

Exhibit 9

July 17, 2021

The Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis, U.S. District Court Judge
901 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II
180 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Dear Honorable Judge Lewis and Honorable Judge Hayes;

My name is Cynthia Grim and I am a retired Bank of America Managing Director, now doing consulting work for BofA.

I have known, respected and admired Kevin Marsh for over 30 years. We first met in 1990 when we were both young and at pivotal points in our careers. Kevin was the Vice President and Controller of South Carolina Electric & Gas and I had just taken on responsibility for the group covering large corporate clients in South Carolina for what was then NCNB. I later started and managed a group which was responsible for all electric and gas utility relationships throughout the US and Europe (and so continued to handle SCANA/SCE&G).

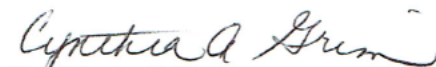
As a young female banker, I was a bit of an anomaly (some said oddity), especially in SC at that time. While other finance executives may have treated me differently, Kevin saw my youth and gender as assets, not liabilities. We frequently exchanged ideas and thoughts on how I could, through NCNB, assist him and SCE&G in making things better for the company and its shareholders. He listened to me and treated me with respect and interest.


As our respective professional responsibilities grew, in many ways, we grew together. While our professional relationship spanned 14 years, our personal relationship and friendship lasts until this day.

One of the reasons we became such good friends had to do with the shared values we had which were instilled in us by our fathers. Over the years, we had many conversations about our fathers and how much they were alike. Kevin's father was the Chaplain at UGA, and my father, a corporate lawyer in Charlotte. They were both honest, hard-working men of integrity and very high moral standards, with deep faiths and deep love for their families. We shared stories of our childhoods and the lessons they taught us were so similar.

All of my professional and personal dealings with Kevin have always shown him to be a very intelligent, well rounded, grounded, hard-working individual of highest integrity and honesty. I have seen him with his family (I even attended his daughter's wedding which was quite an honor) and have witnessed how devoted he is to Sue, Becky and Amy. I have trusted Kevin completely, to always do what he said he would do, when he said would do it.

Thank you most sincerely for allowing me to share these thoughts with you.


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