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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

* * In Re: USA Springs, Inc., * * * Debtor * _____ * Town of Nottingham, * * * v. * USA Springs, Inc. * *

Bk. No. 08-11816-JMD

Chapter 7

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY BY THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOW COMES the Town of Nottingham (the "Town"), a secured creditor, by its attorneys, and respectfully requests relief from the automatic stay under Code §362(d), and states:

1. This is a contested matter brought under Title 11 U.S.C. Section 362(d), and Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a).

2. Jurisdiction in the Court arises under 28 U.S.C. Section 1334.

3. The United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire has referred all cases under Title 11 and all proceedings arising under Title 11 to the United States Bankruptcy Court for this District. 4. This is a core proceeding as defined in 28 U.S.C. Section 157(b)(2)(G).

5. The Respondent is the debtor in this case. The case was initially filed as a petition under Chapter 11 on June 27, 2008, and, after a few side trips, was converted to a case under Chapter 7 on August 7, 2012. It has sat there ever since.

6. The estate of the Debtor was substantially consolidated with USA Springs, Inc., a New Hampshire corporation, Garrison Place Real Estate Investment Trust, Sweet Water Realty Trust, and Just Cause Realty Trust by court order dated November 17, 2016 (docket # 1096).

7. The Town is a secured creditor, holding statutory real estate tax liens having first priority status under New Hampshire law, for ad valorem taxes under RSA 72 and land use change taxes under RSA 79-A, the collection of which is governed by RSA 80. The real estate taxes owed by the Debtor and the consolidated entities as of January 20, 2017, total \$991,373.00, as listed on Exhibit A. Notices of the liens have been duly recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

8. The Debtor's assets consist of land and the shell of a building located in Nottingham (the "Property").

9. No real estate taxes have been paid since the petition date. Taxes have accrued since then, as well as interest at the statutory rate (Code §511). But for this bankruptcy filing, the Town would have been entitled to exercise its tax deeding remedies under RSA 80:76 years ago.

10. The Trustee has been attempting to sell the Property. The response in the market has been underwhelming.

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11. The Trustee finally received an offer for a sale to Kevin Delaney or his assigns for a sale price of \$1,200,000.00, for which this Court approved a sale free and clear on December 8, 2016 (docket # 1098) (the "Sale Order"), with a carve-out for the land subject to the cell tower lease. The closing has yet to occur.

12. The amount payable to the Town under the Sale Order was less than the taxes owned the Town. Nevertheless, the Town agreed to the Sale Order with the understanding that, as provided in the purchase agreement attached to the Sale Order, the sale would occur within ten days of the date of the Sale Order (Purchase Agreement, §8). Under the terms for distribution of the sale proceeds under the Sale Order, the costs of delay are borne by the Town (Sale Order, §11).

13. The Town understands that the closing was subject to the risk of typical delays, including the distractions of the holiday season. It has, however, been over six weeks since the Sale Order and five weeks from the closing date under the Purchase Agreement. On information and belief, it appears that the Purchaser still does not have financing in place, although that financing was not a condition for the sale, and the absence of that financing was not disclosed to the Town at the time of negotiation of the Sale Order.

14. The Property is subject to junior liens, including a first mortgage to Roswell Commercial Mortgage, LLC, in excess of \$8,000,000.00, and a mechanics lien by Aho Construction, Inc., with a secured claim filed for \$206,330.00, as well as other secured claims. A small portion of the Property is subject to a cell tower lease. The cell tower is taxed separately to the cell tower company, and the cell tower company has paid those taxes.

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15. The Debtor has no equity in the Property. As this case is in Chapter 7, the Property is not necessary for an effective reorganization.

16. The Debtor is not paying any taxes. Any theoretical equity cushion is fast disappearing, and, as shown by the Sale Order, any sale by the Trustee will incorporate carveouts that substantially reduce the net proceeds available for payment of real estate taxes. Accordingly, the Town lacks adequate protection.

17. Debtor's sole asset is the Property. Accordingly, this case is a single asset real estate case under Code 362(d)(3). It is a case under Chapter 7, so the Debtor cannot file a plan of reorganization, under 362(d)(3)(A), and it is unable to commence monthly payments of taxes at the statutory rate on the Town's liens, under 362(d)(3)(B).

18. This case has dragged on far too long, with no end in sight. It's past time to call it a day. Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests that it be granted relief to exercise its tax deeding remedies under RSA 80. For the same reason, the Town requests that the Court waive the Rule 4001(a)(3) stay.

Wherefore, the Town of Nottingham respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

A. Grant it relief under Code §362(d) to exercise its tax deeding remedies under RSA
80 for nonpayment of real estate taxes;

B. Waive the stay under Rule 4001 (a)(3); and

C. Grant such other relief as is just.

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Dated: January 24, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Nottingham

By Its Attorneys Upton & Hatfield, LLP

By: /s/ James F. Raymond James F. Raymond (BNH 01747) Upton & Hatfield, LLP 10 Centre Street P.O. Box 1090 Concord, NH 03302-1090 (603) 224-7791

USA Sprin	gs Taxes Due						
	Map-Lot	3-6-0			3-9-0		
	·	Sweet Review Reatly Trust			Just Cause Realty Trust		
		Franceso Ronaldo, Trustee		Trustee	Franceso Ronaldo, Trustee		
		Property Tax			Property Tax		
		2007	\$	1,266	2007	\$	2,148
		2008	\$	2,990	2008	\$	5,110
		2009	\$	3,407	2009	\$	5,837
		2010	\$	2,990	2010	\$	6,044
		2011	\$	3,019	2011	\$	6,139
		2012	\$	3,066	2012	\$	6,214
		2013	\$	3,210	2013	\$	6,548
		2014	\$	3,261	2014	\$	6,647
		2015	\$	4,636	2015	\$	7,075
		2016	\$	4,217	2016	\$	6,404
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	Total Principal		\$	32,062		\$	58,166
terest/Penalties as of	11/14/2016		\$	18,841		\$	35,137
	Per Diem	and a second sec	\$	15.1189		\$	27.6323
Days Since:	11/14/2016	LARK PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY		67			67
:erest/Penalties since:	11/14/2016		\$	1,013		\$	1,851
			\$	51,916		\$	95,154

EXHIBIT A

3-10-0						
Garrison Place Real	Estate Inv					
Franceso Ronaldo,	Trustee					
Property Tax			LUC	π		
2007 \$	786					
2008 \$	64,176	2/21/2008	\$	134,500		
2009 \$	32,545					
2010 \$	30,935					
2011 \$	31,346					
2012 \$	31,745					
2013 \$	33,442					
2014 \$	33,953					
2015 \$	25,871					
2016 \$	23,286					
\$	308,085		\$	134,500		
\$	175,825	3189	\$	211,526		
\$	148.1026		\$	66.3300		
	67			67		
\$	9,923		\$	4,444		1/20/2017
				250 470	TOTAL as of	1/20/2017
\$	493,833		\$	350,470	\$ 991,373	

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<u>STATEMENT OF PARENT COMPANY BY</u> <u>TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM</u>

The Town of Nottingham respectfully discloses that it is a New Hampshire municipal corporation. It has no parent company, and no publicly held company owns more than ten percent of its membership interests.

Respectfully submitted,

The Town of Nottingham

By its Attorney

Dated: January 24, 2017

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a hearing will be held:

DATE: February 21, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Bankruptcy Courtroom Two, 1000 Elm Street, 11th Floor, Manchester, New Hampshire

To consider and act upon the following:

Motion for Relief from Stay filed by the Town of Nottingham

Last Day for Objections: February 14, 2017

Dated: January 24, 2017

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