

**Cause N° C-1-PB-17-000132**

IN RE:	§	IN THE PROBATE COURT
	§	
TEL OFFSHORE TRUST	§	NO. ONE OF
	§	
QUALIFIED SETTLEMENT FUND	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**FEE APPLICATION (Sixth)**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES Karl Johnson, Trustee of the TEL Offshore Trust Qualified Settlement Fund, and files this Fee Application (Sixth) and would show the Court the following:

I.

Applicant was appointed Trustee by Order dated January 20, 2017 and qualified by filing a bond and oath on January 30, 2017.

II.

The Trustee has 36 years of experience practicing law in Travis County, with a focus upon litigation and probate work.

III.

Incorporated herein as the next paragraph is a Statement of Services for the activity of the Trustee from April 6, 2018 through June 28, 2018.

IV.

***LAW OFFICE OF KARL G. JOHNSON, JR., P.C.***

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**STATEMENT OF SERVICES**

June 29, 2018

In Re: TEL Offshore Trust Qualified Settlement Fund  
Cause # C-1-PB-17-000132  
Probate Court No. One, Travis County, Texas

My file # 17-329

Total for This Invoice: \$19,141.10  
Prior Unpaid Balance: \$ 0  
Balance Owed: \$19,141.10

**Services**

DATE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	TIME
4/23/18	Email exchanges with unit holders (6) 1.20; research and email exchange with unit holder 0.30	1.50
4/24/18	Email exchanges with attorney Karisch	0.20
4/25/18	Email exchange with unit holder	0.20
4/26/18	Email exchange with unit holder 0.20; final preparation for court hearing 2.00	2.20
4/27/18	Email exchange with unit holder 0.20; attend hearing on Motion for Court Consideration of OBOs' Claims, Motion for Approval of Distribution Lists , Severance 2.00; work on changes to final lists/orders 0.50; email exchanges with attorneys, with Speisman 0.40	3.10
5/1/18	Research and email exchange with unit holder 0.30	0.30
6/5/18	Email exchange with unit holder 0.20; conference with Gabriela re discrepancies/procedures 1.00	1.20
6/11/18	Complete calculations for unit values/Speisman payments/RNR payments 2.60; email exchange with Speisman 0.20; email to attorney Ratliff 0.10	2.90
6/12/18	Forward Speisman, RNR summaries to attorneys Karisch, Bitting for review 0.20; email exchange with unit holder 0.20	0.40
6/13/18	Gather and forward tax information to CPA Wendling 1.50; email exchange with Wendling 0.20; draft and circulate generic transmittal letter to attorneys 0.60	2.30

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
6/15/18	Email exchange with unit holder	0.20
6/19/18	Email exchange with unit holder 0.20; conference with Gabriela re discrepancies/procedures 1.00	1.20
6/22/18	Hand-do Speisman distributions, RNR distributions and forward same/email to Speisman	2.00
6/25/18	Locate and forward 1099 to Wendling 0.20; conference with Gabriela re discrepancies/procedures 1.00	1.20
6/26/18	Email exchanges with unit holders (4x) 0.80; research and email exchanges with unit holders (4x) 1.20	2.00
6/27/18	Email exchanges with unit holders (39x – billed at time) 2.50; review Amador email and make four new envelopes.0.40	2.90
6/28/18	Research and email exchange with unit holder 0.30	0.30

#### **Paralegal time**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
4/6/18	Update TEL website w/filed pleadings & notice	2.50
4/10/18	Research, confirm & test excel import to Quickbooks	1.50
4/11/18	Set up TEL company in Quickbooks	0.50
4/19/18	Test check run, work on problems/issues, revise set up, retest	4.00
4/20/18	Revise OBO14 & OBO17 spreadsheets for importing to QB	4.50
4/23/18	Revise RO14 & NOBO14 spreadsheets	2.90
4/26/18	Revise NOBO14 spreadsheet	1.20
4/27/18	Attend hearing, create total claims spreadsheet to find final share price, revise spreadsheets to include added claimants, revise NOBO14 spreadsheet	6.50
5/2/18	Revise RO17 spreadsheet	2.50
5/3/18	Revise RO17 spreadsheet	1.30
5/9/18	Revise NOBO17 spreadsheet	0.50
5/10/18	Revise NOBO17 spreadsheet	3.20
5/11/18	Confirm & edit OBO14 payees per claim forms	2.50
5/14/18	Confirm & edit OBO17 payees per claim forms	1.00

