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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

14 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
15 COMMISSION,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 PACIFIC WEST CAPITAL GROUP,
INC.; ANDREW B CALHOUN IV;
19 PWCG TRUST; BRENDA CHRISTINE
BARRY; BAK WEST, INC.; ANDREW B
20 CALHOUN JR.; ERIC CHRISTOPHER
CANNON; CENTURY POINT, LLC;
21 MICHAEL WAYNE DOTTA; and
CALEB AUSTIN MOODY (dba SKY
22 STONE),

23 Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-02563 DDP(ASx)

**RECEIVER'S EIGHTEENTH
INTERIM REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ctrm.: 9C
Judge: Hon. Dean D. Pregerson

1 Thomas C. Hebrank ("Receiver"), the Court-appointed permanent receiver for
2 PWCG Trust pursuant to the Judgment as to Defendant PWCG Trust ("Appointment
3 Order") (Dkt. No. 145), hereby submits this Eighteenth Interim Report and
4 Recommendations. This report covers the Receiver's activities during the second
5 quarter of 2022.

6 I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

7 Pursuant to the powers, authority, and directives contained in the Appointment
8 Order, the Receiver has continued his work to preserve and protect the assets of
9 PWCG Trust, including its life insurance policies ("Policies") and cash reserves.
10 Pursuant to the Court's orders, the Receiver has pooled the cash reserves and, with
11 assistance from ITM Twentyfirst ("21st"), has continued to manage the portfolio of
12 Policies, make all required premium payments to keep the Policies in force, and
13 tracked and collected death benefits from Policy maturities.

14 With respect to the distribution of receivership estate funds to investors with
15 allowed claims, interim distribution checks were mailed out to investors with
16 allowed claims on February 26, 2021. As of March 31, 2022, a total of \$36.6 million
17 in interim distribution checks had been cashed and cleared from the receivership
18 account.

19 II. SUMMARY OF THE RECEIVER'S WORK

20 The Receiver's focus during the second quarter was on managing and servicing
21 the portfolio of Policies, which currently contains a total of 55 active Policies with
22 death benefits totaling approximately \$111.3 million. As noted above, the Receiver
23 issued an initial round of interim distribution checks in the aggregate amount of
24 \$37 million to investors with allowed claims. The Receiver will continue to closely
25 monitor the performance of the portfolio (as well as recoveries from other sources)
26 and, pursuant to the Court-approved Distribution Plan, will make further rounds of
27 interim distributions to investors with allowed claims at such times as when, as a
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1 result of policy maturities, cash has accumulated in the receivership estate to allow
2 the Receiver to safely make such distributions.

3 **A. Pending Litigation**

4 At the time of the Receiver's appointment, PWCG Trust had been named as a
5 defendant in four lawsuits pending in Superior Court in Los Angeles.¹ These
6 lawsuits had each been filed by one or more investors, either individually or as a
7 putative class. The Receiver filed notice of the Appointment Order and the litigation
8 stay contained therein in each case and contacted counsel for the other parties. As a
9 result, the litigation stay has been observed by the state court and the parties in each
10 case.

11 The Receiver also communicated with the investor plaintiffs, through their
12 counsel, about the claims involved in the pending cases, the Receiver's claims against
13 former trustee, Mills Potoczak & Company ("MPC"), and the most cost-efficient way
14 to pursue such claims. On May 5, 2020, the Receiver filed his motion for authority
15 to pursue claims against MPC, which motion was granted on July 31, 2020.
16 Dkt. 335, 357. The Receiver then filed his Complaint against MPC (along with a
17 Notice of Related Action to have the case assigned to this Court) on September 3,
18 2020. MPC filed its Answer to the Receiver's Complaint on November 19, 2020.

19 The Receiver, through counsel, continued to discuss a possible settlement with
20 MPC and counsel for the putative investor class. MPC attended a mediation with its
21 insurance carriers regarding the carriers' positions as to coverage of the Receiver and
22 investor class claims in November 2021. The Receiver, the putative investor class,
23 MPC, and MPC's insurance carriers then attended a private mediation on January 13,
24 2022.

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27 ¹ Two of these cases, known as the *Rhyme* and *Names* cases, have since been
28 dismissed. The two other cases, known as the *Shechter* and *Applebaum* cases,
have been related before the same court.

1 The cases did not settle at mediation; the insurance carriers' position on
2 coverage of the claims asserted by the Receiver and by the investors against MPC
3 continued to be disputed and remained an obstacle to a potential resolution of the
4 cases. MPC filed an action in the Central District on January 14, 2022, seeking
5 declaratory relief as to coverage of the Receiver and investor claims under the
6 applicable insurance policies purchased by MPC. The MPC coverage action was
7 then transferred to this Court as a related case.

