

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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In re:

FURR'S SUPERMARKETS, INC.,

Case No. 11-01-10779-SAB
Chapter 11

DROP BOX
United States Bankruptcy Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Debtor.

**OBJECTION TO PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP'S FIRST AND FINAL
FEE APPLICATION**

Furr's Supermarkets, Inc., debtor in possession ("Furr's"), objects to the First and Final Application of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Accountants for the Debtors (the "Fee Application"), and states:

1. Furr's objects to the Fee Application because it appears that PriceWaterhouseCoopers accountants duplicated work, i.e., there are many intra-office meetings, conferences, and multiple professionals attending the same client and other meetings. Furr's objects to the extent of the unnecessary duplication.

2. Furr's objects to the expenses of nearly \$43,856.94, most of which is for travel, as unreasonable. PriceWaterhouseCoopers should have made arrangements to reduce these expenses. For example, it appears that one PriceWaterhouseCoopers professional traveled from New York to work on the bankruptcy case. This seems unnecessary given that PriceWaterhouseCoopers had offices in Dallas and Houston.

3. Furr's objects to the Fee Application because the amount should be reduced given the degree of benefit to the estate from the \$573,409.44 charged to the estate. PriceWaterhouseCoopers essentially worked for 2 1/2 months on the bankruptcy case.

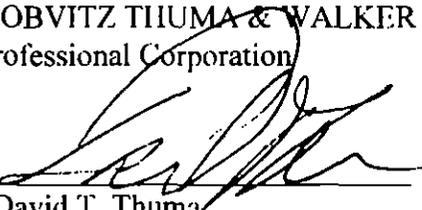
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charging approximately \$220,000 per month in fees and expenses. That amount seems unreasonably high, and demonstrates that PriceWaterhouseCoopers gave insufficient thought to keeping its fees at a reasonable level. Indeed, it was primarily for this reason that Furr's instructed PriceWaterhouseCoopers to discontinue work.

4. Furr's objects to the Fee Application because the number of PriceWaterhouseCoopers billing professionals who worked on the Furr's case (24) is unreasonable. The use of 24 billing professionals is unnecessary and unreasonable in this case, and caused the amount billed to be too high.

WHEREFORE, Furr's prays that the Application be denied to the extent set forth above, and for all other just and proper relief.

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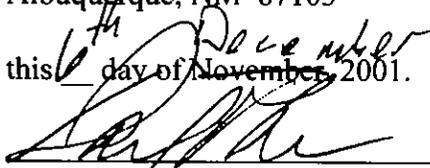
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