

Honorable Stuart M. Bernstein
United States Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
Attn: Chambers of Hon. Judge Stuart M. Bernstein
One Bowling Green
New York, NY 100041408

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Breitburn Energy Partners, "BBEP" Ch.11 Docket 16-11390

RE: Appointment of an Official Equity Committee

Dear Judge Bernstein:

As an investor and equity holder in Breitburn Energy Partners, I'm asking for your support with the appointment of an official Equity Committee to protect shareholders. As of the last 10Q (March 31st) there was **1.3B in equity** on the balance sheet filed with the SEC.

Myself and the many Breitburn investors relied on those financial statements as guidance. With **1.3B** on the balance sheet, there was a confidence and a comfort level to stay invested in our equity positions as commodity prices began to recover. **A large number of shareholders stayed invested because of the 10Q balance sheet and the knowledge management owned significant equity positions in the company**

Six weeks after the 10Q filing, Breitburn filed Ch.11 (May 16th) and the majority of equity holders were significantly crushed. Soon after filing Ch.11 management began to sell **all** their equity ownership in the company. The balance sheet you use to attract investors and file with the SEC is the same balance sheet you must use to restructure. Per the balance sheet, there is significant equity and a critical need for an Equity Committee.

It's imperative that an Equity Committee is appointed to protect shareholders going forward, they have been punished enough. It's also crucial that an Equity Committee protect shareholders from a potential CODI event. Such an event can be avoided with a share exchange to a new Breitburn corporation similar to what Linn Energy (a comparable upstream MLP) provided as an option for their shareholders .

Thank you for your time and consideration.
John Myrick