United States Bankruptcy Court Western District of Missouri



NOTICE OF AMENDED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORMS AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT through OCTOBER 21st, 2017

UPDATED Model Chapter 13 Plan Form

Please review the attached updated Chapter 13 Plan, and submit any comments through the survey link found at the bottom of this Notice.

Amendments to Local Rule 3083-1.

Please review the suggested changes for this Rule and submit any comments through the survey link found at the bottom of this Notice.

Rule 3083-1. Chapter 13 Plan; Objections to Plan

- A. Plan. Summary. Each Chapter 13 plan and amended plan must be filed using with a plan summary or a combination plan/plan summary with all the information in the Local Form. (See Local Forms MOW 3083-1.1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the only amendment to a plan is to change the plan payment, the Local Form need not be used; instead, a statement of the change in plan payment is sufficient and must be filed using the designated CM/ECF event (Amended Chapter 13 Plan Stmt of Plan Payment Change ONLY). Debtor shall serve the plan and summary on all creditors when the plan is filed and shall serve amended plans on all affected creditors.
- **B.** Service of the Plan Summary on the United States. The plan or summary shall be served on the United States Attorney and the appropriate agency when the United States is a party in interest. Appendix 1-9 contains a list of standard addresses of government agencies.
- **C. Plan Percentages.** For plans or amended plans filed on or after October 1, 2008 December 1, 2017, the debtor shall may use 10.0% 8.0% of receipts rather than the statutory maximum of 10%, for trustee fees when calculating plans. The actual percent, set by the United States Attorney General pursuant to statute, may vary during the life of the plan. and may require the plan payment to be increased during the life of the plan to accommodate the percentage then in effect in order for the plan to comply with §§1322(a)(1) and 1322(d).
- **D.** Objections to Plans. It is the duty of affected creditors and not the trustee to file objections to confirmation of plans and amended plans on all grounds for non-confirmation. The trustee may also object to the confirmation of a plan. Unless otherwise noticed, objections to plan confirmation must be filed within 21 days after conclusion of the § 341 meeting of creditors. Absent timely objections, the plan may be confirmed without further notice.
 - 1. The Court will conduct a confirmation hearing only upon the filing of a timely objection to confirmation, or a response is filed to the trustee's motion to deny confirmation of a Chapter 13 plan. The Official Form 309I Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case will set an initial date for a confirmation hearing, which will only be held on that date if an objection to confirmation, or a response is filed to the trustee's motion to deny confirmation is filed at least seven (7) days prior to the date set for the confirmation hearing in the Official Form 309I Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case.
 - 2. If neither a timely if objection to confirmation nor a trustee's motion to deny confirmation is filed, the Court may confirm the plan without a hearing or reviewing any evidence, if the Court determines that the plan is proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law.
 - 3. If no response is filed to a Chapter 13 trustee's motion to deny confirmation, the Court may deny confirmation of a plan without a hearing

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- E. Objections to Amended Plans. Objections to amended plans must be filed are due on or before 21 days after the amended plan is filed and served on the trustee and affected parties. If no objection to confirmation is filed or the Chapter 13 trustee does not file a timely motion to deny confirmation, the Court may confirm the amended plan without a hearing or reviewing any evidence, if the Court determines that the amended plan is proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law.
- **F.** Incorporation of the Plan Summary. If the Chapter 13 plan does not incorporate the plan summary by reference, to the extent there are inconsistencies between the plan and plan summary, the provisions of the summary are deemed to be the provisions of the plan.

