

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

IN RE:

Chapter 13 Cases Assigned to
Judge John E. Waites in the Charleston
Division with a Hearing Scheduled for
April 2, 2020 or April 16, 2020,

Debtor(s).

Chapter 13

**ORDER CONTINUING HEARINGS IN
CHAPTER 13 CASES
(CHARLESTON DIVISION ONLY)**

After full consideration of the declaration of a public health emergency, and associated restrictions on travel and public gatherings, including “stay at home” ordinances enacted in many South Carolina cities, the undersigned hereby continues all hearings in chapter 13 cases in the Charleston Division assigned to him that are scheduled for April 2, 2020 and April 16, 2020. The following matters scheduled on the below Original Hearing Dates are continued to the following Continued Hearing Dates:

<u>Original Hearing Date</u>	<u>Continued Hearing Date</u>
April 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Charleston (Chapter 13)	April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Charleston
April 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Charleston (362 13)	April 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Charleston
April 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Charleston (Chapter 13)	April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Charleston
April 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Charleston (362 13)	April 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Charleston

This Continuance Order does not apply to: (1) any hearings before any of the other Bankruptcy Judges (including Judge Duncan’s Chapter 13 hearings scheduled in the Charleston Division), (2) hearings in the chapter 13 cases assigned to the undersigned in the Columbia Division, or (3) hearings before the undersigned in any other chapter of the Bankruptcy Code in either the Charleston or Columbia Divisions.

Documents can continue to be filed with the Court electronically, and parties should continue to timely work with Trustee Wyman's Office and opposing parties to resolve matters scheduled for hearings on these dockets, including matters related to confirmation, objections thereto and § 362 motions. In order to continue the administration of the chapter 13 process, the Chapter 13 Trustee may file recommendations regarding confirmation, petitions to dismiss or other dispositions during the interim period that the hearings are continued.

For any matters continued by this Order, to the extent the parties believe that a more expedited determination or hearing is necessary, counsel may request an expedited hearing or consideration **no later than 5 days after the entry of this Order** through an email correspondence to Chambers (Andrew Powell at Andrew_Powell@scb.uscourts.gov and Sarah Kistler at Sarah_Kistler@scb.uscourts.gov) with copies to all opposing counsel/parties and the Chapter 13 Trustee.¹ Failure to make such a timely request may be considered a waiver of any statutory or rule requirement for a hearing or disposition to be completed by a certain date.

This Order applies to the conduct of chapter 13 hearings before Judge Waites in the Charleston Division only and does not provide an extension to the filing of objections, answers, motions or other pleadings that are otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules or the Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules.²

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina
March 27, 2020

¹ For matters not addressed by this Order, parties may request an expedited hearing through the filing of a Motion for an Expedited Hearing with the Court.

² Any request for any such extension shall be addressed upon the timely filing on a motion with this Court.