

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In Re:)	
Patrick Scott Rutledge)	Bankruptcy Case No.
SSN: xxx-xx-8650)	
233 Oakmont Drive)	25-00260-TOM-7
Birmingham, AL 35244)	
)	Chapter 7
Debtor.)	

TRUSTEE'S DEED

This indenture, made this the 26th day of January, 2026, by and between Joseph E. Bulgarella, as and only as the Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Patrick Scott Rutledge, ("Grantor"), and Laura Rutledge, ("Grantee"), be it therefore witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, Patrick Scott Rutledge filed a Voluntary Petition for Relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division ("Bankruptcy Court") under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code") on January 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Bulgarella was appointed Trustee of the above-styled Bankruptcy Estate, by Order of the Bankruptcy Court and having qualified as such Trustee and entered into a proper bond, and having continued to act and now acting and serving in such capacity as Trustee;

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Bulgarella has previously filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court and properly served a Joint Motion to Approve Compromise (a true and correct copy of said Joint Motion to Approve Compromise is attached as Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference); and

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Court did issue an Order granting the Joint Motion to Approve Compromise on December 15, 2025 (A true and correct copy of said Order is attached as Exhibit "B" and hereby incorporated by reference).

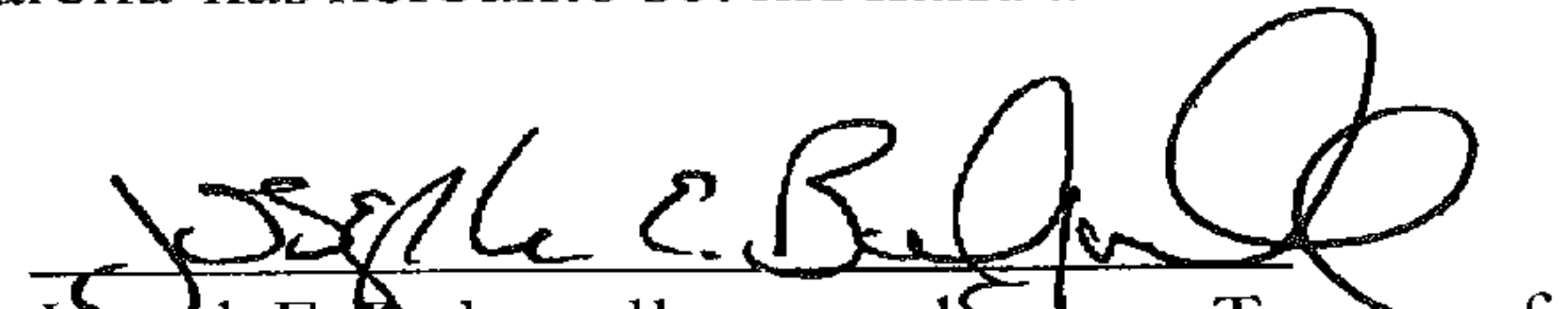
NOW, THEREFORE, Joseph E. Bulgarella, as and only as Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate

of Patrick Scott Rutledge, pursuant to the Joint Motion to Approve Compromise and in consideration of the power and authority vested in him as Trustee, and upon the total payment to him of the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$50,000.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey all his and the above styled Bankruptcy Estate's right, title and interest unto Laura Rutledge in and to the following described real property situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 12, according to the Survey of Marwood 1st Sector, as recorded in Map Book 9, Page 60, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

