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10 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

11 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

12 In re:

13 DEWEY RANCH HOCKEY, LLC; COYOTES
14 HOLDINGS, LLC; COYOTES HOCKEY, LLC;
and ARENA MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC,

15 Debtors.

No. 2-09-bk-09488-RTB

CHAPTER 11

(Jointly Administered)

16 **STATEMENT OF POSITION OF THE
17 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

18 This filing applies to:

19 All Debtors
20 Specified Debtors

DATE: May 19, 2009

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 230 North First Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

Courtroom 703, 7th Floor

21 The National Basketball Association ("NBA" or "League") hereby files this Statement of
22 Position in support of the Limited Objection of The National Hockey League to Motion of the Debtors
23 for Entry of an Order (A) Authorizing Conduct of an Auction of Coyotes Hockey, LLC's Assets; (B)
24 Establishing Procedures to be Employed in Connection with the Sale Including Approval of Termination
25 Fee; and (C) Approving Form of Order and Manner of Notice of Conditional Cure Notice and
26 Solicitation Notice [Docket No. 92], and respectfully represents as follows:

It is of fundamental importance for any sports league to determine the identity of its members and to select the locations in which its member teams will play. Accordingly, the NBA

