

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

In Re:)

ORDER IN AID OF CASE ADMINISTRATION:)
PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING)
OF REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS)

FILED
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of NC

MAR 15 2007

David E. Welch, Clerk
Charlotte Division
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JUDGMENT ENTERED ON MAR 15 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING
ELECTRONIC FILING OF REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005(a)(2) and 9011, which authorize the Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, and verification of papers and pleadings, including reaffirmation agreements, by electronic means,

And pursuant to the prior Administrative Order entered by the Court on February 2, 2001, establishing such practices and procedures, the Court finds and concludes that as a natural progression in the implementation of CM/ECF, the electronic filing of reaffirmation agreements directly with the Clerk of Court, according to guidelines prepared by the Clerk, is appropriate and should be required in all bankruptcy cases.

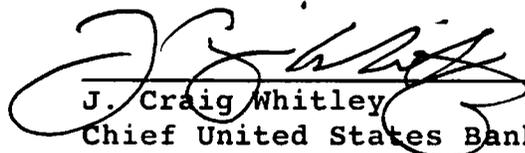
Based upon the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. Effective on **April 1, 2007**, in all cases filed under all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code, reaffirmation agreements shall be filed by electronic means directly with the Clerk of Court according to those guidelines established and published by the Clerk.
2. The filing of a reaffirmation agreement by electronic means directly with the Clerk shall constitute the filing claimant's approved signature by law, and the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 152(4) shall apply to the filing of a reaffirmation agreement under this procedure.

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3. The filing of a reaffirmation agreement shall require the attachment of the Official Bankruptcy Form 240A. Supporting documentation may be attached within the same filing.
4. The filing of a reaffirmation agreement by electronic means in accordance with the Clerk's procedures shall constitute entry of the reaffirmation agreement pursuant to F.R.B.P. 5003.
5. Any paper "hard copy" reaffirmation agreement filed with the Clerk that has subsequently been scanned and reduced to an electronic image may be destroyed at any time thereafter.
6. The Court shall monitor the implementation of the procedures for the filing of reaffirmation agreements by electronic means directly with the Clerk and shall hereafter enter such additional orders as it deems necessary and appropriate.

SO ORDERED.



J. Craig Whitley
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge



George R. Hodges
United States Bankruptcy Judge