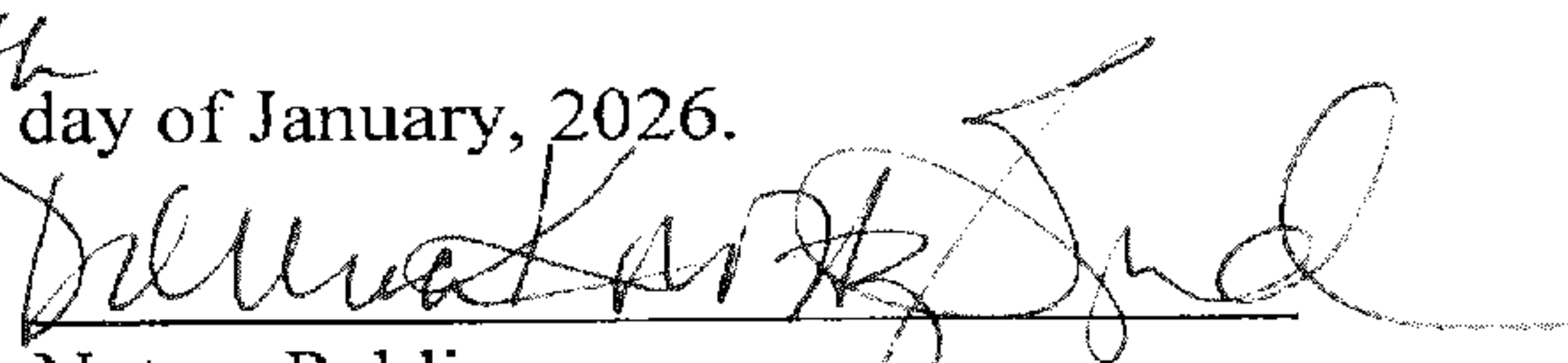
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Property, unto said Grantee, his heirs and assigns, forever, subject, however, to those exceptions noted above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Joseph E. Bulgarella has hereunto set his hand and seal on this the 26th day of January, 2026.

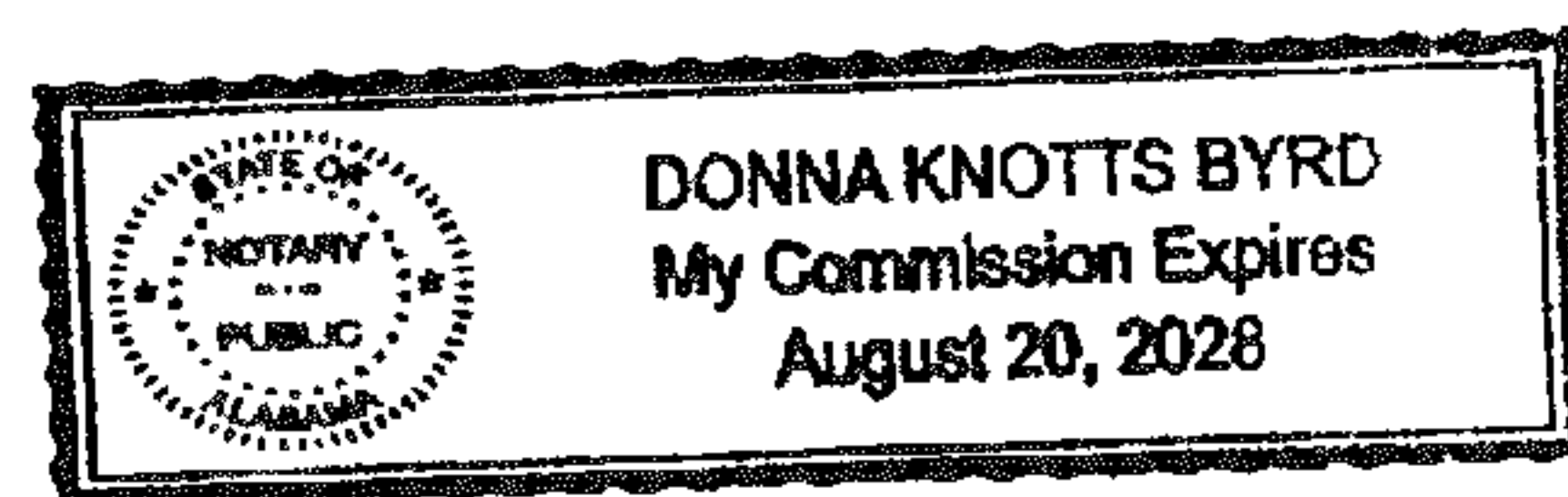

Joseph E. Bulgarella, as and only as Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Patrick Scott Rutledge

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Joseph E. Bulgarella, whose name as Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Patrick Scott Rutledge is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, in his capacity as such Trustee, executed the same voluntarily on the day same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of January, 2026.

