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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 35-3

IN RE

ORDER REGARDING MATTERS  
SCHEDULED BEFORE THE COURT  
THROUGH JUNE 1, 2020

The Court entered General Order 35-1 on March 13, 2020. General Order 35-1 provided, among other things:

Until and including April 13, 2020, any trial, hearing, or conference (collectively, "Matter") scheduled in a courtroom that does not involve the presentation of evidence (documentary or testimonial) shall be conducted telephonically without further order of the Court. Each Chambers will address the logistics of any telephonic Matter. To the extent the parties intend to present evidence, each judge assigned a particular Matter will determine, by separate order, whether the Matter may proceed telephonically or will be continued.

General Order 35-2, entered on March 25, 2020, supplemented General Order 35-1, among other ways, by vacating all Matters through April 6, 2020, provided that each judge would retain the discretion to proceed with any particular matter if otherwise ordered.

On April 3, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio entered General Order 20-08, continuing all civil and criminal trials and hearings scheduled through June 1, 2020, provided that: (1) hearings may proceed by videoconference or teleconference at the discretion of individual judges; and (2) exceptions may be ordered by individual judges on a case-by-case basis.

Consistent with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, General Order 35-1 and General Order 35-2 are **VACATED** and **SUPERSEDED** as follows:

(1) Until and including **June 1, 2020**, any Matter scheduled in a courtroom that does not involve the presentation of evidence (documentary or testimonial) shall be conducted telephonically. Each Chambers will address the logistics of any telephonic

Matter. To the extent the parties intend to present evidence, each judge assigned a particular Matter will determine, by separate order, whether the Matter may proceed telephonically, in-person, or will be continued. All parties are encouraged to raise with the Court and all parties the ability to conduct any hearing for a Matter telephonically. Parties are directed to the individual judge's webpage on the Court's internet site for further information. Each judge retains the discretion to proceed otherwise by separate order entered on a case-by-case basis.

2) To the extent not addressed in this general order, all orders entered in individual cases or adversary proceedings, and all response dates for filing answers, responses, motions, other filings, or taking any other action provided by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or this Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules shall remain binding.

Unless amended by June 1, 2020, this General Order will lapse on June 2, 2020, and have no further effect.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: April 13, 2020**

**FOR THE COURT**



Chief Judge Jeffrey P. Hopkins  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Ohio