IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

BELL ATLANTIC DELAWARE, INC.,

§

Employer Below/

§ § No. 215, 2002 Appellant,

§ Court Below: Superior Court V.

§ of the State of Delaware in and

§ for New Castle County JAMES E. HALL,

§ C.A. No. 00A-05-007

Claimant Below/

§ Appellee.

Submitted: October 30, 2002 December 27, 2002 Decided:

Before WALSH, HOLLAND, and BERGER, Justices.

ORDER

This 27th day of December 2002, upon consideration of the briefs of the parties, we conclude that the Superior Court did not abuse its discretion in the award of counsel fees under the standard approved by this Court in *Pollard v. The Placers, Inc.*, 703 A.2d 1211 (Del. 1997).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the judgment of the Superior Court be, and the same hereby is,

AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

s/Joseph T. Walsh **Justice**