

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

IN RE:)
)
ALL MATTERS IN THE UNITED)
STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR)
THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE)
_____)

**GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING UNITED STATES’ PROOF OF CLAIM BAR
DATES, EXTENDING ADVERSARY AND OTHER DEADLINES,
AND PROVIDING RELATED RELIEF**

This matter is before the Court due to the lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government, including the Department of Justice. Notwithstanding the lapse of congressional appropriations, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware remains operating to address the Court’s constitutional duty to hear and decide cases without interruption. Absent an appropriation, however, certain Department of Justice attorneys and employees of other federal agencies are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342. Therefore, the lapse in appropriations requires a reduction in the workforce of the United States Attorney’s Office and other federal agencies, particularly with respect to civil cases, including bankruptcy cases and proceedings. It is unknown when funding will be restored. With the intent to avoid any default or prejudice to the United States or other civil litigants occasioned by the lapse in funding, the Court enters this General Order.¹ **IT IS HEREBY:**

ORDERED that, **effective October 1, 2025**, absent other direction or order from the Court, all pending and future adversary proceedings, contested matters, or litigation (a) related to

¹ For the avoidance of doubt unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of this Order shall *not* apply to proceedings involving the Office of the United States Trustee.

the United States' claims and interests and (b) in which the United States, its agencies, or any party represented by the Department of Justice or the United States Attorney's Office (other than the Office of the United States Trustee) is a direct party to such proceeding are hereby stayed until the business day after the President signs into law a budget appropriation or a Congressional continuing resolution that restores federal government funding ("Funding Restoration"); and it is

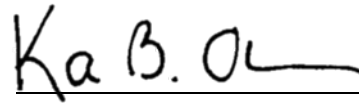
FURTHER ORDERED that the governmental proof of claim bar date and administrative expense bar date are hereby tolled in all cases as to the United States, including, without limitation, all of its agencies (including but not limited to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture) and extended thereafter for a period of time equal to the number of calendar days between October 1, 2025 and the Funding Restoration. By way of example, if the Court has set a governmental bar date of November 1, 2025 prior to the government shutdown, and the government shutdown lasts thirty (30) days, pursuant to the terms of this Order, the new governmental bar date would be November 30, 2025; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED with respect to all other motions, applications, or proceedings, nothing in this Order shall preclude the United States, the Office of the United States Trustee, or any party from applying to the assigned bankruptcy judge for a stay of such motion, application, or proceeding on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this Order, formal motion practice shall not be required to request a hearing or status conference with the Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(d); parties are encouraged to contact Chambers directly (copying opposing counsel) to request and arrange for such hearing or status conference. The Judges of the Court are further encouraged to promptly consider and accommodate such requests where feasible and where the requested stay

would not unfairly prejudice or harm other parties-in-interest or the orderly administration of justice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Court shall distribute this Order by: (a) electronic mail to all registered CM/ECF users and (b) posting the Order on the Court's website.

Dated: October 2, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ka B. Owens", written over a horizontal line.

Karen B. Owens
Chief Judge