G. F. Wage Order to Employer.

- 1. Issuance of Wage Order. The Chapter 13 trustee may cause a wage order to be issued to the debtor's employer upon a written request from the debtor or the debtor's attorney; the written request must provide the full address for the employer's payroll department. The Chapter 13 trustee may cause a wage order to the to be issued to the debtor's employer in a Chapter 13 case at any time the plan payments are more than 30 days delinquent as measured. The 30 day delinquency is measured pursuant to § 1326 (a)(1). The debtor shall provide on Schedule I the full address for the debtor's payroll department to which the Chapter 13 trustee may cause a wage order to be issued, and shall amend Schedule I and provide the full address for their employer's payroll department if their employment changes.
- 2. Vacating Cancelling an Employer Wage Order. In the event the debtor wants a wage order to the employer cancelled vacated, the debtor must send a written request to the trustee file a motion to vacate the order and demonstrate to the trustee that appropriate circumstances exist for the debtor's to remit direct remittance of plan payments directly to the trustee. If the trustee does not agree to the cancellation of the Employer Wage Order, the debtor may file a motion with the Court to vacate said order demonstrating to the Court that appropriate circumstances exist for the debtor to remit plan payments directly to the trustee.

Amendments to Local Rule 3084-1.

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Rule 3084-1. Chapter 13 Proofs of Claim; Objections to Claims

- **A. Filing and Service.** Chapter 13 claims may be filed electronically with the Clerk **either through the System or ePOC** (**link is on the Court's web site**). Legible exhibits in support of the claim, if any, shall be properly redacted and filed in their entirety. Debtor's attorney and **the Chapter 13** trustee will receive service by electronic means. If the debtor is pro se, the claim, with attachments, shall be served by the filing party conventionally, including any notice of transfer of claim, as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(e).
- **B.** Claims Register. The Court will maintain the claims register electronically.
- C. Classification. Each claim must state if it is a secured, priority unsecured, or an unsecured non-priority claim; or what portion of the claim is secured, priority unsecured, or an unsecured non-priority claim. If a claim does not state whether it is secured, unsecured priority unsecured, or unsecured non-priority, the portion of the claim not identified as secured, priority unsecured, or an unsecured non-priority claim it will be deemed an unsecured non-priority claim. Unsecured priority claims shall provide the amount of the claim entitled to priority treatment and provide the Title 11 reference which entitles it to priority treatment. If the plan does not provide for the priority treatment and the statutory reference is not provided on the face of the claim for the alleged priority portion of the claim, the alleged priority portion of the claim shall be deemed allowed as an unsecured non-priority claim absent a timely written objection filed with the Court.
- D. Secured Claim. A secured claim must state a fair market value for each item of collateral.
 - 1. The debtor may seek to value the collateral in the plan as authorized by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3012(b). For non-governmental secured claims, the value listed in the plan controls even if the holder of the claim files a contrary proof of claim and regardless of whether an objection to the claim has been filed. For secured claims of governmental units, the value of the collateral listed in a proof of claim filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules controls over any contrary amount listed in the plan.
 - 2. **If the debtor does not seek to value the collateral in the plan, The the** trustee will use the creditor's fair market value if the fair market value is clearly provided on the face of the proof of claim; **if If** the creditor does not provide a fair market value on the face of the claim, then the trustee will use the value contained in the debtor's plan. If

neither the proof of claim nor the plan states a value, the trustee shall use the value set out in the debtor's schedules. If neither the debtor nor the creditor has provided a fair market value, the trustee shall load the proof of claim as unsecured non-priority. Listing the amount of debt on the "secured" line of the claim or stating that the fair market value is more than the amount owed (or a similar statement) shall not constitute providing the fair market value. It is unnecessary for a governmental taxing entity to include a fair market value on the face of its claim when filing a secured claim; if a governmental taxing entity files a secured claim, it shall be deemed a secured claim absent a timely written objection filed with the Court. Pursuant to § 511, if the governmental taxing entity is entitled to interest (present value) on its secured claim, the governmental taxing entity shall provide the Chapter 13 trustee with the appropriate interest rate (discount rate) on its proof of claim, under applicable non-bankruptcy law. Absent such rate being provided to the trustee, the § 511 rate shall be deemed to be the "CHAPTER 13 RATE" applicable to the case at bar. See Local Rule 3084-1 G.

