United States Bankruptcy Court District of New Hampshire

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FROM: George A. Vannah, Clerk

SUBJECT: Automatic Adjustment of Certain Dollar Amounts in the

Bankruptcy Code and Official Bankruptcy Forms

DATE: March 18, 2004

On April 1, 2004, automatic adjustments to the dollar amounts stated in various provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, Title 11, U.S.C., will become effective. These amended dollar amounts will apply to cases filed on or after April 1, 2004.

These amended dollar amounts will affect the eligibility of a debtor to file under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, certain maximum values of property that a debtor may claim as exempt, the maximum amount of certain claims entitled to priority, the minimum aggregate value of claims needed to commence an involuntary bankruptcy, and the value of "luxury goods and services" presumed to be nondischargeable.

Attached is a chart showing the affected sections of the Bankruptcy Code and both the current and the revised dollar amounts in those sections.

Two of the Official Bankruptcy Forms contain references to several of the affected dollar amounts. Accordingly, Official Form 6E, Schedule of Creditors Holding Claims Entitled to Priority, and Official Form 10, Proof of Claim, also will be amended April 1, 2004 and will apply to cases filed on or after that date. Copies of these updated forms may be found on the Rules and Forms page of the Court's web site at www.nbb.uscourts.gov or at www.uscourts.gov.