DATE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	TIME
6/1/18	OBO14 QB set up	1.50
6/5/18	Enter OBO14 checks, reconcile w/list	3.00
6/6/18	Locate & correct discrepancies in OBO14 payees	0.80
6/7/18	Additional corrections reconcile check run to list & dble ck numbers	3.70
6/8/18	OBO14 check run	2.80
6/11/18	OBO17 QB set up	1.20
6/12/18	Enter OBO17 checks, reconcile w/list	2.80
6/13/18	OBO17 check run, begin RO14 set up	6.30
6/14/18	Run OBO14 & OBO17 labels	0.50
6/16/18	RO14 set up	4.00
6/17/18	RO14 set up & enter checks	5.80
6/18/18	Pull OBO14 checks for special handling; Enter RO14 checks; reconcile to list	4.20
6/19/18	Edit cks per reconciliation; RO14 check run, begin NOBO14 set up	8.60
6/20/17	NOBO14 set up	5.00
6/21/18	Enter NOBO14 checks	3.00
6/22/18	Enter NOBO14 checks	3.30
6/23/18	Enter NOB14 checks	4.00
6/25/18	Reconcile NOBO14 checks to list, edit as needed	3.50
6/26/18	NOBO14 check run; Begin RO17 set up	8.00
6/27/18	Enter RO17 checks	8.20
6/28/18	Reconcile RO17 cks to list, edit as needed; RO17 check run; begin NOBO17 set up	10.00
	TOTAL	<b>124.80</b>

**EXPENSES**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
6/22/18	Mailing costs	\$55.10

Total for Attorney Services: \$ 7230.00 (24.1 hours x \$300/hr.)  
Total for Paralegal Services: \$ 11,856.00 (124.80 hours x \$95/hr.)  
Total for Expenses: \$ 55.10  
Grand total due: \$ 19,141.10

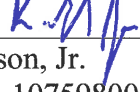
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This fee application includes work by my paralegal Gabriela Brice working on the distribution process. This is skilled work, involving proper classification, checking the forms against the lists available of owners of unit holders, creating Excel spreadsheets which will be the foundation of subsequent distributions, printing checks, etc. This work is the nut of being able to make a fair distribution of the settlement funds; were this work not completed by the paralegal, I would have had to do it.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee prays that the Court approve this Fee Application (Sixth) and for other Orders as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Karl G. Johnson, Jr.  
State Bar No. 10759800  
Trustee/Administrator of the TEL Offshore Trust  
Qualified Settlement Fund

**VERIFICATION**

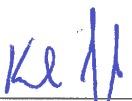
STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

On this day personally appeared before me Karl G. Johnson, Jr., who on his oath stated as follows:

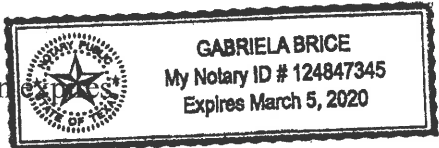
“My name is Karl G. Johnson, Jr. I am the Trustee of the TEL Offshore Trust Qualified Settlement Fund. I am over the age of eighteen years and suffer from no disability that would prevent me from making this affidavit.


I have prepared the Fee Application (Sixth), of which this verification is a part, including the Statement for Services. It is a true and complete statement of the matters stated therein. The attorney’s fees and expenses stated therein are both reasonable and necessary from my personal experience and knowledge.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Karl G. Johnson, Jr.

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME BY** Karl G. Johnson, Jr. on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

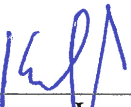
My commission expires



  
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Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served or will be served in accordance with the Court’s Orders regarding service dated September 28, 2015 and January 21, 2016.

  
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Karl G. Johnson, Jr.

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Travis County Clerk  
Probate Division  
P.O. Box 149325  
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Dear Clerk:

I attach a proposed Order for the concurrently filed Fee Application (Sixth.)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Karl G. Johnson, Jr.

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**ORDER APPROVING  
TRUSTEE'S FEE APPLICATION (Sixth)**

On this day came on to be considered the Fee Application (Sixth) filed herein by the Trustee of the TEL Offshore Trust Qualified Settlement Fund. Probative evidence was presented that necessary legal work, compensated at permitted and reasonable legal rates, was performed by the trustee.

The Court, having considered the pleading and heard the argument of counsel, FINDS that the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is a reasonable and necessary attorney's fee amount for the legal services performed and expenses incurred for the trust by the Law Office of Karl G. Johnson, Jr., P.C. from April 6, 2018 through June 28, 2018.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded as payment for the legal services provided by the Law Office of Karl G. Johnson, Jr., P.C., that such amount is taxed as costs and that said amount shall be paid from trust assets.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Judge Presiding