ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Stollings Trucking Company, Inc., Plaintiff

vs.) Civil Action No. 17-C-55 (McDowell County)

Continuum Coal, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Corporation, GS Energy, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Corporation, Ian Ganzer, individually and in his capacity as a member of Continuum Coal, LLC, and Gary Ganzer, individually and in his capacity as a member of Continuum Coal, LLC, Defendants

The Honorable Rudolph J. Murensky, II, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, has filed a motion to refer the above-referenced action to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR").

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion, the Chief Justice has determined that the principal claims in the action involve matters of significance to the transactions, operations, or governance between business entities as required by TCR 29.04(a)(1). The mere fact that the action involves individuals does not, of itself, exclude the case from eligibility. The Chief Justice has further determined that specialized treatment is likely to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution of the controversy as required by TCR 29.04(a)(2), and the motion to refer should therefore be granted.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this action to the Business Court Division is granted, and this order shall be transmitted to the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Chair of the Business Court Division, for assignment of a presiding judge and such other actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of TCR 29.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; the Honorable Rudolph J. Murensky, II, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of McDowell County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: APRIL 27, 2018

MARGARET L. WORKMAN
Chief Justice