

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re: *
Court Response to the Exigent * Administrative Order No. 20-02
Circumstances Created by COVID-19 *
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ORDER ADDRESSING OPERATIONAL CHANGES

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland issued Standing Order 2020-03, as amended, (the “Standing Order”) postponing and continuing various hearings and deadlines, as described further therein. The Standing Order noted the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Maryland in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, and recognized the need to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by limiting public contact to essential matters.

By its terms the Standing Order applies to proceedings in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. This Court finds that the unique emergency circumstances described in the Standing Order are compelling circumstances, as described in 11 U.S.C. §362(e)(1), and the actions taken therein are for good cause as described in 11 U.S.C. §362(e)(2). The Court further finds that, for any hearing that is continued under the Standing Order, the lack of availability of access to the Court except in emergency cases as described in the Standing Order, limits the opportunity for a hearing under these particular circumstances, and therefore the

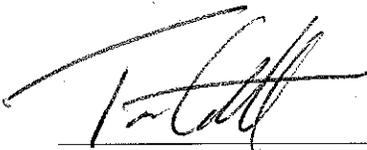
Court finds that the continuation is appropriate, as provided by 11 U.S.C. §102(1). Finally, the Court has determined that the time to answer or otherwise respond to a complaint set forth in Fed. R. Bank. P. 7012(a) should be increased to sixty days after the issuance of the summons for any response date that has not yet lapsed, for all defendants including the United States or an officer or agency thereof, unless a different time is set by the presiding judge.

It is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, hereby

ORDERED, that the continuation of hearings and extension of deadlines taken in the Standing Order are authorized under 11 U.S.C. §105(a), to the extent not otherwise authorized; and it is further

ORDERED, that, until further order of the Court, for any response date that has not lapsed as of March 13, 2020, the time to answer or otherwise respond to a complaint set forth in Fed. R. Bank. P. 7012(a) is hereby increased to sixty days from the issuance of the summons, for all defendants including the United States or an officer or agency thereof, unless a different time is set by the presiding judge, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Court expressly adopts the provisions of the Standing Order as necessary in recognition of Local Rule 402 of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.



Thomas J. Catliota, Chief Judge

3/17/20

Date