.

18. The Debtors submit that no new or novel issue of law is presented with respect to the matters contained herein. Because the relevant authorities in support of the requested relief are cited in this motion, the Debtors request that the requirement of the service and filing of a separate memorandum of law under Local Bankr. R. 9013-1(b) be deemed satisfied.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order (i) authorizing the Debtors to purchase the Proposed Coverage and to pay the premiums associated therewith and (ii) granting such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
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EXHIBIT A

Directors, Officers and Entity Liability Insurance Renewal/Run-off Status

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Please note this presentation shall not be construed as legal advice. In no way do the representations made herein concerning any insurance policy and the coverage provided therein take precedence over such policy. The contract language within the actual insurance policy remains controlling.

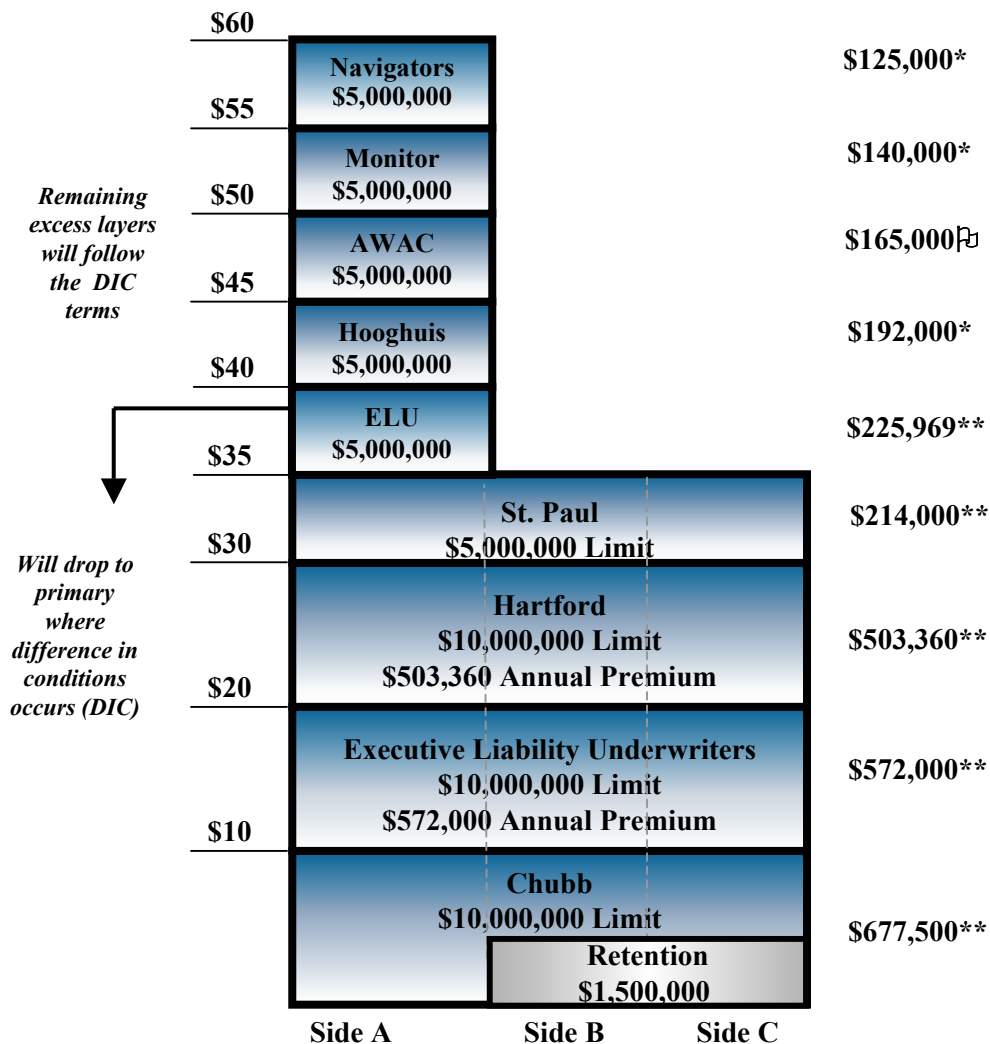




Overview of Current D&O Program



Limit of Liability: \$60,000,000 aggregate (\$35mm – ABC, \$25mm – A)
Retention: \$0 (non-indemnifiable claims) / \$1,500,000 (all other claims)
Policy Period: October 15, 2003 – October 15, 2004
Total Premium: \$2,814,829



