UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court WDNC, Charlotte, NC//b

IN RE:

No-Protest Notice of Motions for Moratoriums in Chapter 13 Cases

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Court to review the notice procedure pertaining to Motions for Moratoriums in Chapter 13 cases, and it appearing as follows:

- 1. Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1 permits certain motions to be noticed on a "no-protest" basis, whereby the movant serves a notice upon parties-in-interest advising them of the motion and further advising that if no hearing is requested in writing within a specified date, that the Court may decide the matter on the record without a hearing. Rule 9013-1 lists the matters for which such a notice is appropriate.
- 2. Bankruptcy Code Section 1329 permits modification of Chapter 13 plans postconfirmation under certain circumstances. Often this provision is employed by the debtor to seek a moratorium of plan payments, when the debtor is unable to make timely payment due to sickness, injury, unemployment or other unforeseen misfortune.
- 3. Currently, moratorium requests are not considered by this Court to be subject to the no-protest procedure of LR 9013-1 and a hearing is required in all cases. However, since other modification requests are covered by the Rule (LR 9013-1m), and inasmuch as most moratorium motions are uncontested, the Court believes it in the interests of judicial economy that moratorium motions be subject to the no-protest procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Moratorium requests in Chapter 13 cases be deemed to be



modifications under Section 1329 and LR 9013-1, subject to the no-protest procedure of LR 9013-1.

THIS the 3d day of June, 1999.

George R. Hodges

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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United States Bankruptcy Judge