Notary Public
My commission expires: 8/20/2028

Prepared by:
Max C. Pope, Jr., Attorney for
Joseph E. Bulgarella, as Trustee
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JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE

Comes now Joseph E. Bulgarella, Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Patrick Scott Rutledge, and Patrick Scott Rutledge, Debtor, by and through their attorneys and moves this Court, pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002 and 9019, to approve the compromise set forth below. As grounds for said motion the Movant says the following:


1. The Debtor filed the above-styled Petition for Relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code on the 28th day of January, 2025.
2. Joseph E. Bulgarella is the duly appointed Trustee in the above-styled case.
3. At the time the Debtor filed his case, he co-owned with his spouse his residence at 233 Oakmont Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, 35244 and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" ("Property").
5. The Debtor valued the Property at \$455,000.00. The Shelby County tax assessment is \$451,400.00.
6. There is a mortgage on the Property having a payoff at the time of the filing of the case of \$241,583.61.
7. The Debtor has claimed a homestead exemption on the Property in the amount of \$18,800.00.
8. If sold, a six percent real estate commission on the Property valued at \$455,000.00 would be \$27,300.00.
9. Based upon the allegations above, the inherent uncertainty involved in the sale of any property, cost savings and administrative expenses related to legal fees and time saving, the parties have agreed to the following:

- A. Laura Rutledge, spouse of the Debtor, will make a one-time payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Debtor's Bankruptcy Estate.
- B. Patrick Scott Rutledge, Debtor, will waive any homestead exemption claim from this payment.
- C. After the Order approving this Compromise becomes final and in consideration of that payment, the Trustee shall upon receipt of said payment, execute and deliver to Laura Rutledge a Trustee's Deed conveying the Bankruptcy Estate's interest to her.
- D. This compromise is subject to United States Bankruptcy Court approval.


10. The Trustee believes this compromise to be in the best interest of the Estate.

Wherefore, upon the above-stated premises, the movants request this Court enter an Order approving the compromise set out above pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002 and 9019.

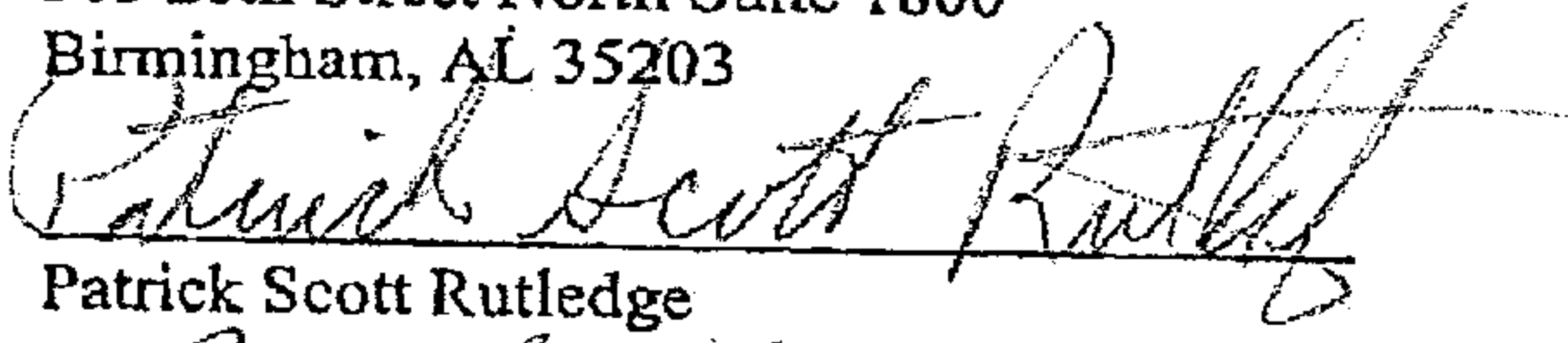
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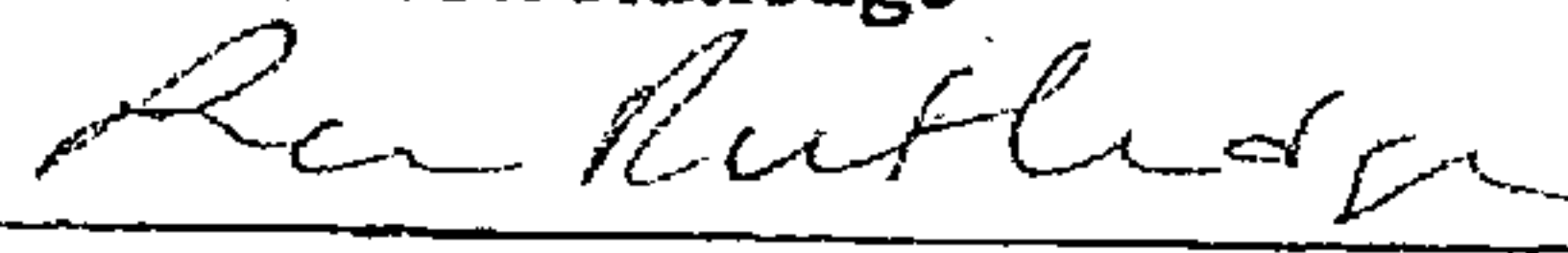


