

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING ALL DEADLINES IN BANKRUPTCY CASES

The attached Standing Order No. 20-7 is issued as a consequence of the continually evolving recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) throughout the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Based on guidance received by the Court, as described in the Order, the Court finds good cause temporarily to extend deadlines during the period set forth in the paragraph below, in all bankruptcy cases, for the reasons stated therein.

The order consists of five numbered paragraphs regarding which particular attention is required as they pertain to: “1. Any deadline that falls during the period beginning on March 18, 2020, and ending on March 31, 2020, is extended by 14 days. The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006 governs the computation of the extended deadline.”

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

Date: March 18, 2020

Attachment

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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In re:)
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Deadlines in Bankruptcy Cases,) Standing Order No. 20-7
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This Order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the continued spread of COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Guidance from federal, state, and local health officials concerning the response to the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve. Given the growing impact of this public health emergency, there is good cause to extend temporarily deadlines in bankruptcy cases to avoid adverse consequences resulting from the effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on individuals and in the community and to eliminate uncertainty regarding access to the Court. Now therefore it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Any deadline that falls during the period beginning on March 18, 2020, and ending on March 31, 2020, is extended by 14 days. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006 governs the computation of the extended deadline.
 - a. However, in cases in which the automatic stay would expire by operation of law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(A) during the period beginning on March 18, 2020, and ending on March 31, 2020, the hearing required under 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B) is deemed to have been conducted and the automatic stay is extended until further order of the Court.
 - b. In addition, in cases in which the automatic stay would terminate by operation of law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(e)(1) or (2) during the period beginning on March

18, 2020, ending on March 31, 2020, the automatic stay will instead remain in full force and effect unless and until the automatic stay is modified or lifted by the Court.

2. The terms of this Order apply to any deadline that falls during the period beginning on March 18, 2020, and ending on March 31, 2020, including, but not limited to, filing deadlines, order submission deadlines, hearing deadlines, payment deadlines (including, without limitation, filing fee payments, plan payments, and payments due under consent orders); and deadlines set by the Notice of the Meeting of Creditors.
3. The terms of this Order apply regardless of whether a deadline is set by order, court notice, Title 11 of the United States Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, or the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
4. The provisions of this Order shall control with respect to all cases currently pending and cases to be filed in this Court, unless the presiding judge in a particular case otherwise orders.
5. Any party who wishes to obtain relief from this Order in a specific case may file an appropriate motion in that case. In furtherance of the Court's core function, that motion will be forwarded to the presiding judge for prompt adjudication.

Because the public health emergency continues to evolve, this Order may be modified or extended as necessary based upon future developments.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


FRANK J. SANTORO
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: March 18th, 2020