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WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The West Virginia Office of the Attorney General (hereinafter "WVAGO") is seeking assistance with potential bankruptcy claims on behalf of the State of West Virginia. More specifically, the Office is seeking assistance in the bankruptcy matter filed by Freedom Industries which is currently pending in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- There is a particular desire for legal representation with additional litigation background and experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- The matter at issue requires particular and specialized expertise in complex issues relating to bankruptcy procedure and substantive law that would benefit from the assistance of outside counsel.
- Kanawha County is the geographic area where the legal services will be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal processilaid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

Daniel W. Greear Chief Counsel

Date Signed: July 28, 2014