UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOURTEENTH GENERAL ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

This General Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and is intended to provide guidance to the public and bar regarding operations of the United Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Hampshire. This order supersedes the Thirteenth General Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19.

1. Effective June 1, 2021, the Warren B. Rudman U.S. Courthouse will be open to the public. All persons seeking entry to the Rudman Courthouse will be required to comply with access restrictions and screening protocols. The Clerk's Office will resume providing in-person assistance Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2. The Bankruptcy Court will accept the filing of new petitions, motions, pleadings, notices, and other papers at the Clerk's Office. In addition, the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court will accept filings through: (1) the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system; (2) an e-mail, with the appropriate document or documents attached in PDF format, sent to nhbnofee@nhb.uscourts.gov; and (3) physical deposit in the depository box located behind the Cleveland Federal Building, which must be accompanied by either (a) an e-mail to nhbnofee@nhb.uscourts, indicating the filer's name, the case name and number, and the date and time at which the filing was placed into the depository box or (b) a phone call to 603-222-2600 to confirm the deposit. The Court continues to accept documents through the U.S. Mail as permitted by the Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules and Administrative Orders. All existing requirements pertaining to signatures on all documents submitted for filing, including proofs of claims, remain in effect.

3. Until further notice, all hearings in the Bankruptcy Court will be accomplished through telephonic means. Attorneys must utilize CourtCall. Self-represented parties and any member of the public, who wish to observe or participate in a hearing, must contact the courtroom deputy at 603-222-2644 to receive instructions on how to do so.

4. Hearings, conferences, and trials may be conducted by videoconference or, in appropriate circumstances, in person at the Rudman Courthouse, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

SO ORDERED.

Date: May 26, 2021

<u>/s/ Bruce A. Harwood</u> Bruce A. Harwood Chief Bankruptcy Judge