* Plus 3% NJ surplus lines taxes and fees

** Plus .25% NJ surcharge

† Plus 4% Federal Excise Tax

Total - \$60mm → **\$2,814,829**

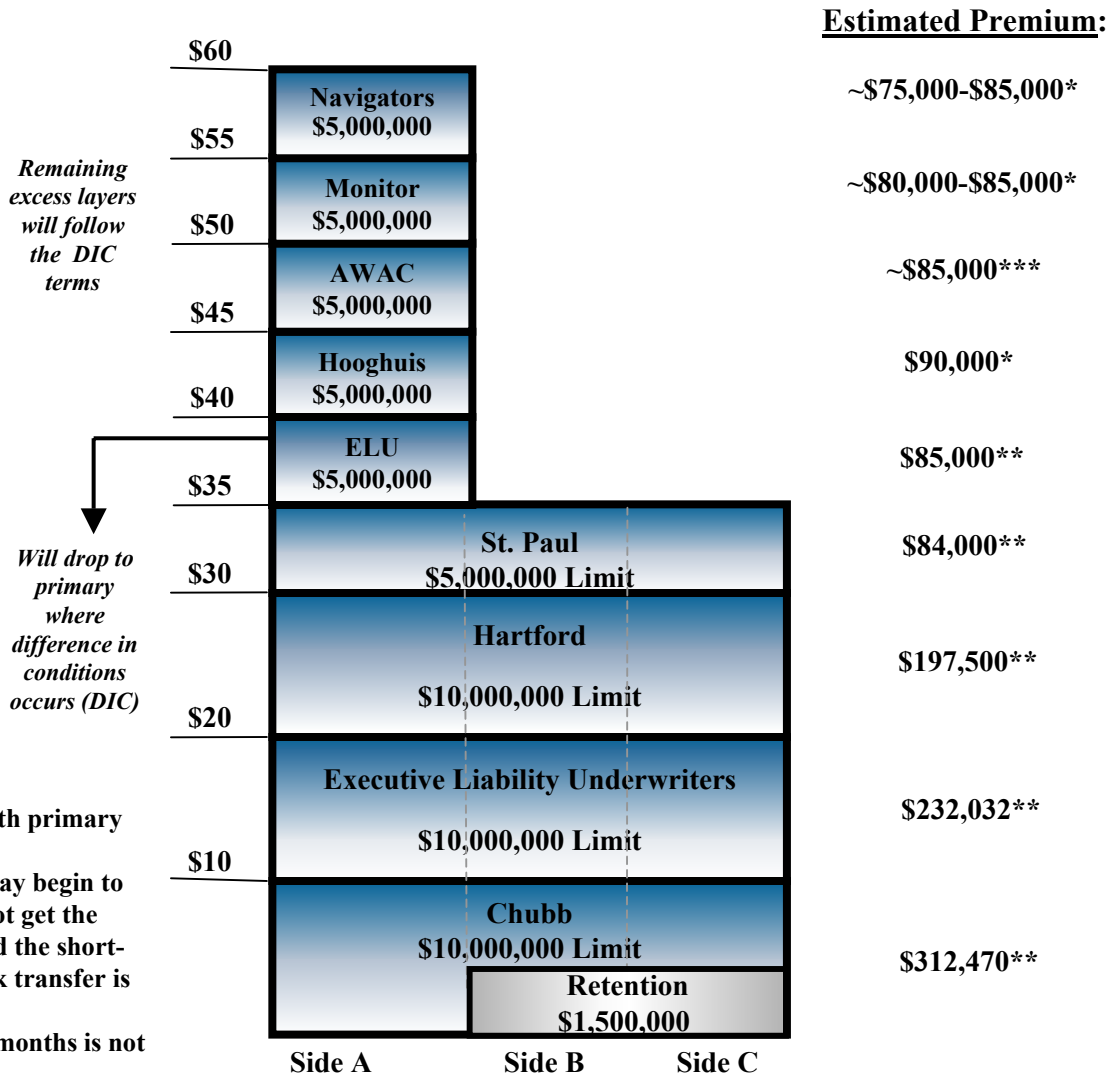


Potential Renewal/Run-off Programs



6-month Potential D&O Renewal Program (with ODL on Chubb layer)

Limit of Liability: \$60,000,000 aggregate (\$35mm – ABC, \$25mm – A)
Retention: \$0 (non-indemnifiable claims) / \$1,500,000 (all other claims)
Policy Period: October 15, 2004 – April 15, 2005
Total Est. Premium: ~\$1,246,000-\$1,261,000



