IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re

Lordstown Motors Corp., et al.,¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-10831 (MFW)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

Re: D.I. 13, 62, 71

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING "FINAL ORDER (A) AUTHORIZING, BUT NOT DIRECTING, THE DEBTORS TO (I) MAINTAIN THEIR EXISTING WARRANTY PROGRAMS AND (II) HONOR CERTAIN CUSTOMER OBLIGATIONS AND (B) GRANTING OTHER RELATED RELIEF"

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. On June 27, 2023, the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), filed the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (A) Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (I) Maintain their Existing Warranty Programs and (II) Honor Certain Customer Obligations and (B) Granting Other Related Relief* [D.I. 13] (the "**Motion**") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "**Bankruptcy Court**").

2. Following an initial hearing to consider the Motion, on June 28, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Interim Order (A) Authorizing, But Not Directing, Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (I) Maintain their Existing Warranty Programs and (II) Honor Certain Customer Obligations and (B) Granting Other Related Relief* [D.I. 62].

3. Pursuant to the Notice of Entry of "Interim Order (A) Authorizing, But Not

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Directing, the Debtors to (1) Maintain their Existing Warranty Programs and (11) Honor Certain Customer Obligations and (B) Granting Other Related Relief" and Final Hearing Thereon, dated June 28, 2023 [D.I. 71] (the "Notice of Entry of Interim Order"), responses to the final relief requested in connection with the Motion were to be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on July 20, 2023 (the "Objection Deadline"²). A hearing to consider the final relief requested in connection with the Motion is currently scheduled to take place before the Bankruptcy Court on July 27, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

4. Prior to the Objection Deadline, the Creditors' Committee provided informal comments to the Motion (the "Informal Response").

5. Other than the Informal Response, as of the date hereof, the Debtors have not received any other responses or objections in connection with the final relief requested in connection with the Motion, nor do any objections thereto appear on the Bankruptcy Court's docket in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. To fully resolve the Informal Response, the Debtors have prepared a revised form of final order (the "**Revised Final Order**") in connection with the Motion. A copy of the Revised Final Order is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. A redline, comparing the Revised Final Order against the form of final order originally filed along with the Motion is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

6. The Revised Final Order has been circulated to (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware; and (iii) proposed counsel to the Creditors' Committee, and each of the parties to whom the Revised Final Order was circulated has indicated that it has no objection to the entry of the Revised Final Order.

7. The Debtors therefore respectfully request that the Bankruptcy Court enter the

² The Debtors agreed to extend the Objection Deadline for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "**Creditors' Committee**") only until 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on July 24, 2023.

Revised Final Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, at its earliest convenience.

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Dated: July 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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Proposed Co-Counsel to Debtors and Debtors in Possession

<u>Exhibit A</u>

Revised Proposed Final Order

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Upon the motion (the "**Motion**")² of the Debtors for entry of an order (this "**Order**") pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, and Rules 6003 and 6004 of the Bankruptcy Rules, (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to maintain their existing Warranty Programs and honor certain customer obligations, and (b) granting other related relief; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference*, dated February 29, 2012 (Sleet, C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due, sufficient, and proper notice of the Motion having been provided under the circumstances and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the

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"**Hearing**"); and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and upon the record of the Hearing and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, their stakeholders, and all other parties-in-interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein. Any objections or reservations of rights filed in respect of the Motion are overruled, with prejudice.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, (a) to maintain and administer their Warranty Programs and to continue to honor its obligations under the Warranty Programs, regardless of when accrued, and continue the Warranty Programs in the ordinary course of business; and (b) honor any undisputed prepetition obligations to refund the Deposits, in their discretion, and in the ordinary course of business, without further application to the Court.

3. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any such documents and to take and perform all actions necessary to implement and effectuate relief granted in this Order.

4. All applicable banks and financial institutions (collectively, the "**Banks**") and third-party intermediaries ("**Intermediaries**") are authorized and directed, when requested by the Debtors in their sole discretion, to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all checks, drafts, and other forms of payment, including fund transfers (collectively, the "**Payments**"), on account of the Payment of the Customer Obligations, whether such Payments were submitted before, on, or after the Petition Date, *provided* that sufficient funds are on deposit in the applicable accounts to cover such Payments.

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5. Each of the Banks and Intermediaries are authorized to rely on any directions and representations of the Debtors as to which Payments should be honored and paid in respect of the Customer Obligations pursuant to the Motion and this Order, and any such Bank and Intermediary shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such directions or representations by the Debtors as provided in this Order.

6. The Debtors are authorized to issue new postpetition checks or effect new postpetition fund transfers or other new postpetition Payments to replace any checks, drafts, and other forms of payment, including authorized to work with third-party intermediaries to fund transfers, which may have been inadvertently dishonored or rejected

7. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order, nor any payment made pursuant to the authority granted by this Order, is intended to be or shall be construed as (a) an admission as to the validity, extent, perfection, priority, allowability, or enforceability of any claim or any security interest which purportedly secures such claim; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any appropriate party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors; (c) a promise to pay any claim; (d) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest holder; (e) an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing herein otherwise affects the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease with any party subject to this Order; (f) granting third-party beneficiary status or bestowing any additional rights on any third party; or (g) being otherwise enforceable by any third party. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing in the Motion or this Order nor any payment of any Customer Obligations pursuant to this Order shall be construed as (i) creating an administrative priority claim on account of any of the Warranty

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Programs or Customer Obligations, or (ii) impairing the Debtors' right to contest the validity, priority, or amount of any Customer Obligations allegedly due or owing to any customer, and all of the Debtors' rights with respect thereto are hereby reserved.

8. The requirements set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(b) are satisfied.

9. The notice requirement set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) is satisfied.

10. This Order is immediately effective and enforceable notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) or otherwise.

11. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the enforcement of this Order.

<u>Exhibit B</u>

Redline of Revised Proposed Final Order

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provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the "**Hearing**"); and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and upon the record of the Hearing and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, their stakeholders, and all other parties-in-interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

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(g) being otherwise enforceable by any third party. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing in the Motion or this Order nor any payment of any Customer Obligations pursuant to this Order shall be construed as (i) creating an administrative priority claim on account of any of the Warranty Programs or Customer Obligations, or (ii) impairing the Debtors' right to contest the validity, priority, or amount of any Customer Obligations allegedly due or owing to any customer, and all of the Debtors' rights with respect thereto are hereby reserved.

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