Michael R. Johnson, Esq. (A7070) David H. Leigh, Esq. (A9433) RAY QUINNEY & NEBEKER P.C.

36 South State Street, 14th Floor

P.O. Box 45385

Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0385 Telephone: (801) 532-1500 Facsimile: (801) 532-7543

Email: mjohnson@rqn.com
Email: dleigh@rqn.com

Attorneys for Steven R. Bailey, Chapter 7 Trustee

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

In re:

Bankruptcy Case No. 21-23636

EMPIRE SOLAR GROUP, LLC,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Honorable Joel T. Marker

NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) AND FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9014 AND 9019, FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS BETWEEN THE TRUSTEE, ON THE ONE HAND AND SUNTUITY SOLAR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ON THE OTHER HAND

## **AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

Objection Deadline: July 17, 2023 Reserved Hearing Date and Time: August 2, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on June 29, 2023, Steven R. Bailey, the Chapter 7 trustee in the above-captioned case (the "Trustee"), filed his Motion, Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 9019, for Entry of an Order Approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims Between the Trustee, on the One Hand, and Suntuity Solar Limited liability Company on the Other Hand (the "Motion") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah (the "Bankruptcy Court") in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case").

In the Motion, the Trustee asks the Court to approve the form and substance of a Settlement Term Sheet for Settlement of Claims (the "Agreement") between the Trustee, on the one hand, and Suntuity Solar Limited Liability Company ("Suntuity"), on the other hand, to settle and resolve various claims and causes of action that the Parties have or may have against one another.

In summary, the Agreement provides for the settlement of any claims the estate may have against Suntuity arising out of Suntuity's pre-petition business and financial dealings with the Debtor, including but not limited to certain payments that Suntuity received related to those business and financial dealings, for a Settlement Payment in the amount of \$200,000.00. Further, the Trustee will transfer and assign to Suntuity any claims held by the Debtor, the Trustee and the Debtor's Chapter 7 estate, including state law claims and claims under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, against Abby Buchmiller, Amanda Roseburg, Uinta Bank, GoodLeap LLC, fka Loan Pal and Rock Creek Financial Advisors and, in return for the transfer of those claims, Suntuity will pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the estate, twenty five percent (25%) of any recoveries received on such transferred claims. The Term Sheet further provides for broad form customary releases, except that Suntuity will not release and will expressly retain (a) its right to receive distributions under Claim 143-1 that Suntuity filed against the Debtor's estate, and (b) any claims that Suntuity has or may have against the current or former owners of the Debtor, i.e., Abby Buchmiller or Amanda Roseburg.

The Trustee believes in his business judgment that the settlement he has negotiated with Suntuity is a fair and reasonable settlement and that its terms should be approved.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT**, pursuant to Local Rule 2002-1(B), any creditor or other interested party desiring to respond to or object to the relief requested in the Motion **must** file a written response or objection with the above-captioned Bankruptcy Court and serve a copy of the response or objection upon the undersigned, by no later than **July 17, 2023.** 

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT**, if a timely response or objection to the Motion is not filed by the deadline set forth above, the Bankruptcy Court may grant the relief requested in the Motion without a hearing, and may enter the Order that has been submitted by the Trustee.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Motion is on file with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah and is also posted on the Empire Solar Group, LLC bankruptcy website at https://empiresolarbankruptcy.com. A copy of the Motion and Settlement Agreement may also be obtained by contacting counsel for the Trustee, Michael R. Johnson or David H. Leigh of Ray Quinney & Nebeker P.C., at 801-532-1500, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:mjohnson@rqn.com">mjohnson@rqn.com</a> or <a href="mailto:dleigh@rqn.com">dleigh@rqn.com</a>.

YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED. YOU SHOULD READ THE MOTION CAREFULLY, AND DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY, IF YOU HAVE ONE IN THIS BANKRUPTCY CASE. (IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if you do not want the Court to grant the relief requested in the Motion, then you or your attorney must do the following:

(1) On or before **July 17, 2023**, file with the Bankruptcy Court a written Objection explaining your position. If you mail your objection, mail it to:

Clerk of the Court United States Bankruptcy Court 350 South Main Street Salt Lake City, UT 84101

If you hand deliver your objection, deliver it to:

Bankruptcy Court Intake Department Orrin G. Hatch U.S. Courthouse 351 South West Temple, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(2) If you mail your objection to the Bankruptcy Court for filing, you must mail it early enough so that the Court will **receive** it on or before July 17, 2023. You must also mail a copy to the undersigned counsel at P.O. Box 45385, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0385.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a hearing on the Motion (the "Hearing") has been <u>reserved</u> before the Honorable Joel T. Marker, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge for the District of Utah, on **August 2, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.,** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Pursuant to current Court procedure, this hearing will be conducted remotely by Zoom before the Honorable Joel T. Marker. Zoom access instructions for the hearing are as follows:

www.utb.uscourts.gov/court-hearings-be-conducted-zoom

Meeting ID: 16154788875

Passcode/Participant ID: 3834658

+1 669 254 5252

There will be no further notice of the hearing, and failure to attend the hearing will be deemed a waiver of your objection.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** if a timely response or objection to the Motion is not filed by the deadline set forth above, the Bankruptcy Court may grant the relief requested in the Motion without a hearing.

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Bankruptcy Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the Motion and may enter an order granting that relief. In the absence of a timely filed objection, the undersigned counsel may and will ask the Court to enter an order approving the Motion without hearing.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

RAY QUINNEY & NEBEKER P.C.

/s/ Michael R. Johnson

Michael R. Johnson

Counsel for the Trustee

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on June 30, 2023, the foregoing document was electronically filed with the

Court and therefore served via ECF upon the following:

- B. Scott Allen coley@mvmlegal.com
- Rod N. Andreason randreason@kmclaw.com, mkowalczyk@kmclaw.com
- Steven R. Bailey tr karen@baileylaw.org, UT06@ecfcbis.com
- Megan K Baker baker.megan@dorsey.com
- Matthew M. Boley mboley@ck.law, klopez@ck.law
- Daniel K. Brough dbrough@btjd.com, hollyv@btjd.com;docketing@btjd.com
- Ryan C. Cadwallader rcadwallader@kmclaw.com, twhite@kmclaw.com
- Deborah Rae Chandler dchandler@aklawfirm.com
- P. Matthew Cox mw@scmlaw.com, ec@scmlaw.com
- **J. Bryan Dexter** bryan@dexterlaw.com, G4981@notify.cincompass.com;camila@dexterlaw.com
- Douglas Farr dfarr@buchalter.com, docket@buchalter.com
- Bryan T. Glover bryan.glover@stoel.com, jeannie.lihs@stoel.com
- Michael F. Holbein mholbein@sgrlaw.com
- **Armand J. Howell** armand@hwmlawfirm.com, armand@ecf.courtdrive.com;meghan@ecf.courtdrive.com
- **Chad Johnson** chad@idahojobjustice.com, dunja@idahojobjustice.com;robyn@idahojobjustice.com;kati@utahjobjustice.com
- Michael R. Johnson mjohnson@rgn.com, docket@rgn.com; ASanchez@rgn.com
- Paul W. Jones paul@pauljonesattorney.com
- David H. Leigh dleigh@rqn.com, ASanchez@rqn.com;docket@rqn.com
- Christopher J Martinez martinez.chris@dorsey.com
- Jason A. McNeill mcneill@mvmlegal.com, coley@mvmlegal.com
- Blake D. Miller bmiller@aklawfirm.com, millermobile@gmail.com;miller.blaked@gmail.com
- Stuart J. Miller sjm@lankmill.com
- Gregory S. Moesinger gmoesinger@kmclaw.com, tsanders@kmclaw.com
- Austin Nate anate@rqn.com, ajohnson@rqn.com
- Darren B. Neilson dneilson@parsonsbehle.com
- Mary E. Olsen molsen@thegardnerfirm.com
- Ellen E. Ostrow eostrow@foley.com, mgraham@foley.com;ellen-ostrow-4512@ecf.pacerpro.com
- Mark C. Rose mrose@mbt-law.com, markcroselegal@gmail.com
- **Brian M. Rothschild** brothschild@parsonsbehle.com, ecf@parsonsbehle.com;docket@parsonsbehle.com
- **Jeffrey Weston Shields** jshields@rqn.com, 5962725420@filings.docketbird.com;docket@rqn.com,tzimmerman@rqn.com
- Jeremy C. Sink jsink@kmclaw.com, mcarlson@kmclaw.com
- Mark S. Swan mswan@strongandhanni.com, mark@swanlaw.net

