IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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THE CONTINUED OPERATION) Standing Order No. 1
OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT)
DURING A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS)
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In the absence of appropriations for operation of the Judicial Branch of the United States government, pursuant to the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 1342, and the guidelines in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy* ("*Guide*") Vol. 13, Ch. 2, it is hereby ORDERED that:

(1) The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, as a unit of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, without interruption, shall "continue those operations that may be considered part of the exercise of the judicial power of the United States...." *Guide* Vol. 13, Chapter 2, § 220.30.20(a);

(2) All activities deemed to be excepted under the provisions of the Anti-Deficiency Act, because they are 1) necessary to support and maintain the exercise of the judicial powers of the United States Bankruptcy Court to process cases and issue and enforce judgments of the Court, 2) necessary for the safety of human life and the protection of property, and 3) otherwise authorized by law, either expressly or by necessary implication, shall continue without interruption;

(3) Such activities deemed to be non-excepted by this Court shall be suspended until appropriations are made; and

(4) The Court will limit the amount of staff to those necessary to maintain excepted activities, and furloughs consistent with such decisions will be carried out.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

<u>/s/ Stephen C. St. John</u> STEPHEN C. ST. JOHN Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge