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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION  
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IN RE:

EPICUS COMMUNICATIONS  
GROUP, INC., and EPICUS, INC.,

CASE NO. 04-34915-BKC-PGH  
CHAPTER 11  
Jointly Administered

Debtor.

**ORDER APPROVING EMPLOYMENT OF WATKINS LUDLAM WINTER &  
STENNIS, P.A., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION,  
NUNC PRO TUNC TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the Application to Employ Special Counsel to the Debtor-in-Possession requesting the employment of J. ANDREW GIPSON, KRISTI M. JOHNSON and STANLEY Q. SMITH and the law firm of WATKINS LUDLAM WINTER & STENNIS, P.A., *nunc pro tunc* to September 6, 2005, as special local counsel to assist the Debtors in the transfer of their Mississippi telecommunications licenses in furtherance of the pending plan of reorganization and the Affidavit of Special Counsel submitted therewith. The Court having reviewed the Application, Affidavit, and being duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Application and Affidavit sufficiently reflect that the employment of J. ANDREW

CMP      GIPSON, KRISTI M. JOHNSON and STANLEY Q. SMITH and the law firm of WATKINS  
COM      LUDLAM WINTER & STENNIS, P.A., 633 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202 as local  
CTR       
ECR      special counsel to assist the Debtors in the transfer of their Mississippi telecommunications licenses  
GCL      in furtherance of the pending plan of reorganization is necessary and would be in the best interest  
OPC       
RCA      of the estate.  
SCR       
SGA       
SEC     

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2. J. ANDREW GIPSON, KRISTI M. JOHNSON and STANLEY Q. SMITH and the law firm of WATKINS LUDLAM WINTER & STENNIS, P.A. represent no interest adverse to the estate in the matters on which said attorneys are to be employed.

3. The Debtors-in-Possession are hereby authorized to employ J. ANDREW GIPSON, KRISTI M. JOHNSON and STANLEY Q. SMITH and the law firm of WATKINS LUDLAM WINTER & STENNIS, P.A. as special counsel for the Debtors-in-Possession, *nunc pro tunc* to September 5, 2005, to serve on a general retainer basis at the hourly rate of \$170.00 per hour for J. ANDREW GIPSON, \$225.00 per hour for KRISTI M. JOHNSON and \$235.00 per hour for STANLEY Q. SMITH, with fees and costs to be approved by this Court upon Application and hearing.

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ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on \_\_\_\_\_

**PAUL HYMAN**

PAUL G. HYMAN  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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Attorney Goldstein is hereby directed to mail a conformed copy of this order to all parties listed on the attached matrix and to file a certificate of service.

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