

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)	
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Extension of Deadlines and)	Standing Order No. 02-4
Bar Dates)	
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ORDER AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF DEADLINES AND BAR DATES

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006(a) governs the time for acts to be done and proceedings to be had in cases under title 11, United States Code and any litigation arising therein. In pertinent part, this provision of the Rule provides that “when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in court, a day on which weather or other conditions have made the clerk’s office inaccessible, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is one of the aforementioned days[]”; and

The Clerk of the Court having advised the Court that the effective administration of bankruptcy cases and proceedings before the Court requires the conversion of electronic data maintained in the National Integrated Bankruptcy (NIBS) System to the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System at a date and time to be specified by the Clerk; and

The Clerk, having further advised the Court of a procedure for effecting the needed conversion of NIBS electronic data to the CM/ECF System; and

The Clerk, having further advised the Court that the conversion procedure will require a period of consecutive days to effect the aforesaid NIBS electronic data conversion and that the provision of deadlines and bar dates to effect the filing of papers in court during this period will render the clerk’s office electronically inaccessible; and

The Clerk, having further advised the Court that application of the above referenced provision in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006(a), if authorized by the Court, would allow for the general extension of deadlines and bar dates to the end of the next day in which the Clerk advises the Court that the NIBS data conversion procedure has been successfully completed; and

Having considered the matter before the Court, the Court finds that authorizing a general extension of deadlines and bar dates would be of a benefit to the public and bar without hindering the prompt administration of bankruptcy cases and any litigation arising therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Given the increasing reliance on automated case management systems within the Court and the need to convert the NIBS electronic data to the CM/ECF System over a period of several consecutive days and, pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006(a), the Court deems the Clerk's Office to be inaccessible for the purpose of generally extending those deadlines and bar dates, which fall within the period of the conversion process specified by the Clerk of Court.
2. The Clerk will advise the Court of the date and time of day in which the conversion of the NIBS electronic data to the CM/ECF System will commence and further will cause the preparation of a notice to this effect, including the Court's determination set forth in paragraph 1 above, which shall be placed on the Court's Internet web site and physically posted at each division of the Court.
3. Upon advising the Court that the aforesaid NIBS data conversion process has been successfully completed and the Clerk's Office is electronically accessible, the Clerk will cause the preparation of a notice to this effect, which shall be placed on the Court's Internet web site and physically posted at each division of the Court. The notice, consistent with this order, shall include a provision advising that the running of the period for any deadline or bar date that fell within the period of the conversion process specified by the Clerk shall run until the end of the next day which is one of the aforementioned days in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006(a).
4. This order shall take effect on May 24, 2002.

Dated: May 24, 2002

/s/ Douglas O. Tice, Jr.
DOUGLAS O. TICE, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE

/s/ David H. Adams
DAVID H. ADAMS
JUDGE

/s/ Stephen S. Mitchell
STEPHEN S. MITCHELL
JUDGE

/s/ Stephen C. St. John
STEPHEN C. ST. JOHN
JUDGE

/s/ Robert G. Mayer
ROBERT G. MAYER
JUDGE