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

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**IN RE:** )  
 ) **Chapter 11**  
**CITATION CORPORATION, et al.,** )  
 ) **Case No. 04-08130-TOM-11**  
 ) **(Jointly Administered)**  
**Debtors.** )

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**ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' MOTION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING  
ON FIRST-DAY PLEADINGS**

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This matter came to be heard upon the motion (the "Motion") of Citation Corporation ("Citation"), its holding company, and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Subsidiaries"), as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for this Court to set an expedited hearing on the First-Day Pleadings (as defined in the Motion) as quickly as the Court's docket will allow. Upon consideration of the Affidavit of Charles P. Bloome in Support of Debtors' Motion For Expedited Hearing on First-Day Pleadings and the Affidavit of Charles P. Bloome in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Orders; the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; due notice of the Motion having been provided to (1) the Office of the Bankruptcy Administrator for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division; (2) counsel to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Administrative Agent for the Debtors' prepetition lenders; (3) counsel to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Administrative Agent for the Debtors' proposed postpetition lenders; (4) the Debtors' twenty (20) largest unsecured creditors (on a consolidated basis); and (5) the District Director of Internal Revenue

Service for the Northern District of Alabama; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; the Court having determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors, and all parties in interest; upon the Motion and all of the proceedings before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, due to the exigent nature of the relief requested in the First-Day Pleadings, the Court shall conduct hearings at the United States Bankruptcy Court For the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, 1800 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, on September 20, 2004, at 2 p.m. in Courtroom 2, for each of the matters set forth below, listed by the type of relief requested therein:

**Final**

1. Debtors' Motion For An Order Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 345 Authorizing The Waiver Of Investment And Deposit Requirements
2. Debtors' Motion Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 363, 507(a)(8), And 541 For Authorization To Pay Prepetition Sales And Use Taxes

and it is further

**ORDERED** that counsel for the Debtors shall serve of copy of this Order on the service list of parties in interest as appears above. Such service shall be made by expeditious means (including by facsimile or electronic mail). However, to the extent a motion for expedited hearing is granted in the related cases, counsel need serve a copy of this Order in only one of the cases.

Dated this the 20th day of September, 2004.

/s/ Tamara O. Mitchell

United States Bankruptcy Judge