- E. Present Value on Secured Claims (other than claims secured by debtor's principal residence). Absent a Court order to the contrary, all filed and allowed secured claims entitled to present value will be paid present value at the "CHAPTER 13 RATE" (referenced below) unless the plan/plan summary specifically provides for "zero" interest. Filed and allowed over-secured claimants to whom § 506 applies shall receive their contract rate of interest, if provided on or with the proof of claim, from the date of the petition up to the date of confirmation. From the date of confirmation forward, filed and allowed over-secured claimants shall receive the posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE." If the contract rate is not provided on the face of the proof of claim, such a claimant will receive the posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE" from the date of the petition forward. An over-secured claim is one in which the fair market value of the collateral exceeds the total amount of the claim.
- **F.** Interest on Claims Secured by Debtor's Principal Residence. Unless otherwise set forth in the Plan, a claim secured only by real estate which is the debtor's principal residence, shall receive its contract rate of interest on its arrearage claim, or on any claim which is being fully satisfied within the life of the plan from the date of the petition forward. Interest shall be paid at the specific rate provided in the plan/plan summary. If the debtor does not want interest paid on the claim, then the plan/plan summary must clearly provide for "zero" interest. If a specific interest rate is not provided in the plan/plan summary or on the face of the proof of claim, and is not readily discernible from the first summary page Official Form 410A attached to the proof of claim, it will receive the posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE."
 - 1. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. For adjustable rate mortgages, the trustee shall use the interest rate provided in the plan/plan summary. If no specific rate is provided in the plan/plan summary, the trustee shall use the appropriate posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE" unless the plan specifically provides for "zero" interest, in which case no interest shall be paid. If the plan/plan summary does not specifically provide for "zero interest" and does not provide a specific interest rate, the trustee shall use the interest rate provided on the face of the proof of claim or on the Official Form 410A attached to the proof of claim or on the first summary page attached to the proof of claim if one is provided, rather than the appropriate posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE."
 - 2. Changes to Adjustable Rate. If the adjustable rate changes, it is the responsibility of the debtor or the creditor to notify the trustee of the new interest rate so that the claim can be adjusted accordingly. The change shall be filed pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(C).

G. Chapter 13 Rate.

- **1. Calculation**. The posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE" shall be determined by the standing Chapter 13 trustee for the Western District of Missouri semi-annually as follows:
- a. July 1 to December 31: For cases with the initial plan filed between July 1 and December 31, the interest rate shall be the 5 year treasury note rate as of the preceding June 1, plus 3% nominal interest rate per annum. The standing Chapter 13 trustee shall make the rate for the ensuing six-month period available to the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for posting for the first business day following June 10.
- b. January 1 to June 30: For cases with the initial plan filed between January 1 and June 30, the interest rate shall be the 5 year treasury note rate as of the preceding December 1, plus 3% nominal interest per annum. The standing Chapter 13 trustee shall make the rate for the ensuing six-month period available to the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for posting for the first business day following December 10 of the preceding year.
- **2. Duration.** The posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE" in effect at the time of filing of the initial plan shall remain in effect throughout the entire life of the case.
- **3. Exception**. The posted "CHAPTER 13 RATE" is, absent evidence to the contrary, presumed to be the applicable rate. Parties may introduce evidence to determine what the applicable market rate of interest might otherwise be, on a case-by-case basis.
- H. Objections. It shall be the The debtor's has a duty, and not the trustee's, to file objections to claims. The debtor must serve the objection on the claimant, claimant's attorney, other appropriate parties, and the trustee. Objections to a claim filed by other parties must be served on the debtor's attorney, or if the debtor is pro se, on the debtor, other appropriate parties, and the trustee. If a purpose would be served and the trustee, or any party in interest, has sufficient information, the trustee, or another party in interest, also may object to proofs of claim. Objections to proofs of claim must be served

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pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007, including on the debtor, if the debtor is pro se, and is not the objecting party. Objections shall reference the Court's claim register number rather than the trustee's payee ereditor record number.

