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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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STEPHANIE J. BUTLER, CLERK
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NC

IN RE:

**MATTERS AFFECTED BY
LAPSE IN FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS**

GENERAL ORDER

Whereas, as of October 1, 2025, the appropriations act or continuing resolution that funds the Department of Justice and other Executive Branch agencies has expired;

Whereas, Executive Branch agencies may be creditors or parties in interest in cases pending before this Court;

Whereas, absent an appropriation, employees of Executive Branch agencies, including the Department of Justice, are unable to work on civil matters except in certain limited circumstances, which may inhibit the ability of the United States to protect its interests in cases pending before this Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Absent other direction or order from the Court, all adversary proceedings or contested matters in which the United States, its agencies, or its employees are parties to such proceeding and are represented by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, are stayed until the business day after the federal appropriations are restored;
2. Absent other direction or order from the Court, all bar dates for the filing of proofs of claim or requests for the payment of administrative expenses are hereby tolled with respect to the United States and its agencies during the duration of the lapse in appropriations and extended for a period of time equal to the number of calendar days between October 1, 2025 and the date the federal appropriations are restored;
3. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the United States from applying to the assigned judge for a stay of a specific proceeding or an extension of a specific deadline on a case-by-case basis; and
4. Any party that may be prejudiced by the entry of this Order may seek prompt relief by filing a motion for relief from this Order in the particular matter pending before the court for consideration by the assigned judge.

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