

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

BANKRUPTCY STANDING ORDER 2003-1

DEADLINES FOR OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 1001, the Court issues the following standing order to expedite motion practice by changing the deadline for filing and serving responses and objections to motions in cases and proceedings under all chapters of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and to expedite chapter 13 confirmation hearings by changing the deadline for filing and serving objections to confirmation of plans.

Accordingly, **effective for all matters noticed or scheduled for a hearing to take place on and after April 30, 2003**, and until further notice,

IT IS ORDERED that Local Rule 3015-3.1(a) is temporarily suspended in part, and that all objections to the confirmation of a chapter 13 plan must be filed in the record at least *fifteen* days prior to the scheduled confirmation hearing and must be served upon the trustee, counsel for the debtor and the debtor on the date of filing. Objections must be served in a manner to ensure that they are actually received by the trustee and counsel for the debtor on the day on which they are filed. Other provisions of Local Rule 3015-3.1(a) are not affected by this Standing Order, and shall remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Local Rule 4001-1(c)(1) is temporarily suspended in part, and that responses to motions relating to the automatic stay in *all* cases must be filed in the record at least *eight* days prior to the scheduled hearing on the motion, and must be served in a manner to ensure that they are actually received by the mover on the day on which they are filed. Other provisions of Local Rule 4001-1(c)(1) are not affected by this Standing Order, and shall remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Local Rule 9014-1(c)(1) is temporarily suspended in part, and that objections and responses to motions in contested matters and adversary proceedings must be filed at least *eight* days prior to the scheduled hearing on the motion, in a manner to ensure that they are actually received by all parties entitled to such notice on the day on which they are filed. Any reply to the objection or response must be filed at least *two* days prior to the scheduled hearing on the motion and served in a manner to ensure that they are actually received by all parties entitled to such notice on the day on which they are filed. Other provisions of Local Rule 9014-1(c)(1) are not affected by this Standing Order, and shall remain unchanged.

BY THE COURT:

**Douglas D. Dodd
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Baton Rouge, Louisiana March 31, 2003**