

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

IN RE:)
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RESCHEDULED SECTION 341 MEETINGS) GENERAL ORDER 2020-5
AND CERTAIN RELATED DEADLINES)
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In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 virus, on March 13-16, 2020, the Court continued all Section 341 Meetings scheduled on or before March 27, 2020, to a future date. Subsequently, on March 18, 2020 and March 20, 2020, the Office of the United States Trustee filed a notice (the “UST Notice”) in applicable cases rescheduling all in-person Section 341 Meetings scheduled through April 10, 2020 to a date to be determined in the future

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105, in order to carry out the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and to implement appropriately certain deadlines in the Bankruptcy Code and in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure during this time of national emergency,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The “first date set for the meeting of creditors under 11 U.S.C. § 341(a),” as used in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, shall be the next rescheduled date of record for the meeting of creditors in all cases continued previously by the UST Notice (the “Rescheduled First Meeting Date”). This includes all meetings of creditors for Chapter 7 and 11 cases that were initially rescheduled to the dates of April 7, 2020 and April 9, 2020 by the Court’s Notices of Continuances due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were then subsequently continued to a date to be determined by the UST Notice.
2. The deadlines set under Fed. R. Bank.P. 1007(c), 1017(e)(1), 2002(h), 2015.3(b), 4004(a), 4007(c) and 4008(a) shall be calculated from the Rescheduled First Meeting Date.

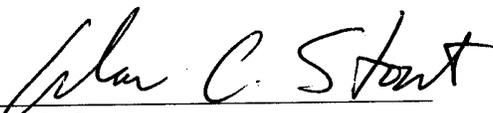
3. “[T]he date on which the meeting of creditors is first scheduled to be held,” pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1308(a) shall be the Rescheduled First Meeting Date for all Chapter 13 Section 341 Meetings continued by the UST Notice on March 18 and 20, 2020 and/or by the Court’s Notices of Continuances issued on March 13, 2020 - March 16, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. The deadlines under Bankruptcy Rule 2003(c) for holding Section 341 Meetings are extended to the extent necessary to accommodate the postponement and subsequent rescheduling of the Section 341 Meetings by the Office of the United States Trustee or Order of this Court.

5. When the Rescheduled First Meeting Date has been determined for each case in which the Section 341 Meeting was postponed by the UST Notice, the Clerk’s Office will issue a notice of continuance that refers creditors and parties in interest to this General Order for information considering the extension of certain deadlines. As the Chapter 7 Section 341 Meeting Notice issued by this Court includes a date certain for filing objections to the debtor’s discharge pursuant to Fed.R.Bank.P. 4004(a), the notices of continuances issued by the Court for cases affected by this Order will include the updated date for objections to discharge in each notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:
ALAN C. STOUT, CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



Alan C. Stout
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: March 25, 2020