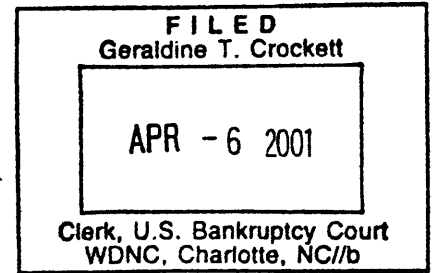


UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



In Re: )  
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ORDER IN AID OF CASE ADMINISTRATION: )  
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RE: CHARGES FOR PREPARATION OF )  
PROOFS OF CLAIM )  
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It appears to the court that there is an increasing incidence of the practice of adding to a Proof of Claim the cost of its preparation. The court is of the opinion that such practice is not authorized, that normally no cost of preparation fee is appropriate and that in extraordinary cases a request for such charges must be made by application pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 506(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

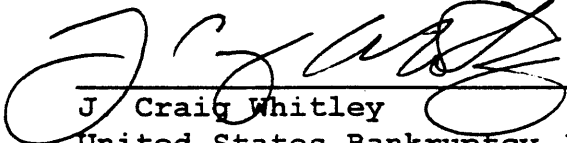
1. Creditors are prohibited from including in a Proof of Claim in this District any fee or charge for preparation of the Proof of Claim or related services.
2. Standing and case Trustees are instructed not to pay creditors any such fee or charge included in a Proof of Claim.
3. In any case where a creditor believes it is entitled to be paid for the cost of preparation of its Proof of Claim from property of the bankruptcy estate, the creditor must seek such


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payment by application pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 506(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

4. This Order shall become effective upon entry.

  
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George R. Hodges  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
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J. Craig Whitley  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
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Marvin R. Wooten  
United States Bankruptcy Judge