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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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| In the Matter Of:          | ) |   |   |   |   |   |
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| TAXES AND THE INTERNAL     | ) | 0 | R | D | E | R |
| REVENUE SERVICE IN CASES   | ) |   |   |   |   |   |
| ASSIGNED TO THE WESTERN    | ) |   |   |   |   |   |
| DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA | ) |   |   |   |   |   |

By the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362, all entities are enjoined and stayed from commencing or continuing any suit against the debtor, from assessing any claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the bankruptcy proceeding and from creating any lien against the property of the estate.

By the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 101, "entity" is defined as including person, estate, trust, governmental unit and United States trustee.

By reason of the foregoing provisions, the Internal Revenue Service is unable to process income tax refunds due debtors in cases under the Bankruptcy Code. Furthermore, by reason of the foregoing provisions, the Internal Revenue Service is prohibited from assessing tax liabilities shown on voluntarily filed returns, and other agreed—to tax liabilities. By reason of the operation of the foregoing provisions, the administration of bankruptcy cases is being hindered, burdened and delayed, and the administration of the

federal tax system is likewise being hindered, burdened and delayed, due to the necessity of constant monitoring which arises from the operation of the foregoing provisions. The continuation of the withholding of income tax refunds and the prohibition against the above enumerated assessments work an injustice and cause debtors and the Internal Revenue Service undue hardship.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Internal Revenue Service be, and it is hereby authorized and directed to make income tax refunds, in the ordinary course of business, directly to debtors in Bankruptcy Code cases unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise instructed by the Bankruptcy Trustee; that the Internal Revenue Service be authorized to offset against any refund due a debtor any liabilities due the United States Government, unless the debtor objects and notifies the Internal Revenue Service of such objection; and that the Internal Revenue Service be authorized to assess any tax liability satisfied by offsetting any refunds, when such liability has not previously been assessed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Internal Revenue Service is hereby authorized to assess tax liabilities shown on voluntarily filed returns and other agreed-to tax liabilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the stay afforded by 11
U.S.C. § 362 be, and it is hereby modified to that extent.

At Charlotte, in said District, this the 14 day of

\*\*December 1989.

MARVIN R. WOOTEN

United States Bankruptcy Judge

GEORGE R. HODGES

United States Bankruptcy Judge