- ODL limit shared with primary \$10mm
- High excess layers may begin to flatten as they will not get the benefit of run-off and the short-term premium v. risk transfer is not in line
- Extension beyond 6-months is not guaranteed
- Broader severability of application language
- All premium is fully earned

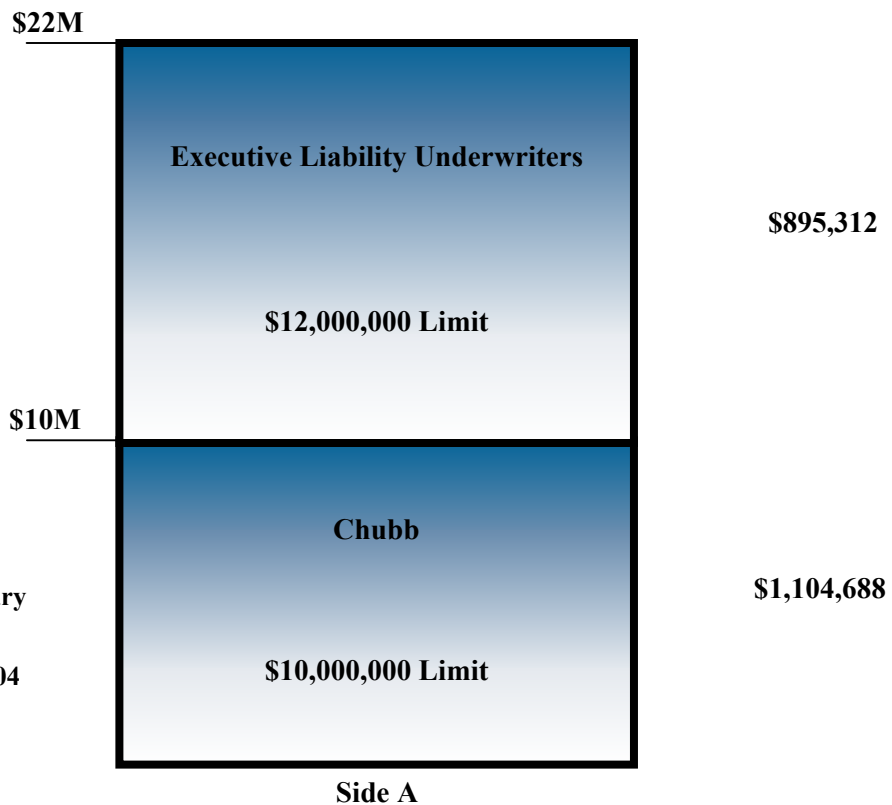
Total - \$60mm ~\$1,246,000-\$1,261,000

* Plus 3% NJ surplus lines taxes and fees
 ** Plus .25% NJ surcharge
 *** Plus 4% Federal Excise Tax

6-yr. D&O Run-off Program w/Fresh Limit (with ODL on Chubb layer)

Limit of Liability: \$22,000,000 aggregate
Retention: \$0 (non-indemnifiable claims)
Policy Period: 6 years from BK emergence date
Total Premium: \$2,000,000

Premium:



- ODL limit shared with primary \$10mm
- Premium to be paid 10/15/2004
- Fresh Aggregate Limit
- All premium is fully earned

* Plus 3% NJ surplus lines taxes and fees
 ** Plus .25% NJ surcharge
 ☞ Plus 4% Federal Excise Tax

