UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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ORDER REGARDING MATTERS SCHEDULED BEFORE THE COURT THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2020 GENERAL ORDER NO. 35-7 RICHARD JONES CLERK OF COURT U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT CINCINNATI. OHIO

The Court entered General Order 35-6 on June 30, 2020, setting forth the Court's procedures for conducting any trial, hearing, or conference (collectively, "Matter") scheduled through August 31, 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts continue to recommend the exercise of caution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based upon this advice and the current COVID-19 statistics for the Southern District of Ohio, General Order 35-6 is amended and superseded as follows:

- 1) Until and including **October 30, 2020**, any Matter scheduled in a courtroom that does not involve the presentation of evidence (documentary or testimonial) shall be conducted by teleconference or videoconference. Each Chambers will address the logistics of any Matter conducted by teleconference or videoconference. 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, or may post a notice on the judge's webpage stating whether such Matter will proceed, by teleconference, by videoconference, 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 by teleconference or videoconference. 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 October 30, 2020, this General Order will lapse on October 31, 2020, and have no further effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 3, 2020

FOR THE COURT

Chief Judge Jeffer P. Hopkins United States Bankruptcy Court

Southern District of Ohio