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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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JURY TRIALS, )  
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OPERATING ORDER 04-05

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9015(b), when a timely jury demand has been made, "the parties may consent to have a jury trial conducted by a bankruptcy judge under 28 U.S.C. § 157(e) by jointly or separately filing a statement of consent within any applicable time limits specified by local rule." Until such time as the local rules are amended to include a specific time limit for filing consents, when a jury trial demand has been made in a matter before this Court, the parties shall file a written statement of consent to have the jury trial conducted by a bankruptcy judge ten (10) days prior to a hearing on the jury demand. Each party shall file a written statement of its position on the entitlement to a jury trial in a responsive pleading or, if no responsive pleading is required, within ten (10) days after the demand is made.

Therefore, effective July 1, 2004, in matters in which a timely jury demand has been made to which parties consent to a jury trial being conducted by a bankruptcy judge, each party shall file a written statement of consent and statement of that party's position on entitlement to a jury trial consistent with this Order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
WM. THURMOND BISHOP  
Chief Judge

  
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JOHN E. WAITES  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Columbia, South Carolina

May 10, 2004