

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11 Cases
WCI COMMUNITIES, INC., <u>et al.</u> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 08-11643 (KJC)
	)	Jointly Administered
Debtors.	)	
	)	<b>Related Docket No. 244</b>

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF  
UNSECURED CREDITORS OF WCI COMMUNITIES, INC., ET AL., TO  
RETAIN AND EMPLOY AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP  
AS CO-COUNSEL, NUNC PRO TUNC TO AUGUST 13, 2008**

Upon the application dated September 2, 2008 (the "Application") of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of WCI Communities, Inc., et al. (collectively the "Debtors") for an order, pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorizing the Committee to retain and employ the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ("Akin Gump") as its co-counsel, nunc pro tunc to August 13, 2008, and upon the Declaration of Lisa G. Beckerman, Esq., a member of the firm of Akin Gump, dated September 2, 2008 (the "Beckerman Declaration"); and it appearing that the partners, counsel, and associates of Akin Gump who will perform services on behalf of the Committee in these chapter 11 cases are duly qualified to practice before this Court; and the Court finding, based on the representations made in the Application and the Beckerman Declaration, that Akin Gump does not represent any interest adverse to the

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<sup>1</sup> A list of the Debtors and their tax identification numbers is located on the docket for Case No. 08-11643 (KJC) and <http://chapter11.epiqsystems.com/wcicomunities>.

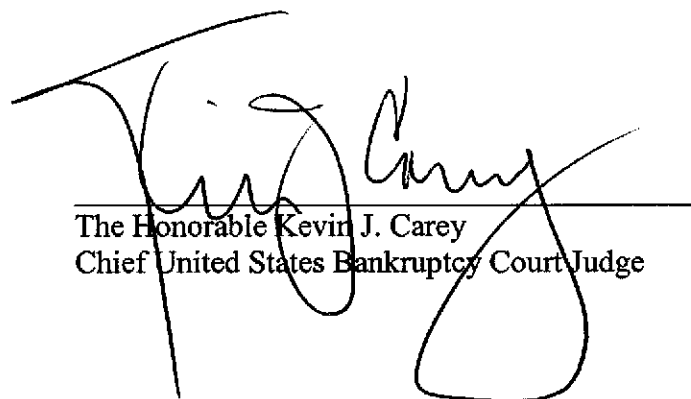
Committee and/or the Debtors' estates with respect to the matters upon which it is to be engaged, that it is a "disinterested person," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, that its employment is necessary and in the best interests of the Committee and the Debtors' estates; and finding that adequate notice of the Application having been given; and it appearing that no other notice need be given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

**ORDERED**, that the Application is approved in its entirety; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 1103(a) and, with respect to Akin Gump's hourly rates, 328(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), the Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to employ and retain the firm of Akin Gump as its co-counsel, nunc pro tunc to August 13, 2008, to represent the Committee in these cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and such retention is hereby approved; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Akin Gump shall be compensated in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Bankruptcy Rules and Local Bankruptcy Rules as may then be applicable from time to time, and such procedures as may be fixed by order of this Court.

Dated: September ~~12~~<sup>23</sup>, 2008  
Wilmington, Delaware



The Honorable Kevin J. Carey  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Court Judge