

Arbitration Hearing

Opening Statement of Counsel for Third Party

Introduction

May it please the Tribunal:

My name is [Counsel Name], and I represent the Third Party in this arbitration. We appreciate the opportunity to present our case and assist the Tribunal in reaching a fair and informed decision.

This case concerns [briefly describe nature of dispute]. While the primary dispute is between the Claimant and Respondent, the Third Party has been brought into these proceedings due to allegations that [summarize allegations or basis for inclusion].

Today, we will demonstrate that these allegations are unfounded, unsupported by evidence, and legally insufficient to impose any liability on the Third Party.

Overview of the Third Party's Position

At the outset, it is important to clarify the limited and clearly defined role of the Third Party in the matters at issue. The evidence will show that:

1. The Third Party acted in accordance with all contractual obligations;
2. The Third Party complied with all applicable laws and industry standards; and
3. Any alleged harm or loss was not caused by the Third Party's actions or omissions.

We will further demonstrate that the claims against the Third Party are based on speculation rather than substantiated facts.

Key Issues for Determination

The Tribunal will be asked to consider several key issues as they relate to the Third Party:

- Whether the Third Party owed any duty to the Claimant or Respondent beyond what is established in the governing agreements;
- Whether the Third Party breached any such duty;
- Whether any alleged breach caused the damages claimed; and

- Whether the claims against the Third Party are procedurally and legally sustainable.

The evidence will show that each of these questions must be answered in the negative.

Summary of Evidence

During the course of this hearing, the Tribunal will hear testimony and review documentary evidence demonstrating that:

- The Third Party's involvement was limited to [describe role];
- All actions taken by the Third Party were reasonable, appropriate, and consistent with contractual terms;
- The decisions that led to the dispute were made independently by the Claimant and/or Respondent;
- There is no causal link between the Third Party's conduct and the alleged damages.

We will also address and rebut the assertions made against the Third Party, highlighting inconsistencies and lack of evidentiary support.

Legal Framework

The governing agreements and applicable law set clear parameters for liability. The Third Party cannot be held liable absent proof of duty, breach, causation, and damages.

The opposing parties bear the burden of proof. They must establish their claims with credible and persuasive evidence. As this hearing progresses, it will become clear that they cannot meet this burden.

Conclusion

At the conclusion of this arbitration, we will respectfully request that the Tribunal:

- Dismiss all claims against the Third Party in their entirety;
- Find that the Third Party bears no liability in connection with the dispute; and
- Grant any other relief the Tribunal deems appropriate.

The evidence will show that the Third Party acted properly, responsibly, and within the bounds of all applicable obligations.

We thank the Tribunal for its attention and look forward to presenting our case.

Optional Closing Line

Unless the Tribunal has any preliminary questions, those are our opening remarks.