United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-30379

ATLANTIC OCEANIC, L.L.C.,

Plaintiff—Appellant,

versus

HF OFFSHORE SERVICES MEXICO SAPI DE CV; HF HUNTER SHIPPING PTE. LIMITED; HF OFFSHORE TOWING SAPI DE CV,

Defendants—Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana USDC No. 2:25-CV-974

<u>UNPUBLISHED ORDER</u>

Before Jones, Richman, and Ramirez, Circuit Judges.

Per Curiam:

Atlantic's motion for stay pending appeal is deferred, and the case is remanded for the court to explicitly address vessel attachment in light of (a) HF Mexico's ongoing listing as "operator" and guarantor of the vessel's potential pollution liability on the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center's Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) database; and (b) HF Mexico's ongoing listing as "owner/operator" of the vessel in

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the NRC Covered Vessels Washington State Contingency Plan (NRC Plan) database; alongside (c) all evidence and testimony previously considered, including but not limited to the differing ownerships of HF Hunter and HF Mexico.

If the court concludes that attachment is still unwarranted, then the court should also consider requiring a bond from Atlantic Oceanic to maintain attachment during further proceedings and appeal.

Stay deferred; limited remand ordered.

HF Hunter's motion for leave to file a sur-reply is denied as moot.

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL OR PARTIES LISTED BELOW:

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Enclosed is an order entered in this case.

Sincerely,

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