

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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MARTIN J. WALSH, Secretary of Labor, :
United States Department of Labor, :

Plaintiff, :

v. :

No. 1:17-cv-07931
Hon. John F. Kness

AEU BENEFITS, LLC, :
AEU HOLDINGS, LLC, :
BLACK WOLF CONSULTING, INC., :
SD TRUST ADVISORS, LLC, :
and the AEU HOLDINGS, LLC :
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, :

Defendants. :
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**ORDER APPROVING INDEPENDENT FIDUCIARY'S
PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A HERETO**

Before the Court is the Independent Fiduciary's Motion to Approve Plan of Distribution ("Motion to Approve") (D.E. #588, #588-1) and Independent Fiduciary's Agreed Motion to Amend Plan of Distribution ("Agreed Motion to Amend") (D.E. #629) (together, the "Motions"). Pursuant to Order entered on March 10, 2023 (D.E. #681), there being no objection, no pending motion to intervene to object, nor any request to reconsider, the Court GRANTS the Agreed Motion to Amend. The Court has previously entered its Order regarding the Motion to Approve (D.E. #611), and has considered, pursuant thereto, the Independent Fiduciary's Status Report as to Lack Of Objections to Motion to Approve Plan (D.E. #625).

Upon review of the Motions, attendant filings, and the related Orders and submissions, the Motion to Approve is GRANTED and the Independent Fiduciary's Plan of Distribution (including the amendments allowed by the Court through its granting of the Agreed Motion to Amend), set

forth in its entirety as Exhibit A hereto, is APPROVED. In addition, pursuant to Rule 54(b) Fed. R. Civ. P., and upon the reasoning set forth in the Independent Fiduciary's Motion to Approve filings (*see* D.E. #589 at pp. 29-34), the Court expressly determines that there is no just reason to delay and directs entry of a final judgment as to this Order approving Exhibit A hereto.

Upon entry of this Order, the Independent Fiduciary shall sign and date the Independent Fiduciary's Plan of Distribution (Exhibit A hereto), shall file same in this action under a Notice of Filing and shall post the Independent Fiduciary's Plan of Distribution and a copy of this Order on the website dedicated to this matter (www.receivermgmt.com/aeubenefitplan-htm).

SO ORDERED in No. 17-cv-07931

Date: March 28, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Kness", is written over a horizontal line.

JOHN F. KNESS
United States District Judge