8 In March, the Receiver, the investor class, and MPC reached a settlement in
9 principle, subject to the settlement being approved by this Court and the Los Angeles
10 Superior Court. The settlement terms are very favorable, recovering \$9.75 million
11 out of the \$10 million in available insurance coverage. To the Receiver's surprise,
12 one of the class representatives in the state court actions recently refused to sign the
13 Settlement Agreement (which has now been signed by all other parties), demanding a
14 larger service award for acting as class representative. This issue, which has delayed
15 the filing of the Receiver's anticipated motion for approval of the settlement, has
16 been brought to the attention of the Superior Court and hopefully will be resolved
17 soon. Once the Settlement Agreement has been fully executed, the Receiver will file
18 his motion seeking Court approval of the settlement.

19 **B. Investor Communications**

20 The Receiver has established a dedicated web page on his website which is
21 being used to provide case information, regular updates, and answers to frequently
22 asked questions to investors and creditors. The Internet address for the webpage is as
23 follows: <http://www.ethreadvisors.com/cases/pwcg/>. The Receiver mailed a letter
24 to all investors in the week following his appointment to inform them of the
25 receivership and direct them to the website to obtain further notices and updates.
26 The Receiver has posted the Appointment Order and other filings relating to the
27 receivership on the webpage and will continue to update it with relevant filings and
28 orders of the Court. Investors and creditors can sign up at the webpage to receive

1 monthly email updates about the case. To ensure receipt of future notices, investors
 2 and creditors should promptly contact the Receiver's office at
 3 pwcg@ethreadvisors.com if their contact information changes and provide their
 4 new contact information.

5 **III. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

6 The following table reflects a summary of the receipts and disbursements for
 7 the receivership estate from April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022:

8 Balance as of 04/01/22	\$4,894,224
9 Policy Maturities	\$304,225
10 Investor Recoveries	\$0
11 Misc. Income	\$2,555
12 Disbursements to Receiver/Professionals	(\$127,886)
13 Policy Premium Pmts & Business Asset 14 Expenses	(\$2,000,462)
15 Federal & State Taxes	(\$35,000)
16 Investor Distributions	(\$39,984)
17 Ending Balance as of 6/30/22	\$2,997,673

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 19 In addition, the Standardized Fund Accounting Report for the receivership
 20 estate for the corresponding time period April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, is
 21 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

22 **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

23 The Receiver's efforts to investigate and analyze assets, pursue claims and
 24 maximize recoveries for the receivership estate are ongoing. The Receiver and his
 25 professionals make the following recommendations.

26 **C. Document Recovery Efforts**

27 The Receiver has obtained records from MPC, Pacific West Capital Group,
 28 inc., Andrew Calhoun, BroadRiver Asset Management, and financial institutions

1 where PWCG Trust maintained accounts. As noted above, the Receiver has issued
 2 several subpoenas and will issue additional subpoenas as necessary to obtain relevant
 3 documents, assets, and information.

4 **D. Provide Reports to the Court on a Quarterly Basis**

5 The Receiver will continue to provide reports to the Court on a quarterly basis,
 6 as well as seeking Court approval of fees and costs on a quarterly basis.

7 **E. MPC Litigation**

8 As noted above, the Receiver, the investor class, and MPC have recently
 9 reached a settlement in principle, subject to the settlement being documented and
 10 approved by this Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court. Once the Settlement
 11 Agreement has been fully executed, the Receiver will file a motion soon seeking
 12 Court approval.

13 **F. Claims and Distributions**

14 As discussed above, all claims against the receivership estate have now been
 15 resolved and the Court has approved the Receiver's Distribution Plan. The Receiver
 16 will continue to closely monitor the performance of the portfolio and, pursuant to the
 17 Court-approved Distribution Plan, will make further rounds of interim distributions
 18 to investors with allowed claims at such times as when, as a result of policy
 19 maturities, cash has accumulated in the receivership estate to allow the Receiver to
 20 safely make such distributions.

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 22 Dated: September 6, 2022

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23 By: /s/ Edward G. Fates

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EXHIBIT A

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL - RECEIVERSHIP FUND

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,
Plaintiff,

v.

PACIFIC WEST CAPITAL GROUP, INC.; ANDREW B CALHOUN IV; PWCG TRUST; et
al, Defendants

Case No. 2:15-cv-02563 FMO (FFMx)

REPORTING PERIOD 04/01/22 TO 06/30/22

STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for PWCG Trust - Cash Basis

Case No. 2:15-cv-02563 FMO (FFMx)