- Richard C. Terry richard@tjblawyers.com, cbcecf@yahoo.com
- **Jeffrey L. Trousdale** jtrousdale@cohnekinghorn.com, mparks@ck.law;apetersen@ck.law
- United States Trustee USTPRegion19.SK.ECF@usdoj.gov
- Aaron M. Waite aaronmwaite@agutah.gov

I further certify that on June 30, 2023, the foregoing Notice was mailed by first class U.S. mail, with postage fully prepaid, to the parties requesting notice and parties set forth in the Court's Order limiting notice, as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

/s/ Carrie Hurst
------------------

## Case 21-23636 Doc 503 Filed 06/30/23 Entered 06/30/23 09:54:58 Desc Main Document Page 7 of 8

**EXHIBIT A** 

United States Trustee 405 South Main Street, #300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Steven R. Bailey, Trustee P.O. Box 1828 Layton, UT 84041 Mark C. Rose McKay, Burton & Thurman P.C. 15 West South Temple, Suite 1000 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Rocky Mountain Advisory 15 W. South Temple, Suite 500 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Uinta Bank 140 Yellow Creek Rd. Evanston, WY 82930 Durham Commercial Capital Corp 101 Sullys Trail, Bldg 20 Pittsford, NY 14534 D & J Properties 3020 South West Temple Salt Lake City UT 84115

Wesco Distribution, Inc. 3425 East Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ 84008 Gambit, LLC 235 Washakie Dr. Evanston, WY 82930 Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc. 15230 N. 75th St., Suite 2020 Scottsdale, AZ 85260

CT Corporation System, as representative 330 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 700 Glendale, CA 91203 Attn: SPRS

Byline Financial Group 2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 212 Deerfield, IL 60015 Suntuity Solar Limited Liability Company 2137 NJ-35 Holmdel, NJ 07733

Onesource Distributors, LLC 3951 Oceanic Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 Codale Electric Supply, Inc. 5225 W. 2400 South South Salt Lake City, UT 84120

Crawford Electric Supply Company, Inc. 7390 Northcourt Rd. Houston, TX 77040

Independent Electric Supply, Inc. 2001 Marina Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577

QED Inc., dba Quality Electrical Distributors 1661 W. 3rd Ave., Denver, CO 80233 Viking Electric Supply, Inc. 451 Industrial Boulevard NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

World Electric Supply, Inc. 569 Stuart Lane Jacksonville, FL 32254

Wesco Distribution, Inc. 3425 East Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ 85008

John P. Dillman Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP PO Box 3064

Houston, TX 77253-3064

Micheal Gipson 411 West Walnut St Independence, MO 64050 Steven W. Kelly S&D Law 1290 Broadway Suite 1650 Denver, CO 80203

Raymond J. Rotella Kosto & Rotella P.A. P.O. Box 113 Orlando, FL 32802

Michael F. Holbein Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP 1105 W. Peachtree Street NE, Ste 1000 Atlanta, GA 30309 Daniel Brough Hyrum J. Bosserman BENNETT TUELLER JOHNSON & DEERE 3165 East Millrock Dr., Suite 500 Salt Lake City, UT 84121 Case 21-23636 Doc 503 Filed 06/30/23 Entered 06/30/23 09:54:58 Desc Main Document Page 8 of 8

Steve Brown Steve Brown & Associates, LLC 1414 East Indian School Road Suite 200 Phoenix, AZ 85014

Internal Revenue Service Centralized Insolvency Operation P.O. Box 7346 Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346

Evarista Nnadi 2311 Prometheus Ct. Henderson, NV 89074 Daylight Roofing Donaciano Talamantes 1266 14th Street Imperial Beach, CA 91932

State of Utah AG Office, Tax Financial Service Div. 160 East 300 South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 140874 Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Shanna M. Kaminski Kaminski Law PLLC P.O. Box 725220 Berkley, MI 48072

Henderson, NV 98011

Eco Rocha LLC

6089 Mustang Breeze Trail UNIT 102