## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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In re:

Administrative Order 16-04

Implementation of Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) Program and Adoption of Related Interim Local Rules

The court has authorized the clerk to implement voluntary Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) which provides an option for debtors to register with the clerk of court to receive documents served by the clerk in electronic format instead of by U.S. Mail. The Court has determined that implementation of DeBN will necessitate amendments to this Court's existing Local Rules 1001-1, 2002-1, and 9036-1 and adoption of a new Local Form "Debtor's Request to Receive Notices Electronically Under DeBN Program". The court also finds that there are exigent circumstances which justify implementation of these changes by adopting interim local rules. Accordingly, effective June 1, 2016, it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Local Rule 1001-1 is amended by adding the following new text as Interim Local Rules 1001-1(F)(14) and (F)(15):
  - **(F)(14)** "EBN" is an acronym for Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing which permits any party filing conventionally to receive clerk-served notices electronically via the BNC instead of by U.S. Mail. Parties register for EBN directly with the BNC, not with the court.
  - (F)(15) "DeBN" is an acronym for Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing which permits debtors to receive clerk-served notices electronically via the BNC instead of by U.S. Mail. Debtors register for DeBN directly with the clerk of court by filing the Local Form "Debtor's Request to Receive Notices Electronically Under DeBN Program".
- 2. Local Rule 2002-1 is amended by substituting the following text as Interim Local Rule 2002-1(G):
  - (G) Changes of Address. Parties seeking to change their own U.S. Mail address in cases and proceedings in this court must file a signed Notice of Change of Address in each case or proceeding in which the change is to be effected. Parties registered directly with the BNC to receive notices under the EBN program must also notify the BNC directly of any changes in service information. Debtors registered directly with the clerk under the DeBN program must also notify the court directly of a change in the email

service address by filing with the clerk an updated Local Form "Debtor's Request to Receive Notices Electronically Under DeBN Program".

[Comment: See Local Rule 9036-1(C). Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN).]

- 3. Local Rule 9036-1 is amended by substituting the following text as Interim Local Rules 9036-1(B) and 9036-1(C):
  - (B) Electronic Notice in Lieu of Paper Notice from the BNC. Conventional filers and those registered users who have not yet made an electronic appearance in a specific case will receive notices generated by the clerk and served through the BNC in paper form unless they have elected to receive notices electronically in lieu of U.S. Mail service by either registering directly with the BNC EBN Program or, for debtors only, by registering directly with the clerk of court for DeBN noticing as provided under subdivision (C) of this Rule.
  - (C) Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN). Debtors may elect to receive documents served by the clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court electronically from the BNC under the DeBN program in lieu of by paper notice by filing the Local Form "Debtor's Request to Receive Notices Electronically Under DeBN Program". Debtor participation in DeBN does not constitute consent by the debtor to receive electronic notice from other parties, including attorneys and trustees. Documents not served by the clerk under DeBN must be served conventionally (non-electronic) on debtors as authorized under FRBP 7004 and 7005(b).
- 4. All cross references in the Local Rules amended by this Order, including any references contained in the official comments thereto, and in all court forms, guidelines, and clerk's instructions shall be deemed to refer, to the applicable interim local rule adopted by this Order.

5. The Clerk of Court is directed to provide notice of entry of this Order and to update the Local Rules as published by this court to reflect adoption of these Interim Local Rules.

Paul G. Hyman, Jr.

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

c: All S.D. Bankruptcy Judges Clerk of Court