

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE:	§	CASE NO: 23-11868
TRIMONT ENERGY (NOW), LLC,¹	§	CHAPTER 11 SubChapter V
DEBTOR.	§	SECTION A

IN RE:	§	CASE NO: 23-11869
TRIMONT ENERGY (GIB), LLC,	§	CHAPTER 11 SubChapter V
DEBTOR.	§	SECTION A

IN RE:	§	CASE NO: 23-11872
TRIMONT ENERGY LIMITED, INC.,	§	CHAPTER 11
DEBTOR.	§	SECTION A

IN RE:	§	CASE NO: 23-11873
WHITNEY OIL & GAS, LLC,	§	CHAPTER 11
DEBTOR.	§	SECTION A

**ORDER (I) DIRECTING JOINT NOTICING AND SCHEDULING,
(II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF,
AND (III) SETTING OMNIBUS HEARING DATES THROUGH JUNE 2024**

The Court held a hearing on October 31, 2023, to consider the *Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing (I) Joint Noticing; (II) Joint Scheduling; and (III) Related Relief* (the “Motion”), [Case No. 23-11868, ECF Doc. 17; Case No. 23-11869, ECF Doc. 17; Case No. 23-11872, ECF Doc.

¹ Trimont Energy (NOW), LLC (Case No. 23-11868); Trimont Energy (GIB), LLC (Case No. 23-11869); Trimont Energy Limited, Inc. (Case No. 23-11872); and Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC (Case No. 23-11873) have moved for joint noticing procedures.

16; Case 23-11873, ECF Doc. 16], filed by Trimont Energy (NOW), LLC (“NOW”), Trimont Energy (GIB), LLC (“GIB”), Trimont Energy Limited, Inc. (“TEL”), and Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC (“Whitney”), as debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), moving for an order authorizing a joint caption and joint noticing on certain pleadings affecting all four of the above captioned bankruptcy cases, and setting a joint omnibus scheduling order for all four cases, all as more fully set forth in the Motion. The Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to use the following joint caption in the matters identified below which will affect the estates in all four above captioned cases:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re: *

Trimont Energy (NOW), LLC² * Chapter 11 Subchapter V

Debtors * Case No. 23-11868

In re: *

Trimont Energy (GIB), LLC * Chapter 11 Subchapter V

Debtors * Case No. 23-11869

In re: *

Trimont Energy Limited, Inc. * Chapter 11

Debtors * Case No. 23-11872

In re: *

Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC * Chapter 11

Debtors * Case No. 23-11873

(the “Joined Caption”).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, with respect to the following matters, the Debtors are authorized to use the Joined Caption and to issue a joint notice to all parties who are entitled to notice in all four cases under the Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:

- *Application for Entry of an Order Employing Heller, Draper & Horn, L.L.C. as Counsel for the Debtors Pursuant to Section 327(a) Nunc Pro Tunc as of the Petition Date;*

² Trimont Energy (NOW), LLC (#23-11868); Trimont Energy (GIB), LLC (#23-11869); Trimont Energy Limited, Inc. (#23-11872); and Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC (#23-11873) have moved for their bankruptcy cases for joint noticing procedures.

- *Motion for Order Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Claims of Critical Vendors in the Ordinary Course of Business;*
- *Motion for Order (A) Establishing Bar Date for Filing of Proofs of Claim, (B) Approving the Bar Date Notice, (C) Authorizing the Debtors to Provide Notice of the Bar Date, and (D) Providing for Other Relief Sought Herein;*
- *Emergency Motion for Entry of Order Pursuant to Sections 361 and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 4001 for Interim and Final Orders: (1) Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral; (2) Granting Adequate Protection; (3) Scheduling and Approving the Form and Method of Notice for a Final Order; and (4) for Related Relief;*
- *Motion for Authority to Approve Certain Payments for the Compensation and Payments to Insiders;*
- *Motion for Entry of an Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 363, 364, 1107, and 1108 Authorizing Maintenance of Existing Bank Accounts, Continued Use of Existing Business Forms, Continued Use of Existing Cash Management System Up to April 26, 2023, and for Related Relief;*
- *Declaration of Christopher O. Ryals in Support of First Day Motions;*
- *Motion for Expedited Hearing on First Day Motions;*
- *Motion to Limit Notice;*
- *Application Pursuant to Section 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code for Authority to Retain and Employ Chaffe & Associates, Inc. as Financial Advisor and Sales Agent to Conduct Sale of the Debtors' Operating Assets;*
- *Motion for Orders (A) Approving Auction Procedures and Bid Procedures; and (B) Approving Sale of Property of the Estate Free and Clear of Liens and Claims;*
- *Ex Parte Motion to Extend Deadline Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007 to File Bankruptcy Schedules, Statements of Financial Affairs and Other Documents;*
- *Motion for Order Approving Key Employee Retention Plan for Employees of Trimont Energy Limited, Inc. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 363, and 503;*
- *Application for Authority to Retain and Employ RCO Capital, LLC to Provide Certain Services and Chris Ryals as the Chief Restructuring Officer;*
- *Motion Pursuant to Section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code for an Order Extending the Time Within Which the Debtors May Assume or Reject Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Real Property;*
- *Any Motion seeking to sell certain identified assets under 11 U.S.C. § 365; and*
- *Any application to employ any additional professional(s) that will provide services to all four Debtors*

(the “Common Motions”).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to use the Joined Caption and issue a joint notice in such other motions not specifically identified above that affect all four cases with the consent of the Office of the United States Trustee and the Subchapter V Trustee(s) and that such motions shall specifically state that they have consented to the use of the Joined Caption and joint notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing contained in this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise affecting the joint administration or substantive consolidation of any of the above-captioned cases. All pleadings, motions, responses, and proofs of claim shall still be filed in separate cases to which they apply regardless of whether the Joined Caption and joint notice is used.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Debtors shall file separate schedules, statement of financial affairs, and monthly operating reports in each Debtors’ particular case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that separate claims registers shall be maintained and each creditor shall file a proof of claim against a particular Debtor's estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to this Court’s Chapter 11 Complex Case Procedures, all matters filed in the above-captioned cases (whether initiated by the Debtors or another party in interest) will be heard before the undersigned at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, 500 Poydras Street, Courtroom B-709, New Orleans,

Louisiana, 70130 on designated Omnibus Hearing Dates, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.³ Parties in interest may participate in the hearing (i) in-person; (ii) by telephone only (Dial-in 504.517.1385, Access Code 129611); or (iii) by telephone using the dial-in number and video using <https://gotomeet.me/JudgeGrabill>. Parties in interest are advised to review this Court's Amended General Order 2021-2 for information on conduct of hearings, available at this Court's Web site, <https://www.laeb.uscourts.gov/>. Notices of hearing of matters scheduled for Omnibus Hearing Dates shall comply with the noticing provisions set out in the Chapter 11 Complex Case Procedures, also located on this Court's Web site.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Omnibus Hearing Dates for January 2024 through June 2024 are as follows:

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at **10:00 a.m.**⁴
Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.⁵
Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.⁶
Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Debtors shall serve this Order via first-class U.S. Mail on the required parties who will not receive a copy through the Court's CM/ECF system pursuant to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and this Court's Local Rules and file a certificate of service to that effect within three (3) days.

New Orleans, Louisiana, January 9, 2024.



MEREDITH S. GRABILL
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

³ Procedures to obtain expedited review of motions may be found in this Court's Chapter 11 Complex Case Procedures.

⁴ Note the Tuesday setting and special time.

⁵ Note the change from the usual third Thursday of each month.

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