

not be a productive exercise, a worthwhile use of judicial resources nor warrant the expense of the process.

Although the parties are involved in mediation regarding the underlying bankruptcy case, this mediation is not focused on and is unrelated to the issues on appeal. In their initial letter response to this court's Oral Order on December 4, 2020, the parties requested additional time to respond because of the above-noted mediation process in the hope of resolving certain issues related to this bankruptcy appeal. The court has since be advised that the parties' efforts were unsuccessful regarding the appellate issues, and based upon the information provided, it does not appear that additional mediation of those issues on appeal would be productive.¹

The parties' request that the following briefing schedule be entered

Appellants' opening brief	Thirty (30)* days after entry by the Court of the briefing schedule for this appeal
Appellees' answering brief	Thirty (30)* days after service of Appellants' opening brief.
Appellants' reply brief	Fifteen (15)* days after service of Appellees' answering brief *RGA amended

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED that, pursuant to paragraph 2(a) Procedures to Govern Mediation of Appeals from the United States Bankruptcy Court for this District and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), this matter be withdrawn from the mandatory referral for mediation and proceed through the appellate process of this Court. The parties, through this Recommendation, are advised of their right to file objections to this Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), FED. R. CIV. P. 72(a) and D.

¹ Consistent with this court's orders, neither of the parties' joint letters regarding mandatory mediation in bankruptcy appeals are docketed.

DEL. LR 72.1. No objections are anticipated since this Recommendation is consistent with the parties' request.

Local counsel are obligated to inform out-of-state counsel of this Order.

/s/ Mary Pat Thyng
Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng

SO ORDERED as Amended this 3rd day of February, 2021

/s/ Richard G. Andrews
United States District Judge