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**GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING MEETINGS OF CREDITORS**

**General Order No. 20-0002**

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THIS GENERAL ORDER is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). President Donald J. Trump has declared a national emergency, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have urged a halt to all gatherings of more than 10 people for the next eight weeks in addition to its previous guidance concerning social distancing and protection of vulnerable persons.

Given the significant number of identified and projected cases, the severity of risk to the general public, and the recommendations of public health officials, it is hereby **ORDERED** that effective **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**:

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).
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 U.S. Trustee and staff, trustees and their staffs, attorneys, debtors, creditors, and other parties in interest are our first concern.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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David S. Kennedy  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge