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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

AMENDED GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING MEETINGS OF CREDITORS

General Order No. 20-0002

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-0002 was issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), declared by the President to be a national emergency.

It appears to the Court that Case Trustees have demonstrated the ability to conduct 11 U.S.C. § 341(a) Meetings of Creditors (“Meetings of Creditors”) virtually, e.g., by videoconference or telephone; and that accordingly General Order No. 20-0002 should be amended to provide that Meetings of Creditors may proceed virtually as provided below:

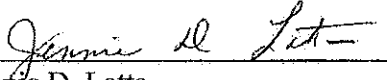
1. All debtors in Chapter 7, 12, and 13 cases are excused from attending in-person meetings of creditors, and case administration may proceed notwithstanding the requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 341(a). Case Trustees in Chapter 7, 12, and 13 cases are authorized to conduct Meetings of Creditors virtually. The Clerk is authorized to issue notices of the scheduling of virtual Meetings of Creditors. All debtors in Chapter 7, 12, and 13 cases shall participate in virtual Meetings of Creditors per notices issued by the Clerk; and creditors and the United States Trustee may participate in the virtual Meetings of Creditors.

2. As needed, the United States Trustee, case trustee, creditor, or other interested party may proceed to obtain additional information from the debtor by any of the following methods:

- a. Written interrogatories;
- b. Telephonic conference;
- c. Rule 2004 examination;
- d. Objection to confirmation in Chapter 12 and 13 cases.

This order will remain in effect pending further order of the court. The court will amend this order as needed in response to recommendations of public health officials. The court appreciates the cooperation of all affected persons as we strive to conduct the business of the court under these trying circumstances. The health and safety of the United States Trustee and staff, trustees and their staff, attorneys, debtors, creditors, and other parties in interest are our first concern.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of May, 2021.



Jennie D. Latta
Chief Bankruptcy Judge