UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

v. Case No. 08-13845

LARRY WINGET and the LARRY WINGET LIVING TRUST,

HON. AVERN COHN

Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO AMEND THEIR AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES (Doc. 244)

This is a commercial finance dispute. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (Agent) is the Administrative Agent for a group of lenders that extended credit to Venture Holdings Company, LLC (Venture) under a Credit Agreement. The Agent is suing Larry Winget and the Larry Winget Living Trust to enforce a Guaranty and two Pledge Agreements which guaranteed and secured the obligations of Venture, a company owned and controlled by Winget and/or the Winget Trust.

Before the Court is defendants' motion to amend their affirmative defense to include "failure to join a necessary party." For the reasons stated on the record at the hearing on May 21, 2012, the motion is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 22, 2012 <u>s/Avern Cohn</u>

AVERN COHN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was sent to parties of record on May 22, 2012 electronically and/or by U.S. mail.

s/Michael Williams

Relief Case Manager to the Honorable Avern Cohn