Reporting Period 04/01/22 to 06/30/22

FUND ACCOUNTING (See instructions):			
	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 1 Beginning Balance (As of 04/01/22):	4,894,224		4,894,224
<i>Increases in Fund Balance:</i>			
Line 2 Business Income			-
Line 3 Policy Maturities	304,225		304,225
Line 4 Interest/Dividend Income	353		353
Line 5 Business Asset Liquidation	-		-
Line 6 Personal Asset Liquidation	-		-
Line 7 Third-Party Litigation Income	-		-
Line 8 Misc - Insurance & Prop Tax Refunds	2,202		2,202
Total Funds Available (Lines 1 - 8):	5,201,004		5,201,004
<i>Decreases in Fund Balance:</i>			
Line 9 Disbursements to Investors	(39,984)		(39,984)
Line 10 Disbursements to Receivership Operations			
Line 10a Disbursement to Receiver or Other Professionals	(127,886)		(127,886)
Line 10b Business Asset Expenses	(2,000,462)		(2,000,462)
Line 10c Personal Asset Expenses	-		-
Line 10d Investment Expenses	-		-
Line 10e Third-Party Litigation Expenses	-		-
1. Attorney Fees	-		-
2. Litigation Expenses	-		-
Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses	-		-
Line 10f Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds	-		-
Line 10g Federal and State Tax Payments	(35,000)		(35,000)
Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations	(35,000)		(2,163,348)
Line 11 Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:			
Line 11a Distribution Plan Development Expenses:			
1. Fees:			
Fund Administrator.....	-		-
Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC).....	-		-
Distribution Agent.....	-		-
Consultants.....	-		-
Legal Advisors.....	-		-
Tax Advisors.....	-		-
2. Administrative Expenses	-		-
3. Miscellaneous	-		-
Total Plan Developmental Expenses			-
Line 11b Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:			
1. Fees:			
Fund Administrator.....	-		-
IDC.....	-		-
Distribution Agent.....	-		-
Consultants.....	-		-
Legal Advisors.....	-		-
Tax Advisors.....	-		-
2. Administrative Expenses	-		-
3. Investor Identification:			
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan.....	-		-
Claimant Identification.....	-		-
Claims Processing.....	-		-
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center.....	-		-
4. Fund Administrator Bond	-		-
5. Miscellaneous	-		-
6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reports Expenses	-		-
Total Plan Implementation Expenses			-
Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund			-
Line 12 Disbursements to Court/Other:			
Line 12a Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) Fees	-		-
Line 12b Federal Tax Payments	-		-
Total Disbursement to Court/Other:			-
Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11):			(2,203,332)
Line 13 Ending Balance (As of 06/30/21):			2,997,672

STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for PWCG Trust - Cash Basis

Case No. 2:15-cv-02563 FMO (FFMx)

Reporting Period 04/01/22 to 06/30/22

Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			2,997,672
Line 14b	Investments			-
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			-
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets			2,997,672

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
Report of Items NOT to be Paid by the Fund:			
Line 15	Disbursement for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:		
1. Fees:			
Fund Administrator.....	-		-
IDC.....	-		-
Distribution Agent.....	-		-
Consultants.....	-		-
Legal Advisors.....	-		-
Tax Advisors.....	-		-
2. Administrative Expenses	-		-
3. Miscellaneous	-		-
	Total Plan Developmental Expenses Not Paid by the Fund		-
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund		
1. Fees:			
Fund Administrator.....	-		-
IDC.....	-		-
Distribution Agent.....	-		-
Consultants.....	-		-
Legal Advisors.....	-		-
Tax Advisors.....	-		-
2. Administrative Expenses	-		-
3. Investor Identification			
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan.....	-		-
Claimant Identification.....	-		-
Claims Processing.....	-		-
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center.....	-		-
4. Fund Administrator Bond	-		-
5. Miscellaneous	-		-
6. FAIR Reporting Expenses	-		-
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund		-
Line 15c	Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund		
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund		-
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:		
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees	-	-
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments	-	-
	Total Disbursement to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:		-
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments	-	-
Line 18	No. of Claims:		
Line 18a	# of Claims Received This Reporting Period.....		1,548
Line 18b	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund.....		1,548
Line 19	No. of Claimants/Investors:		
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid this Reporting Period.....		1548
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund.....		1548

Receiver:

By:

Thomas C. Hebrank

Court-Appointed Receiver

Date:

8/24/21

PWCG Trust

Quarterly Operating Report - Financial Summaries

	RR#15	RR#16	RR#17	RR#18
Beginning Cash	9,258,555	6,734,973	4,750,494	4,894,224
<u>Receipts</u>				
Policy Maturities	-	-	2,014,712	304,225
Investor Recoveries	28,000	-	-	-
Interest Income	531	352	280	353
Miscellaneous - Other	-	-	-	2,202
Policy Sales	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	28,531	352	2,014,992	306,780
<u>Disbursements</u>				
Disbursements to Receiver/Professionals	(117,466)	(56,927)	-	(127,886)
Business Asset Expenses	(1,743,320)	(1,769,663)	(1,857,459)	(2,000,462)
Investor Distributions	(691,327)	(150,498)	(13,802)	(39,984)
Litigation Expenses	-	-	-	-
Net Business Asset Expenses	(2,552,113)	(1,977,087)	(1,871,262)	(2,168,332)
Federal and State Tax Payments	-	(7,743)	-	(35,000)
Total Disbursements	(2,552,113)	(1,984,830)	(1,871,262)	(2,203,332)
Ending Cash	6,734,973	4,750,494	4,894,224	2,997,673
<u>Bank Statements</u>				
Checking	135,028	110,695	88,235	69,888
PWCG Trust #1	3,050,826	2,170,889	1,941,629	1,088,076
PWCG Trust #2	2,796,544	1,866,613	2,275,698	1,290,761
CD	-	-	-	-
CBB	-	-	-	-
Western Alliance	752,577	602,297	588,661	548,947
	6,734,973	4,750,494	4,894,224	2,997,672