

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

ANTHONY MELIKHOV, MELMAR  
HOLDINGS, LLC and U4G GROUP,  
LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No.: 2:19-cv-248-FtM-38MRM

LADISLAV DRAB, CE GROUP,  
CESKA ENERGIE, CESKA  
PLYNARESKA, NAPLES ENERGY,  
LLC, HANA DRABOVA and CZECH  
ENERGY USA, LLC,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' supplemental declaration provided to support their request for attorney's fees and costs. ([Doc. 61](#)). The Court has granted Plaintiffs' request for attorney's fees and costs as sanctions due to Nonparties Naples Energy LLC, Czech Energy USA LLC, and Hana Drabova's repeated recalcitrant conduct, but reserved on the amount pending more information from Plaintiffs' counsel. ([Doc. 54](#)).

Because the undersigned has decided the dispositive issue of entitlement to attorney's fees and costs, the Court will refer the matter to the assigned Magistrate Judge

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to determine the amount. Much of the requested fees and costs stem from litigation and proceedings before the Magistrate Judge and deciding such attorney's fees and costs falls within his statutory authority. See [28 U.S.C. 636\(e\)\(4\)](#).

Accordingly, it is now

**ORDERED:**

The matter of the amount of attorney's fees and costs to be awarded ([Doc. 61](#)) is referred to the assigned Magistrate Judge for entry of an order and entry of any other orders he deems appropriate.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida this 23rd day of October 2019.

  
**SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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Hon. Mac R. McCoy  
All Parties of Record