

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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| IN THE MATTER OF | § | |
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| GENERAL ORDER MODIFYING | § | GENERAL ORDER NO. 2003-03 |
| GENERAL ORDER 98-4 CONCERNING | § | |
| ALL CHAPTER 13 CASES AND | § | |
| NOTICING FEES IN CHAPTER 12 | § | |
| AND 13 CASES | § | |
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GENERAL ORDER MODIFYING GENERAL ORDER 98-4

With the implementation of the court's Electronic Filing System, the court modifies General Order 98-4 entered August 17, 1998, to enhance the efficiency of administering Chapter 13 cases and to harmonize General Order 98-4 with the Electronic Filing System.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Effective upon entry of this Order, ¶3.e. of General Order 98-4 is amended to read:

e. The Debtor did not pay to the Trustee when due any pre-confirmation Payment (except the first) specified in the Debtor's Preliminary Plan or any post-confirmation Payment specified in the Debtor's Confirmed Final Plan.

The amendment adds post-confirmation payments to the notice of intention to dismiss process. The process efficiently addresses plan payment problems while retaining the procedural safeguards of General Order 98-4.

2. Effective upon the issuance of a notice by the Clerk of Court, ¶7 of General Order 98-4 is vacated. Paragraph 7 provides that creditors shall serve a copy of each Proof of Claim

with all attachments on the Trustee and the Debtor's attorney. Upon implementation of an electronic program that will permit the court to electronically transmit all filed claims to the Standing Chapter 13 Trustees, ¶7 will not be needed. The Clerk of Court will issue a notice upon implementation of the operative electronic program.

3. Effective for cases filed after May 15, 2003, ¶11.b. of General Order 98-4 shall not apply to § 341 notices. The Standing Chapter 12 Trustees and the Standing Chapter 13 Trustees may not collect a fee for § 341 notices for cases filed after May 15, 2003. Under the court's Electronic Filing System, the court will issue the notices of § 341 meetings in Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 cases.

4. Effective upon entry of this Order, the following provision applies to Chapter 13 cases:

PLAN PAYMENTS BY WAGE WITHHOLDING. When the Debtor authorizes a Payment by wage deduction, the Trustee may issue a "Trustee's Directive to Pay Debtor's Income to Trustee" to the Debtor's employer. The Directive may direct the employer to deduct the specified Payment amount from the Debtor's wages and pay that amount to the Trustee. Upon request from an employer, the Court will enter an order confirming the propriety of a Trustee's Directive.

The court has authorized the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the district to enter this order on behalf of the court.

SO ORDERED.

Signed this 6th day of May, 2003.

/s/ Steven A. Felsenthal
Steven A. Felsenthal
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge