IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

Petitioner/Defendant,

v.

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SCA Action No. 22-675 Civil Action No. 22-56 Circuit Court of Boone County Judge Stacy L. Nowicki-Eldridge

Turner Excavating, Inc.,

Respondent/Plaintiff,

BLACKHAWK SUB, LLC; 1st Trust Bank, Inc.; and John Does

Respondents/Defendants.

REPLY OF 1st TRUST BANK IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REFER CASE TO BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

Pursuant to Rule 29.06(a)(4) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, Co-Defendant, 1st Trust Bank ("1st Trust"), by counsel, replies in support of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.'s August 29, 2022¹, Motion to Refer Case to Business Court Division (the "Motion to Refer"). For the reasons stated in the Motion to Refer, which are hereby adopted by reference, the claims and defenses in this action constitute "Business Litigation" (TCR 29.04(a)) appropriate for referral to and adjudication by the Business Court Division.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Rule 29.06(a)(4) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, 1st Trust replies in support of transfer to the Business Court Division.

¹ This reply is timely pursuant to the twenty (20) day time period afforded by TCR 29.06(4).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of September 2022, and pursuant to Rule 29.06(a)(3)

of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, a copy of the foregoing Reply of 1st Trust Bank in Support

of Motion to Refer Case to Business Court Division was served, via File& Serve Xpress or U.S.

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