- I. Claims Allowed. All Chapter 13 claims will be allowed as filed absent timely objection by debtor. The trustee will pay claims will be paid according to the notice allowing claims, which is filed after the bar dates in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002 and the initial confirmation of a Chapter 13 plan. However, the finality of a notice allowing claim, or notice allowing additional, amended or adjusted claims does preclude any subsequent objection to a claim shich could have been raised in an objection to confirmation. See Local Rule 3085-1.
- **J.** Claim Amount. If the face of the filed proof of claim does not clearly state an amount owed, the trustee will load the claim amount payee record in the trustee's database as zero.
- **K. Present Value and Interest Calculations.** Present value and interest calculations on claims being paid by the trustee shall be calculated on the unpaid principal balance based on a monthly interest calculation (unpaid principal balance times the discount/interest rate divided by 12).
- L. Equal Monthly Payments. For cases filed or converted on or after October 1, 2008 For creditors to whom the plan proposes to pay an Equal Monthly Amount (e.g. a specific monthly payment), the trustee shall only distribute, as funds are available, a full Equal Monthly Amount, or a multiple thereof, unless it is the final payment to be paid as a result of the dismissal or conversion of the case, or it is the final payment which satisfies the claim. This includes payments to attorneys who are being paid through the Chapter 13 trustee. However, if disbursements to payees receiving Equal Monthly Amounts are past due and additional funds are available for disbursement over and above the amounts needed to pay a multiple of the Equal Monthly Amount, the trustee may distribute more than a multiple of the Equal Monthly Amount to the current debtor's attorney until the that attorney's monthly payments are current.

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United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri Chapter 13 Plan

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3.4 Mortgages to be	paid in full during	the life of the plan
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—-If no monthly payment is provided, the creditor will be paid pro rata from funds available for this class after the payment of creditors with an Equal Monthly Amount.

If no interest rate is listed in the plan or on the face of the proof of claim, the trustee will use the Chapter 13 rate in effect for this case.

If the post-petition payments are paid through the plan, the trustee will only make principal and interest payments on the mortgage claims listed in Part 3.4. Pre-petition arrears will be paid as part of the principal balance of the claim and not as a separate claim.

Creditor name	Collateral/ Street address	Last 4 digits of	Principal balance	Monthly payment	Post-petition	on payments	Interest rate
	address	account #	balance	payment	Paid through plan	Paid directly	
			\$	\$			%
			\$	\$			%

Escrow accounts associated with the claims listed above in Part 3.4:

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—Any escrow accounts associated with a claim listed in this paragraph shall be paid directly by debtors or by the trustee as a separate claim record pursuant to the Information listed below. If the post-petition escrow payments are paid by the trustee, the trustee will cease making said payments once the underlying claim has been paid in full.

Creditor name	Monthly escrow payment	Post-pet	ition escrow payments
		Paid through plan	Paid directly
	\$		
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3.5 Secured tax claims of governmental units.

Check one.

- None. If "None" is checked, the rest of Part 3.5 need not be completed or reproduced.
- —The trustee shall pay secured tax—claims of governmental units based on a filed and allowed proof of claim, whether listed in this paragraph or not, in full pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §511(a). If the claim does not provide the non-bankruptcy applicable interest rate, it will be paid at the Chapter 13 rate in effect for this case.

Creditor name	Estimated claim amount

3.6 Surrender of collateral. Check one.

- None. If "None" is checked, the rest of Part 3.6 need not be completed or reproduced.
- —The debtor(s) elect to surrender to each creditor listed below the collateral that secures the creditor's claim. The debtor(s) request that upon confirmation of this plan the stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) be terminated as to the collateral only and that the stay under §1301 be terminated in all respects. Any allowed unsecured claim resulting from the disposition of the collateral will be treated in Part 5 below, provided a proof of claim is filed and allowed for any deficiency amount.

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	d. Total of adding li		Ch13 Rate
	e. Value of debtor's	interest in property: - \$	Equal monthly amount ("EMA") to be disbursed by the trustee
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\$	\$	\$	\$
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Address

4.4 Pre-Petition Arrears on Domestic Support Obligation claims. Check one.

Debtor's name

Ongoing DSO claim holder

name

Direct monthly

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\$ \$

Debtor's name	DSO arrearage claim h	nolder name		Address			ed arrearage
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Signature(s) of Debtor(s)

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The debtor(s) must sign this document even if represented by an attorney and even if the attorney also has signed above.

