

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**Pachira Energy LLC,
Plaintiff**

**vs. Civil Action No. 18-C-369 (Monongalia County)
Supreme Court Docket No. 20-BCD-08**

**Northeast Natural Energy LLC and
NNE Water Systems LLC,
Defendants**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Defendants Northeast Natural Energy LLC and NNE Water Systems LLC, by counsel, Charles F. Johns, Alexandria D. Lay, Jon C. Beckman, and the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, have filed a motion to refer the above-referenced case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules. Plaintiff Pachira Energy LLC, by counsel, Jeffrey C. King, Katherine M. Gafner, and the law firm of K&L Gates LLP, and Frank E. Simmerman, Jr., Chad L. Taylor, Frank E. Simmerman, III, and the Simmerman Law Office, PLLC, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response thereto, the Chief Justice has determined that this case does not meet the criteria for referral under Rule 29.04 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division is DENIED and that a copy of this order be transmitted to the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Honorable Cindy Scott, Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: January 26, 2021



EVAN H. JENKINS
Chief Justice