

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**THE LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE AND OTHER FEDERAL  
AGENCIES**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**25-001**

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The matter before the Court is a lapse in appropriations that began at midnight on September 30, 2025, impacting agencies, departments, and instrumentalities of the United States that appear before this Court. These United States agencies, departments, and instrumentalities, as well as components and offices within them, including the Office of the United States Trustee and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Utah, shall be referred to in this Order as the “Affected Entities.” Upon consideration of:

- A. the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 1342 prohibiting employees of the Affected Entities from working, even on a voluntary basis, “except for emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property”;
- B. the necessity of the efficient management of cases filed under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) as well as of contested matters and adversary proceedings in which Affected Entities are required to take affirmative action or are otherwise parties in interest;
- C. the Court’s jurisdiction and authority in each case and adversary proceeding affected by this Order; and

- D. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 3002(c)(1) and 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Rules”).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The term “End Stay Date” means the date established by further order of this Court.
2. During the lapse in appropriations, the following apply to bankruptcy cases filed in this District:
  - a. Bankruptcy cases pending in this Court in which Affected Entities are a party in interest or counsel of record are **not** stayed, but the Court may continue contested matters and potential contested matters in such cases on a case-by-case basis. *All debtors and interested parties who are not Affected Entities must adhere to and comply with all Court orders and applicable law.*
  - b. This Order does not extend the time for or prohibit debtors or other parties in interest from:
    - (i) filing papers, including but not limited to motions, applications or objections against Affected Entities; or
    - (ii) responding to any papers that have been filed by Affected Entities.The Court may continue hearings on such matters on a case-by-case basis.
  - c. To the extent authorized under the Bankruptcy Code, the Rules, and the Local Rules of Practice of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Utah (the “Local Rules”), all deadlines falling on or after October 1, 2025 imposed in cases by Court order or the Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Local Rules requiring Affected Entities to take affirmative action, including

filing proofs of claim; filing requests for the allowance of administrative expenses; and filing objections to final applications for approval of professional fees in Chapter 11 cases, are extended to the later of:

- (i) 21 days after the End Stay Date; or
- (ii) 21 days after the original deadline.

d. This Order does not affect any affirmative actions that must be taken by or deadlines applicable to debtors, other individuals, or entities that are not Affected Entities under any order or applicable law, including under title 28 of the United States Code, the Bankruptcy Code, the Rules or Local Rules. *Debtors and other individuals or entities who are not Affected Entities must adhere to and comply with all Court orders and applicable law, including meeting all applicable deadlines and attending hearings.*

e. This Order does not alter, vacate, or stay any obligation to pay any amounts owed to Affected Entities, including required fees in Chapter 11 cases under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6), disbursements under confirmed plans under Chapter 11 or Chapter 13, or disbursements in Chapter 7 cases required under the Bankruptcy Code.

3. During the lapse in appropriations, the following apply to adversary proceedings in which an Affected Entity is a party:

- a. All adversary proceedings pending in this Court covered by this paragraph 3 are stayed until the End Stay Date.
- b. This Order does not extend any deadline for debtors or other parties in interest in a bankruptcy case to commence, nor does it prohibit, in any

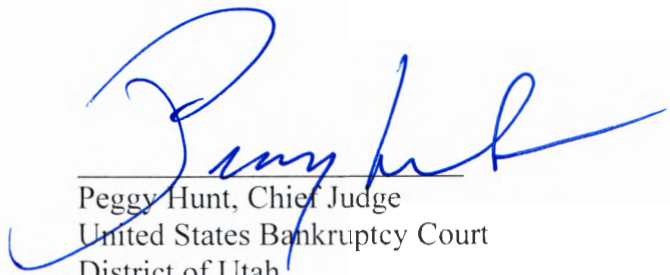
manner, debtors or other parties in interest in a bankruptcy case from commencing adversary proceedings against Affected Entities and effecting service in accordance with Rule 7004.

c. Unless ordered otherwise, all applicable deadlines in adversary proceedings covered by this paragraph 3 are extended to the later of:

(i) 21 days after the End Stay Date; or

(ii) 21 days after the original deadline.

4. Any party in interest may file a motion requesting that the Court enter an order granting relief from or modifying this Order.
5. Immediately upon the restoration of funding, at least one of the Affected Entities must file a notice in Miscellaneous Proceeding No. 11-9000. Upon the filing of the notice the Court will enter an order establishing the End Stay Date.
6. The Clerk of Court shall promptly provide notice of entry of this Order to all Registered Users of this Court's CM/ECF filing system, Felice John Viti, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Gregory M. Garvin, Acting United States Trustee for Region 19. The Clerk of Court shall also post a copy of this Order on the Court's website home page and on the page with other General Orders of this Court, as well as at the Orrin G. Hatch United States Courthouse.



Peggy Hunt, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of Utah