By filing this document, the Attorney for Debtor(s) or Debtor(s) themselves, if not represented by an attorney, also certify(ies) that the wording and order of the provisions in this Chapter 13 plan are identical to those contained in the approved form for the Western District of Missouri, other than any nonstandard provisions included in Part 7.

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PLAN PROVISIONS

A. PLAN PAYMENTS AND LENGTH OF PLAN

- i. **Mailing address:** All plan payments shall be payable to "Richard V. Fink, Trustee", shall include the debtor's name and case number and shall be mailed to Richard V. Fink, Trustee, P.O. Box 1839, Memphis, TN 38101-1839. Any changes to the plan payment mailing address will be posted on www.ndc.org and www.13network.com.
- ii. Commencement date: Plan payments shall commence within 30 days of the petition date. Once a plan is confirmed, that plan payment remains in effect until such time as the court confirms a subsequent amendment.
- iii. **Employer wage order:** If the box for voluntary wage assignment to the employer is checked and the employer address is not provided, the wage order shall be issued directly to the debtor. If neither box in Part 2.2 is checked, the wage order shall be issued directly to the debtor. Full and timely payment is the debtor's responsibility if the voluntary wage assignment has not gone into effect or if the employer does not remit the full plan payment amount. The trustee also may cause an order to remit plan payments to be issued to the debtor's employer pursuant to LR 3083-1.
- iv. **Electronic payments:** Payments can be made electronically to the trustee. There are links to the websites at www.ndc.org and ww

B. TREATMENT OF SECURED CLAIMS - MAINTENANCE OF PAYMENTS AND CURE OF DEFAULT, IF ANY

- i. Interest rate for pre-petition arrearage: All pre-petition arrearages, whether scheduled or unscheduled, shall be paid 0% interest pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1322(e) unless otherwise specified in the plan or ordered by the court. If a portion of the pre-petition arrearage is entitled to interest, the treatment should be clearly specified in Part 7 as to the amount to be paid interest and the applicable interest rate. If the proof of claim is filed with no information regarding the portion to be paid interest, the trustee shall pay interest on the amount indicated in the plan. If no specific interest rate is provided and the plan provides for interest, the trustee shall use the Chapter 13 Rate in effect for the case.
- ii. **Post-petition mortgage payment change:** A "Notice of Mortgage Payment Change" shall be filed with the court and served on the debtor, the debtor's counsel and the trustee no later than twenty-one (21) prior to any payment change and shall contain the information required pursuant to LR 3094-1 and Bankruptcy Rule 3002.1.
- iii. **Pre-confirmation adequate protection payments on claims secured by real property:** The trustee shall distribute adequate protection payments to real property creditors being paid from the plan payments pursuant to LR 3086-1.
- iv. No proof of claim filed or no transfer filed: The trustee shall reserve funds for the conduit portion of claims treated as long term debts and paid from the plan payments. If no proof of claim is filed, the trustee generally files a motion to deposit funds into the court registry at the conclusion of the case and will deposit the reserved funds into the court registry absent other court order. If a proof of claim is filed but the claimant does not accept funds from the trustee and no transfer or assignment of claim is filed, the trustee generally files a motion to deposit funds into the court registry at the conclusion of the case and will deposit the reserved funds into the court registry absent other court order.

C. SECURED CLAIMS - ADEQUATE PROTECTION

- i. How adequate protection payments are made: Creditors listed in Part 3 that are entitled to adequate protection payments pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1326(a)(1) or LR 3086-1 will receive said payments from the trustee pursuant to LR 3086-1 unless otherwise ordered by the court. A creditor shall not receive adequate protection payments if the plan does not provide for such creditor to be treated as secured in Part 3. In order for such creditor to receive adequate protection payments, the debtor must amend the plan to specify creditor's treatment as secured and to provide an equal monthly amount for that creditor or the creditor must file an appropriate motion for adequate protection with the court and obtain an order. Creditors may file objections to the adequate protection treatment provided by the plan.
- ii. **Proof of claim required:** Creditors listed in Part 3 that are entitled to adequate protection payments pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1326(a)(1) or LR 3086-1, will receive payments from the trustee only after a proof of claim is filed with the court. Adequate protection payments shall be paid from the second month following the petition or conversion month through the confirmation month. The principal amount of the adequate protection recipient's claim shall be reduced by the amount of the adequate protection payments remitted unless the court orders otherwise.

D. SECURED CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

i. The trustee shall pay secured claims of governmental units based on a filed and allowed proof of claim, whether listed in the plan or not, in full pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §511(a). If the claim does not provide the non-bankruptcy applicable interest rate, it will be paid at the Chapter 13 rate in effect for this case.

D.E. LIEN RETENTION

The holder of a secured claim shall retain its lien until the earlier of the payment of the underlying debt determined under non-bankruptcy law or the discharge under 11 U.S.C. §1328. If the case is dismissed or converted without completion of the plan, the lien also shall be retained by such holder to the extent recognized by applicable non-bankruptcy law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(5)(B).

E.F. TREATMENT OF FEES AND PRIORITY CLAIMS

- i. Trustee's fees: Trustee's fees shall be collected pursuant to 28 U.S.C §586.
- ii. **Pre-confirmation debtor's attorney's fees:** Attorney fees shall be paid from the plan payments pursuant to LR 2016-1 unless a different treatment is provided in Part 7 and the court issues a specific order regarding that proposed treatment. Pre-confirmation attorney fees are limited to the amounts set out in LR 2016-1(D) absent a court order allowing fees in excess of said amounts. The confirmation of the plan

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without that separate, specific court order shall not permit attorney fees to be paid contrary to the equal monthly amount specified in Part 4.2. All attorney fees paid contrary to that paragraph or other order of the court are subject to disgorgement.

iii. **Treatment:** Eleven U.S.C. §1322(a)(2) provides that all claims entitled to priority under §507(a) shall be paid in full in deferred cash payments, except when §1322(a)(4) applies to §507(a)(1)(B) priority claim, unless the holder of a particular claim agrees to a different treatment of such claim. All priority claims, regardless of the underlying basis for the claim, are similarly classified for purposes of distribution

under this plan unless otherwise specified in Part 7 or other order of the court. Priority creditors shall not receive interest on their claims unless otherwise specified in the plan or other order of the court.

iv. Classification: All priority creditors, including DSO's, with a filed and allowed claim for whom an EMA is provided in Part 7, shall be grouped for distribution purposes with any creditor for whom an EMA is provided, including secured claims and debtor's attorney's fees. All priority unsecured creditors, including DSO's, with a filed and allowed claim for whom an EMA is not provided, shall be grouped for distribution purposes with any secured creditor being paid pro rata as funds are available for that class of creditors.

F.G. TREATMENT OF NONPRIORITY UNSECURED CLAIMS

i. Base plans:

- a. **Base amount**: The base amount ("Base") shall be calculated by multiplying the number of months proposed in a base case by the monthly plan payment. If the monthly plan payment changes, the base shall be adjusted accordingly.
- b. **Dividend to be set in Base plans:** After both the governmental and non-governmental bar dates have passed and the trustee has filed the Notice Allowing/Disallowing Claims and said Notice is final, the trustee will set a dividend in Base cases establishing the percentage that the Base will pay to non-priority unsecured creditors at that time. The trustee will provide a notice of the set dividend.
- c. Adjustments to the dividend: Once the dividend has been set in a Base plan, the trustee may adjust the dividend as necessary to ensure that the case complies with the Applicable Commitment Period if the plan runs short of the Applicable Commitment Period due to a withdrawn proof of claim, a lump sum payment made by the debtor, a decrease in trustee's fees, a decrease in the conduit mortgage payment, or any other event. The dividend may also be adjusted based on a post-confirmation amended plan filed by debtor. The trustee will provide notice of the adjusted dividend. If the debtor remits sufficient funds to the trustee to pay off the case in full, e.g. 100% to all filed and allowed unsecured creditors; the trustee may adjust the plan to a 100% plan for filed and allowed unsecured creditors without further order of the court.
- d. **Payment of non-priority unsecured creditors:** Filed and allowed non-priority unsecured creditors shall be paid their pro rata share, as funds are available, of plan payments available after the satisfaction of administrative expenses, secured claims (including interest), priority unsecured claims and after all long-term debt payments being paid through the trustee are current.
- e. **Length of Base:** Because the total funds paid into the plan *must* be sufficient to satisfy the administrative expenses, secured claims and priority unsecured claims, the plan may actually run longer than the number of months needed to satisfy the Base. Any adjustments made to the Base that results in the Plan running in excess of the sixty-month statutory time limit of 11 U.S.C. §1322(d) may result in the trustee filing a motion to dismiss.