Total - \$22mm →

\$2,000,000

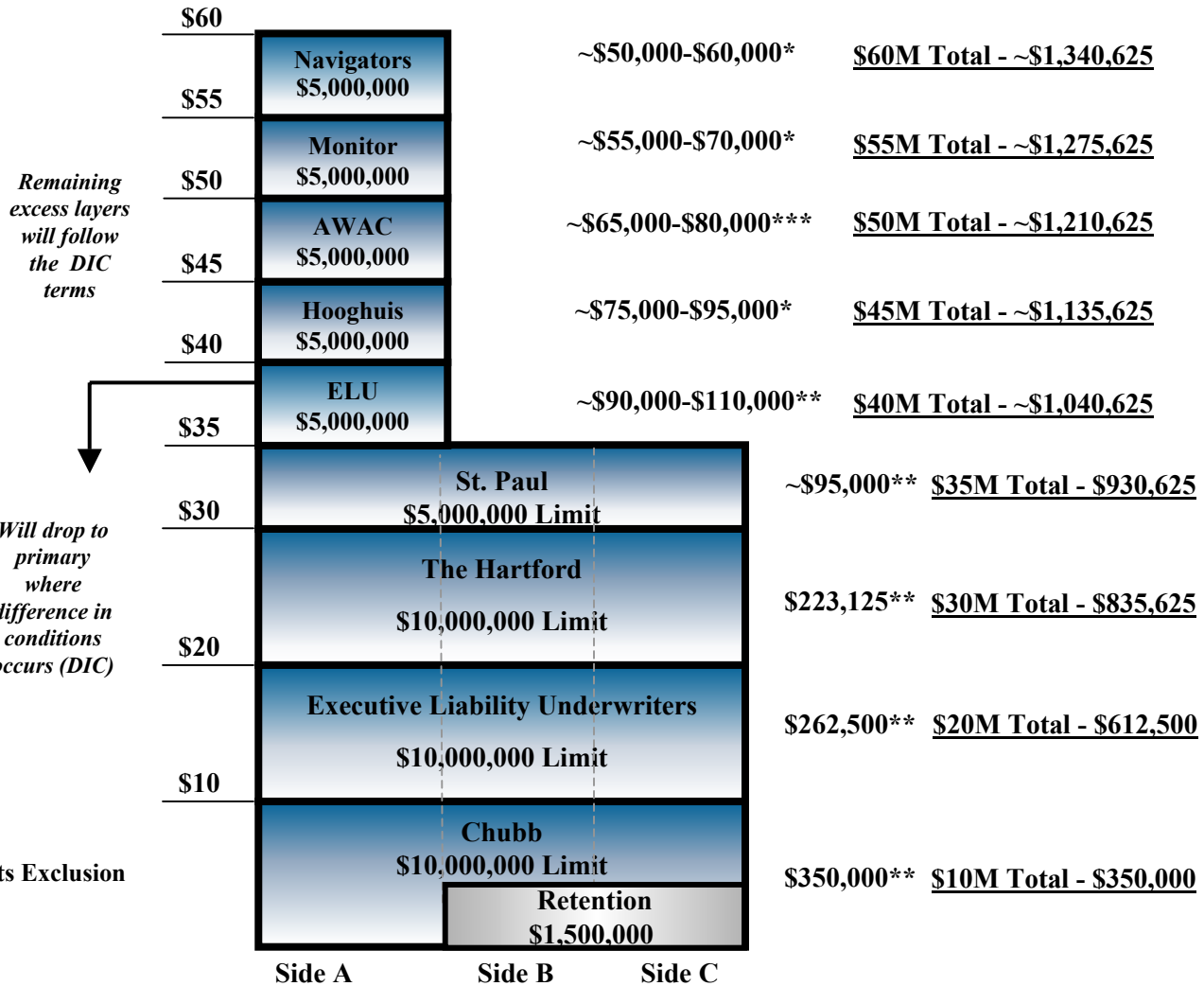


Potential NewCo D&O Program



Potential NewCo D&O Program

Limit of Liability: \$60,000,000 aggregate (\$35mm – ABC, \$25mm – A)
Retention: \$0 (non-indemnifiable claims) / \$1,500,000 (all other claims)
Policy Period: 12 months from BK emergence date
Total Premium: ~\$1,265,625-\$1,345,625



• Prior Acts Exclusion

* Plus 3% NJ surplus lines taxes and fees

** Plus .25% NJ surcharge

** Plus 4% Federal Excise Tax

Total - \$60mm → ~\$1,265,625-\$1,345,625

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**ORDER APPROVING DEBTORS' EX PARTE MOTION FOR AN
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PURCHASE OF RENEWAL AND EXTENDED REPORTING
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Upon the motion (the "Motion to Shorten Notice") of the Debtors for entry of an Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363(b) Authorizing the Purchase of Renewal and Extended Reporting Director & Officer Liability Insurance Coverage (the "Motion")¹; and the Court having reviewed the Motion to Shorten Notice; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Motion to Shorten Notice is GRANTED.
2. The Motion to Shorten Notice shall be heard before the Honorable

Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York,

¹ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

Alexander Hamilton Customs House, One Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004-1408 on
October 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

3. Objections to the Motion shall be filed with the Court and served so
that they are actually received no later than October 13, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: New York, New York
_____, 2004

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE