

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

BANKRUPTCY STANDING ORDER 2003-4

ATTENDANCE AT SCHEDULED HEARINGS

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1001, the Court issues the following standing order to expedite preparation of court dockets by changing the procedure for informing parties that argument and appearance is not necessary for particular hearings and imposing a deadline for filing pleadings for consideration prior to hearing.

Accordingly, **effective for all matters noticed or scheduled for a hearing to take place on and after January 1, 2004**, and until further notice,

IT IS ORDERED that Local Rule 9014-2(e)(2)(A) is temporarily supplemented to add the following provisions concerning submission of motions to continue:

(A) a motion to continue is filed and proposed order submitted **prior** to noon the day before the scheduled hearing and the motion is granted by formal court order in compliance with Rule 9014-3 of these Rules. No motion to continue will be considered if the motion is filed and the order is submitted **after** noon the day before the hearing unless the reason for the continuance constitutes an emergency or results from a matter not reasonably capable of being anticipated. **The parties must call Chambers to ascertain that the continuance was granted, and notify all witnesses and other parties in interest of the continuance.** All proposed orders submitted in connection with a motion to continue **MUST** indicate "exparte" or "expedited" on the subject line, **NOT** the hearing date of the originally scheduled motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Local Rule 9014-2(e)(2)(B) is temporarily modified to change provisions concerning matters that will be resolved without argument and submission of proposed orders:

(B) the Court determines that appearance and argument are not necessary and so indicates by placing the matter on the Court's electronically generated docket at 9:00 a.m. (for Friday hearing dates) or 9:30 a.m./2:00 p.m. (for Wednesday hearing dates). The final docket shall be complete and available on the court's CM/ECF system by 3:00 p.m. the day before the hearing. Pleadings filed or orders submitted after 12:00 noon the day before a hearing shall not be considered for the no argument docket, and counsel must appear on the motion to which the filing relates. **CHAMBERS WILL NO LONGER CALL PARTIES TO INFORM THEM THAT APPEARANCE AND ARGUMENT IS NOT NECESSARY.**

(i) abrogated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Local Rule 9014-2(B) is temporarily modified to add paragraph (iv), as follows:

(iv) Consent orders or adequate protection orders must be submitted **prior** to noon the day before the scheduled hearing to be considered for the no argument docket. If no objection has been filed to a motion for relief from stay, and the consent order is submitted **after** 12:00 noon the day before the hearing, the moving party shall inform Chambers that a consent order has been/will be submitted. If a motion for relief from stay is contested and an adequate protection order or other consent order is submitted **after** 12:00 noon the day before the hearing, the moving party **or** counsel for the debtor shall appear at the scheduled hearing and state for the record that a consent order has been/will be submitted. All proposed consent/adequate protection orders submitted **MUST** indicate "exparte" or "expedited" on the subject line, and **NOT** the hearing date of the originally scheduled motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that other provisions of Local Rule 9014-2(e) are not affected by this Standing Order.

BY THE COURT:

s/Douglas D. Dodd
Douglas D. Dodd
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
December 8, 2003