ii. Pot plans:

a. Liquidation analysis pot (LAP): The LAP amount listed in Part 5.2 should be the amount of non-exempt equity. When setting the dividend to non-priority unsecured creditors, the trustee will deduct hypothetical Chapter 7 trustee fees from the LAP amount. The hypothetical fees will be calculated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §326. After deduction of said fees and any allowed priority claims, any funds remaining in the LAP will be paid to allowed non-priority unsecured claimants pursuant to the set dividend. Filed and allowed special or co-debtor non-priority claims will not receive more than their pro rata share of any funds available for distribution to filed and allowed non-priority claimants from the LAP; if the plan provides for filed and allowed special or co-debtor non-priority claims to be paid more than the other filed and allowed non-priority unsecured claimants, then the debtor shall pay to the trustee the additional funds necessary to satisfy those claims.

b. Disposable income pot (DIP):

- DIP amount: If the debtor has disposable income as defined in 11 U.S.C. §§1325(b)(2) and (b)(3) and the
 applicable commitment period as defined in §1325(b)(4)(A) is not less than five (5) years, the DIP amount shall be
 the amount of the monthly disposable income on Form 122C-2 multiplied by 60.
- 2. Dividends in DIP plans: When setting the dividend to non-priority unsecured creditors, the trustee will deduct preconfirmation attorney's fees paid from plan payments and filed and allowed special or co-debtor non-priority unsecured claims. Filed and allowed priority claims are not deducted from the DIP as they already have been deducted on the Form 122C-2. Any remaining funds in the DIP will be paid to filed and allowed non-priority unsecured claims pursuant to the set dividend. If the DIP is less than or equal to the sum of the pre-confirmation debtor's attorney's fees being paid from the plan payments and filed and allowed special or co-debtor non-priority unsecured claims, the filed and allowed non-priority unsecured claims shall receive zero percent (0%), unless the plan runs short of the applicable commitment period. See paragraph H(ii) below.
- c. Adjustment to dividend for both LAP plans and DIP plans: After the dividend to non-priority unsecured creditors is set, the trustee will not reduce the dividend to accommodate additional or amended proofs of claim filed and allowed after the bar date but may increase the dividend if a proof of claim is withdrawn or amended to a lower amount to ensure compliance with 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(4). If the debtor believes that reduction of the dividend is required, it will be the responsibility of the debtor to determine the appropriate dividend and file an amended plan to adjust the dividend. Any such amendment to the plan shall reflect the dividend which previously has been set and shall provide a dividend that will comply with 11 U.S.C. §1325(a)(4) and must be at least equal to any distributions already made to non-priority unsecured creditors.

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d. **Trustee's avoidance powers:** If the trustee avoids a transfer of an interest of the debtor in property and recovers funds related to a transfer, the recovered funds will be for the benefit of unsecured creditors, less administrative fees and costs, may be distributed to unsecured creditors pursuant to the provisions of a LAP plan listed above, absent other court order.

