

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
)
REMOTE HEARINGS IN BANKRUPTCY)
CASES DUE TO THE COVID-19) Standing Order 21-12
PANDEMIC,)
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SECOND ORDER REGARDING REMOTE HEARINGS IN BANKRUPTCY CASES
DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

On May 29, 2020, in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Court entered Standing Order 20-21. Standing Order 20-21 requires, until further notice, all Bankruptcy Court proceedings to be convened remotely unless the presiding judge makes an exception in a particular case on the basis that the facts and circumstances of the case necessitate an in-person hearing and strict social distancing guidelines will be observed.

Until such time that the Court may safely reconvene in-person hearings, appropriate notice must be provided of remote proceedings.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that **effective for notices of hearing filed on and after June 14, 2021**, until further notice and in addition to all requirements set forth in the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the notice of any motion where a hearing is required or requested shall also contain the following language:

REMOTE HEARING INFORMATION:

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, no in-person hearings are being held.

This hearing will take place remotely through Zoom on the date and time scheduled herein.

To appear at the hearing, you must send, by email, a completed request form (the “Zoom Request Form”), which is available on the Court's internet website at www.vaeb.courts.gov, on the page titled, “Temporary Emergency Provisions Regarding ZoomGov Remote Proceeding Access Information.” Email your completed Zoom Request Form to the email address listed for the Judge assigned to the case. Following receipt of your Zoom Request Form, Court staff will respond to the email address from which the request was submitted with additional information on how to participate through Zoom.

The email address shall be used only to submit Zoom Request Forms. No other matters or requests will be considered by Court staff, and under no circumstances will any such matters or requests be brought to the Judge’s attention. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in appropriate action, including but not limited to the imposition of sanctions.

PLEASE NOTE: You **MUST** submit the Zoom Request Form no later than two (2) business days prior to this hearing. Any documentary evidence the parties wish to present at the hearing must be filed with the Court in advance of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

/s/ Kevin R. Huennekens
KEVIN R. HUENNEKENS
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: June 9, 2021