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 Patrick Scott Rutledge


 Laura Rutledge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of November, 2025, I served a copy of the foregoing **Joint Motion to Approve Compromise** on the parties listed below and on the attached matrix by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, unless the party being served is a registered participant in the CM/ECF System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, service has been made by a "Notice of Electronic Filing" pursuant to FRBP 9036 in accordance with subparagraph II.B.4. of the Court's Administrative Procedures as indicated below:

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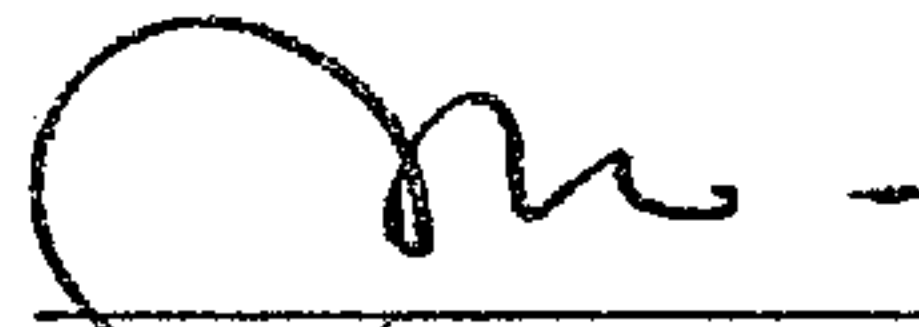
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All parties on the attached matrix were served via U.S. Mail.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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Label Matrix for local noticing
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Case 25-00260-TOM7
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Birmingham
Mon Nov 24 10:38:57 CST 2025

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The preferred mailing address (p) above has been substituted for the following entity/entities as so specified by said entity/entities in a Notice of Address filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 342(f) and Fed.R.Bank.P. 2002 (g)(4).

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA - SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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DEBTOR(S).

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Case No: 25-00260-TOM7

ORDER GRANTING

This matter came before the Court on Monday, December 15, 2025 10:30 AM, for a hearing on the following:

RE: Doc #54; Joint Motion to Approve Compromise

Proper notice of the hearing was given and appearances were made by the following:

- Bradley Richard Hightower, attorney for Patrick Scott Rutledge (Debtor)
- Max C. Pope Jr., attorney for Joseph E Bulgarella (Trustee)
- Burt Steindorff, attorney for attorney for Dal-Bridge NC Partners

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

Based on arguments of counsel and the pleadings, the Motion is Granted and the Compromise is Approved as set forth in the pleadings.

Dated: 12/15/2025

/s/ TAMARA O. MITCHELL
TAMARA O. MITCHELL
United States Bankruptcy Judge