G.H. DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS

- i. **Proof of claim:** The trustee shall only distribute payments, including adequate protection payments, to creditors who have filed and allowed proofs of claim. If the plan provides for the debtor to make payments directly, then the failure of the creditor to file a proof of claim does not excuse the debtor from making the required direct payments. If the debtor is to make direct payments to a creditor, those payments must be paid pursuant to the terms of the contract regardless of whether the plan is confirmed. However, if the trustee is to pay any portion of a claim, then it is necessary for the creditor to file a proof of claim to receive the portion of the claim to be paid through the trustee.

 Notwithstanding the confirmation of this plan, the debtor(s) and the trustee reserve the right to challenge the allowance, validity or enforceability of any claim, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. §502(b) and to challenge the standing of any party to assert any such claim.
- ii. Order of distributions: The trustee shall distribute to creditors, absent other order of the court, based on the confirmed plan, filed and allowed proofs of claim, and the notice to allow claims and any subsequent notices to allow additional, adjusted or amended claims. See LR-3084-1 and LR 3085-1. The manner and order of distribution to creditors shall be determined by the trustee unless otherwise clearly set out in the plan as confirmed.
- iii. Creditor mailing address/assignments or transfers: The trustee shall mail payments to the address provided on the proof of claim unless the creditor provides another address in writing for payments or the trustee receives other official, written notice of a change of address. If the claim is assigned or transferred, the trustee shall continue to remit to the original creditor until an assignment or transfer of claim is filed with the court.
- iv. **Payment of claim after lifting of stay:** The trustee shall continue to make payments to any creditor with a filed and allowed claim after an order granting relief from the stay is entered or the stay is otherwise not in effect. The trustee shall cease making payments only if:
 - a. the claim is withdrawn by the creditor; or
 - b. an objection to the claim is filed and an order is entered directing the trustee to cease making payments on the claim; or
 - c. the claimant notifies the trustee in writing that no further payments are owed on the claim(s); or
 - d. an amended plan is filed and confirmed which specifically provides for no further payments to the claimant.

See LR 3086-1.

H.I. DEFINITIONS

- i. Arrearage: Any arrearages listed are the debtor's best estimate of the amount owed as of the date of the petition. The trustee shall pay arrearages based on the filed and allowed proof of claim pursuant to LR 3084-1. If no arrearage amount is shown on the proof of claim, none shall be paid.
- ii. Applicable commitment period: If the trustee or an unsecured creditor objects to confirmation of a plan pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1325(b)(1)(B), the debtor shall devote to the plan all disposable income for payment to unsecured creditors for the applicable commitment period from the date that the first plan payment is due, as defined in §1326(a)(1), unless the plan provides for payment in full of all filed and allowed unsecured claims over a shorter period. Regardless of whether the trustee objected to the confirmation of the plan pursuant to §1325(b)(1)(B), the trustee may file a Motion to Amend Plan pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1329 to a Base plan, a dividend plan or a Pot plan if the plan as filed and confirmed will pay all administrative expenses and filed and allowed secured and priority creditors in a period of time that is less than the applicable commitment period. This includes plans running less time than anticipated due to the lifting of the automatic stay, secured or priority claims being allowed for less than the scheduled amount or not filed at all, withdrawn claims, lien avoidance or disallowance of claims or plans running less than the applicable commitment period due to other reasons. The trustee, the debtor or an allowed unsecured claimant may also file a Motion to Amend Plan pursuant to §1329 if there has been a post-confirmation change in circumstances that would allow the debtor to pay a dividend or an increased dividend to non-priority unsecured creditors.
- iii. **Equal monthly amount (EMA):** Claims with EMAs may receive more than the EMA and may receive those additional funds prior to payments being made to non-priority unsecured creditors.
- iv. Long term debt: A long term debt is one in which the final payment due under the terms of the contract comes due after the final Chapter 13 plan payment comes due.
- v. Value of collateral: The value of collateral listed is the debtor's best estimate. The trustee uses the value listed on the face of the filed proof of claim, if one is listed, pursuant to LR 3084-1 when populating the database with the proof of claim. If the value of the collateral is not provided on the face of the proof of claim or in the plan or schedules, the claim may be treated as a non-priority unsecured claim and/or the trustee may object to the claim.